

**SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 24, 2003
Omni Charlotte Hotel
Charlotte, NC**

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1. Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by President Donna Davis at 8:43 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

President Donna Davis, Past President Claudius Feger, Prior Past President Terry Browitt, Senior Vice President Len Czuba, Vice Presidents: Randy Lewis, Vicki Flaris, Rick Wilson and SPE Executive Director, Michael Cappelletti.

The following members were absent:

President Elect Karen Winkler, Vice President/Treasurer Nancy Hermanson, Vice President/Secretary Tim Womer, Vice Presidents: Rich Bradley, Eldridge Mount, Hoa Pham and Peter Lipp.

Present as guests were:

Councilors: Bill O'Connell, Vassilios Galiatsatos, Bill Arendt, Dave Arndt and Sam McCord. Also present as a guest was Deputy Executive Director Susan Oderwald.

2. President's Comments

President Donna Davis previewed a presentation entitled "SPE since ANTEC" which she will be giving at the Council meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25th. A brief discussion followed. Comments on teleconference meeting, positives and negatives followed.

3. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Mike Cappelletti presented an update on the transition progress, cash flow and pension plan change proposal. Deputy Executive Director Susan Oderwald gave further details. Ms. Oderwald reported that she was working with an outside group to do membership marketing and handle public relations efforts. The company being considered has headquarters in the U.S. with offices abroad. This group will meet with Executive Committee in November. Susan reported that she is in discussion with Wiley Interscience concerning SPE's journals. This group will also meet with the Executive Committee in Hartford in November.

4. Labor Trends

Deputy Executive Director Susan Oderwald discussed a white paper on Labor Trends that she wrote and discussed a synopsis which was the subject of a Plastics Engineering editorial. Discussion ensued.

After a short break Councilors; Bill O'Connell, Vassilios Galiatsatos, Bill Arendt, Dave Arndt and Sam McCord joined the group.

5. Membership 2015

Prior Past President Browitt gave a brief report on the Membership 2015 effort.

6. Sections Committee Report

Sam McCord reported on Sections committee issues. Specifically, he discussed the challenges presented by the differences between Sections with geographically dispersed membership distributions versus those with high population density. He also discussed how meeting attendance is evolving and how the industry is indicating a need for SPE to focus more attention on students, even going to the primary grade levels. He felt that the public relations efforts planned by staff are needed, as well as the need for additional help from headquarters with membership. He also mentioned a clear need for an outreach to sales and marketing professionals.

7. ANTEC Committee Report

Bill O'Connell gave a detailed and thorough update from the ANTEC committee. Vassilios Galiatsatos gave a specific update on the technical program committee activities for ANTEC 2004. Discussion of group stressed the importance of keeping a uniform worldwide focus (not just U.S.) He also stressed that TPCs are being urged to stress improved quality of presentations. A record number of abstracts has been received, slightly more than 1,500. Bill then summarized all other activities on which his committee is working.

8. Topical Conferences

Dave Arndt gave a report on Topical Conferences. Bill Arendt presented a summary of work on GAP Analysis.

9. Liaison Groups

Prior Past President Browitt gave update and summary of his activities with the liaison groups. He requested ideas about other groups with which to form liaisons. Suggestions were discussed.

10. Old Business/New Business

No Old business.

New business - Roger Corneliusen's proposal on making his service available to all members. The Group suggested that Past President Claudius Feger write issues document for later consideration.

11. Adjournment

Vice President Randy Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

The next meeting of this Committee will be on November 14-15, 2003 in Hartford, CT.

Len Czuba

**LEN CZUBA
ACTING SECRETARY**

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