Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer's Report showed a beginning balance as of 10/31/99 of $103,105. Deposits of $114,431 and expenses of $110,468 gave us an ending balance of $107,468 on 5/6/00. The annual budget was approved for 2000-2001 with expected income and expenses to be $61,500.

Councilor’s Report

A dues increase of $15 for SPE membership was passed at the Councilor's Meeting. Data was presented to show that even with this $15 increase, the cost of SPE membership has kept pace with the Consumer Price Index since the mid-1980's. Plans were presented and discussed that are aimed at addressing an anticipated budget deficit. Despite the potential shortfall, no councilor recommended a temporary or permanent cessation of the Division/Section Rebates because of the wide disparity in the war chests of the various Divisions and Sections. A new election process with fewer officer positions to fill has dramatically streamlined this activity. The SPE Foundation, headed by Gail Bristol, is establishing a $5,000,000 endowment fund with a target date of 2006. SPE was the official provider of the NPE conference sessions, for the first time. The Divisions Committee is assembling a "Best Practices" manual, based on the operating manuals for each division. The Rotational Molding Special Interest Group was approved as a Division of SPE. SPE is in discussion with PBS to provide the documentation for a feature on the positive impact of plastics on the environment. This effort is in conjunction with the APC. Finally, and deservedly, George Rangos was re-elected to a second term as Councilor.

Technical Program Committee

2000 Retec appears to be on track. Hotel room rate is locked in. There will be a Wine and Cheese reception on Sunday September 17th, and papers presented on Monday and Tuesday the 18th and 19th. The annual Awards Luncheon will be held Monday and a humorous skit will be presented Tuesday featuring George Washington. A Monday date will be sought for CAD paper presentation for the 2001 Antec. The 2001 Retec, to be held in Marco Island, appears to be in good shape as well. 2002 Retec hotel is going to be the Royal York in Toronto.

Newsletter Committee

Using First Class postage resolved many of the issues with newsletter delivery. A color section was added to the newsletter as well, and photos of the 1999 Retec were well received. The newsletter did not win the SPE contest for best newsletter (too bad—editor) but we know what they are looking for now.

Membership Committee
There are currently about 1300 people who have listed Color and Appearance Division as their primary choice of divisions. This makes us the ninth largest SPE Division. Total membership in SPE is about 30,000.

**CAD Endowment Committee**

This is a committee was chartered with the purpose of creating a permanent Endowment Fund that will provide scholarships to deserving students. Money designated for this purpose ($20,000) was transferred to a money market account. The goal is to eventually have $250,000 in this account, and to fund the scholarships from interest generated. Due in part to the successful Nashville Retec and good money management on the part of the Board, an additional $80,000 was approved to be transferred to this account.

**Career Clearing House**

As of this writing, Bob Charvat reported that the Clearing House remains active. There are openings available as well as resumes in hand. We need to keep the visibility of the Clearing House at a high level so job applicants and job opportunities can be brought together successfully. See elsewhere in this issue for information about contacting Bob for this service.

**CAD Web-Site**

Joe Cameron reported that we have 42 sponsors of the Web site, the Newsletter, or both. He had collected about half the revenue due as of the last meeting. This means the Newsletter and Web site are both self-sustaining.

**Education Committee (Bob Charvat)**

Enrollment at Terra Community College color matching degree program is up over last year. There are currently 18 new students, mostly day students. A TV Distance Learning version of the Coloring of Plastics program is being created. During the Winter Quarter of 2000, these classes will be beamed to at least four other colleges in Ohio. The Coloring of Plastics Curriculum Advisory Committee is being used by the college as a model for other similar committees on campus. Due to the great success of this group, the college is looking to this committee as one to emulate. Industry support remains high, with such luminaries as Dennis Meade, Roger Reinicker, Frank Waksmunski, Craig Weadon, Larry Campbell, John Standish, and Harry Howard offering discussions this year. Many thanks to their companies (in order) Phoenix Color, Ciba Geigy, Englehard, Polysolve, Americhem, Colormatrix, and Teknor Color for allowing these gentlemen to donate their time and the benefit of their knowledge to the Terra students!

Bob Trinklein and John Wood visited the National Plastics Museum in Leominster, MA to promote a "Coloring of Plastics" display. There they met with Theresa Richards, a Plastic Engineer and Educator. The NPM is most interested in having us participate. An Ad Hoc committee will be created to work with the Museum for this purpose.
Northampton Community College attempts to start a Coloring of Plastics program have been delayed due to the illness of the Director of the plastics program. Tony Pentz is still involved, giving lectures for the students and the SPE group. Tony will discuss our efforts to create a coloring program with the Dean. Another Byk-Gardner spectro donated by Delphi is up and running here as well. The CAD board voted to pay for a computer to run this spectro.

The Terra Community College marketing people have produced the first draft of the Coloring of Plastics brochure and magazine article. Bob Trinklein hopes to use this in a future newsletter.

**Awards Committee**  (Terry Golding)

The ’99 Retec Best Paper Award goes to Tracy Phillips. Roy Berns was awarded the ’99 Antec Best Paper Award. The CAD Honored Service Member is Brian West. Bob Charvat was also successfully named Fellow of the Society. Congratulations to both Brian and Bob on these honors. A plaque was also presented to Gail Bristol to thank her for her unstinting support as liaison between the CAD and SPE Headquarters. The 2000 Retec will see the outgoing BOD and TPC members and officers honored, and best paper awards for the ’99 Retec and ’00 Antec.

**Pride Report**

The CAD was awarded both the Pride Award and the Outstanding Division Award. We shared the Pride Award with 13 other divisions, and the Outstanding Division Award with only 6 other divisions. Congratulations to all for an excellent year!

**International Committee**

Working with Brian West on this committee are Ed Tucker, Betty Puckerin, Tracy Phillips, Austin Reid, Barry deSatnick, Gary Conrad, and Bob Charvat. The two issues they are currently investigating are a Color Conference in Europe and the possibility of interest in South America. The European Color Conference had over 120 attendees.

**New Business**

SPE Headquarters has wanted us to avoid using the Retec name. The reason for doing this was to avoid the "regional" implication implicit in the name—since Retecs are no longer regional. Several ideas were discussed as to a new name, but it was established that SPE has no official ban of the name Retec. As our members are familiar with this name, a unanimous vote of the board established that we will not change the name Retec for the time being.