Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer's Report showed a beginning balance as of 4/30/2000 of $106,978. Deposits of $1,148 and expenses of $11,993 gave us an ending balance of $96,133 on 7/1/2000. The largest expenses were the newsletter at $4,870 and $1,500 for best paper awards.

Councilor’s Report

A review of SPE’s current financial situation showed a 1999 shortfall in revenue of approximately $625,000. The primary shortfalls vs. expected revenue were in membership dues, the Antec, and Plastic Engineering ad revenues. A reduction in Headquarters staff has occurred, with the Manager of Administrative Services position eliminated. Various increases are slated as well as an aggressive campaign to gain new members.

Technical Program Committee

The 2000 Retec in Washington was a great success! A Monday date will be sought for CAD paper presentation for the 2001 Antec. Papers for the Antec continue to be hard to come by. We have however filled the slate for 2001 with some good presenters. The 2001 Retec, to be held in Marco Island, appears to be in great shape as well. A form was devised that shows the generic revenue split between a Section and our Division from a Retec. The Toronto section is currently looking at this form and determining if they will participate in the hosting of the 2002 Retec (to be held in Toronto). Work continues on determining a host hotel for the 2003 Retec in New Orleans. Contact has been made with the Atlanta section for a possible future Retec; the Winter meeting in January will be held at a potential host hotel there.

Newsletter Committee

The color section of the newsletter has drawn good reviews to date. A new printing of shells will need to be made as the last issue used all the old shells. A Fall/Winter 2000 issue will be forthcoming.

CAD Endowment Committee

Some changes have been made in the investment strategy. Balance of 8/8/00 in the various accounts was $103,695. Gary Beebe and the Endowment Committee are targeting August 2001 as the date for the first draft of the Endowment/Scholarship Policy.

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**

All Retec information on the web site is up to date. Registration information for upcoming Retecs will be available as needed. Joe Cameron will post that 25 of the CAD hats and shirts are available. Joe will also investigate setting up a secure link with SPE International for credit card registration for the 2001 Retec. Currently, a person may print out the Retec registration form but not pay on line.

**Education Committee**

Registrations at Terra Community College are running slightly below expectation; the strong economy is probably to blame. The Terra College Foundation Gala Fund Drive will be held as a thank you to the College Foundation contributors. Bob Charvat has asked to have the CAD contribute to this fund again this year, in the amount of $10,000. Lorain Community College is closing its plastic program, and equipment not needed will be transferred to Terra late in 2000. The BYK-Gardner spectro donated by Delphi for Northampton Community College is not yet running. The computer donated by CAD has arrived and Tony Pentz is in the process of setting it all up. Tony is developing classes and preparing lectures for Northampton’s Fall Term 2000. Northampton has committed to the coloring program, which will start slowly and accelerate as the program matures. All of the 100 or so questionnaires gathered from the Nashville Retec and the CAD newsletter are in the hands of Ball State University for analysis. Northampton and Ball State will both be in a position to ask for additional CAD financial support in the near future. Ongoing support has been requested for Terra as well (see above).

**Awards Committee** (Terry Golding)

At the 2000 Retec Awards Luncheon several awards were presented. Special SPE lapel pins were awarded to past chairpersons of the CAD. The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Bob Trinklein. Brian West was honored for achieving Honored Service Member, and Bob Charvat for achieving Fellow of the Society stature. Aram Terzian and Sharon Her received awards for chairing the CAD and the TPC respectively. $50 SPE gift certificates were awarded to outgoing TPC and BOD members who have completed their office or their term. Antec Best Paper awards were presented to Tom Ellison, Stephen McCarthy, and Arthur Delusky. The Retec Best Paper awards was presented to Tracy Phillips. Eric Hunt won the ‘99-’00 Best Student Paper Award. (Best Paper Awards come with a very useful honorarium of $500 to the winners-if you have ever considered giving a paper at an Antec or a Retec, here’s one more reason why!) Congratulations to all the winners listed above!

**International Committee**

The European color conference went well even though there was a masterbatch conference shortly before. Gary Conrad will continue his contact with the European Sections. Discussions
centered around where it made the most sense for CAD to go internationally. Brian West suggested an abstract database online that could provide a more direct link for international sections.

**New Business**

All committee chairs need to provide an updated 3-year plan for the Pride Report. New members Earl Balthazar and Jim Figiniak had mentors assigned to ease their transition to the board. We will actively seek candidates for TPC and BOD slots at the Retec. (Interested? Anyone can stand for election, and we promise no hanging chads. All interested members are encouraged to contact Bruce Mulholland. His contact info is on the back page of the newsletter.) Bob Trinklein will need to appoint a person to fill the vacancy on the TPC.