



# SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS

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## **COUNCIL SUMMARY**

This summary is intended to help you review the highlights of the Council Meeting held in Southbury, Connecticut, on October 24, 2009.

SPE President Paul Andersen called the meeting to order. This is the first Council Meeting where electronic participants were officially allowed to be seated, vote and fully participate in the meeting. Twenty-five Councilors/Proxies participated electronically.

President Andersen presented his comments on the year to date and the goals for the coming year.

### **In Memoriam**

Council observed a moment of silence in honor of SPE Past President Jack Issacs.

Executive Director Susan Oderwald pointed out that Membership growth is the Society's single biggest imperative. To achieve this, the Society will need:

- Aggressive pricing, new dues structures
- Aggressive direct mail & email campaigns
- A Member-Get-A-Member Program
- New benefits

Also part of the plan to increase membership will be:

- A campaign to push the popularity and profitability of conferencing activities
- Image Campaign

### **Elections**

Council elected the following individuals as Society officers for the 2010-2011 term, which begins at ANTEC 2010

President-elect – Russell Broome

Senior Vice President – James Griffing

Vice President (nominated by the Divisions Committee) – Bill Arendt

In addition to these formal offices, each year Council also elects a Chair for the Council Committee of the Whole. Dale Grove will hold this position for the 2010-2011 year.

### **Budget**

The major Council action was the approval of the 2010 calendar-year budget. A full write-up on the budget was distributed to Councilors and to all Section and Division Board members in preparation for this meeting. The budget that was approved calls for gross income of \$4,040,000, direct expenses of \$3,922,114, and a net income of \$117,826. Council approved the budget unchanged from the original presentation. A full area-by-area presentation of this budget is available to Section and Division Board members at:

**<http://extranet.4spe.org/council/index.php> (2009 Budget Proposal Folder)**

### **Bylaws & Policies**

The Bylaws & Policies Committee submitted items for consideration by Council:

Bylaws for Second Reading:

- Bylaws 4.3.12 and 4.3.13 – Election of Fellows & HSM - APPROVED

Policies & 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bylaws for Council

Review and Vote:

- Policy 025 – Meeting Confidentiality - APPROVED
- Policy 016 – Student Chapter Establishment amendment - APPROVED
- Policy 023 – Nominating Committee- APPROVED

Review and Vote for distribution to membership prior to second vote at May 2010

Council Meeting:

- Bylaw 7.3.1.1 Membership – APPROVED
- Bylaw 12.3 Student Chapter Deactivation - APPROVED
- Bylaw 7.3.3.3 Conference Chair - APPROVED
- Bylaw 6.2.2 Council Meeting Times and Places - APPROVED
- Bylaw 6.2.5 Proxies – NOT APPROVED

### **Committee Meetings**

Eleven committees met prior to the Council meetings. The following Committee/Officer Reports were given at the Council meeting:

Executive Committee Report

President-elect Ken Braney gave a video presentation on the European Automotive Awards and presented a report on the planned 2010/2011 Meeting schedule.

Sections Committee Report

Councilor Ray Wyer, Chair of the Sections Committee, reported on the activities of the Committee. A representative from the Middle East Section in formation gave a brief presentation.

Section status changes:

Buffalo – Abandoned  
Central Ohio – Abandoned  
Kentuckiana – Abandoned  
Mexico City - Abandoned  
Witchita - Abandoned

Divisions Committee Report

Councilor Ashu Sharma reported on the activities of the Divisions Committee. The Medical Polymers Europe Division-in-Formation was recognized and a presentation was given by David Howard.

Corporate Outreach Committee Report

Councilor Lance Neward, Chair of the Committee, gave an update on the committee activities.

Communications Committee Report

Councilor Jamal El-Hibri member of the Communications Committee gave a presentation on the new Communications Award.

Council Committee-of-the-Whole

Helen Basso, Chair of the Committee, conducted the meeting prior to the formal Council Meeting. Items discussed at this meeting included TopCon seed money, need for better income streams, Council Continuous Improvement Committee report on Proxy changes, Councilor requirements and the mentor program, and an announcement regarding the Plastics Pioneers Association's Plastics History & Artifacts Committee..

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Councilor Greg Campbell of the Extrusion Division gave a presentation entitled: 2010 & Beyond Leading and Managing Change.
- David Howard of the Medical Polymers Europe Division-in-Formation gave a presentation entitled: SPE Ambassador College Program.
- The Medical Polymers Europe SIG presented a check to SPE in the amount of \$3885 from the proceeds of their conference.

The next formal Council meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2010, in Orlando, Florida USA.



Marie Salzo

Governance Liaison

cc: Past Presidents, Section Presidents

Division Chairpersons, Committee Chairpersons, SPE Staff

NOTE: All Council materials are available by clicking this link:

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