Secretary’s Report

Minutes of the last meeting were approved without comment.

Treasurer’s Report

Joe Cameron was waiting to hear from Sharon concerning who has sent her checks for the Newsletter sponsorships. Sharon was not able to attend, so a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was tabled until the summer meeting. Bruce Mulholland suggested several changes in the proposed budget for the year, designed to cause income and outgo to match. This was discussed and approved.

Elections

Johnny reported that paper ballots were still circulating, results to be revealed at the Summer Meeting.

Technical Program Committee

ANTEC 2002 – Tim Reilly and Tracy Phillips
Tim Reilly and Tracy Phillips were the co-chairs, Tracy filled in when Bob Schweitzer resigned from the BOD. Tracy and Brian Teunis were moderators for the session. Bruce Mulholland graciously gave a talk that went with the paper written by Sun Chemical’s Peter Lewis, who passed away a week before the Antec. Several comments were given about the Antec. The paper sessions were a bit short at 20 minutes, the moderators reported that was too much time to fill. Perhaps 25 minute paper sessions would work better. Commercialism was mostly absent, at the very least noticeably improved. A suggestion– keep several computers powered up on a power strip on the stage, that way we avoid delays in booting the computers. The Board thanked Tim for his efforts in holding a successful Antec.

RETEC 2002 – Bob Trinklein
Judy Grimson from the Ontario Section visited us. We discussed the various proposals for CDs and preprints, and settled on 300 books and 500 CDs, with CAD to pay for the 200 extra CDs. Dave Johnson and Earl Balthazar voted no on this proposal and wished their votes to be recorded. We discussed currency exchanges in Toronto, and looked at the first edition of the
brochure which had been printed up by the Ontario Retec committee. Some questions on the brochure arose, as did a number of suggestions, and Bob Trinklein was to send an email to Eva Wright to discuss these with her. A speaker has been chosen for the second day. A number of sponsors have been approached and agreed to participate. No more seed money was requested. There are enough technical papers to fill the program. Bob Trinklein has a contract ready to sign for the CDs.

**ANTEC 2003 – Ed Tucker**

Papers submitted to SPE for the Antec will be submitted through email or online from this point forward. Ed viewed the presentation concerning this system, which will be called Paper Cutter. There are new deadlines that go with this approach. Ed reports 10 intent to presents have been received, with 5 of those being “maybes”.

**RETEC 2003 – Tracy Phillips**

Things seem to be proceeding very nicely with the Southern Section. They have chosen a new theme, “The Color of Plastics”. They have created a very attractively designed logo. Bob Charvat will do one of his color seminars at this Retec as well.

**ANTEC 2004 – Sharon Ehr and Jim Figaniak**

No report at this time.

**RETEC 2004 – Sandra Davis**

We will be going back to Marco Island. Sandra Davis will chair this Retec. This will be the first Retec that CAD does on it’s own in two years.

**RETEC 2005 – Earl Balthazar**

Earl has continued to discuss this with various hotels, with little success – BUT – Earl contacted the Visitor’s Bureau, which was very interested in helping us find a spot. There remains a glimmer of hope for New Orleans, Earl asked for us to be patient once again.

**Education Committee**

Career Clearinghouse (as expected) remains busy right now, with many people seeking new careers having much experience while the companies that are looking are offering entry-level positions. Bob said that he is not hearing from the industry when jobs do become available. Attendance at Terra Technical College remains high, again probably due to the economy. Northampton Community College color courses have been cancelled for lack of enrollment, Bob expects to have further conversations with them to determine the long-term viability of the proposed color curriculum.
The Coloring of Plastics book will actually be available in July. Bob is hard at work on Volume II.

The National Plastics Museum has a new director. Bob has contacted him to express our interest in developing a coloring exhibit.

Bob reported having Retec books back to 1962, and suggested we could make a CD of all the papers from all the Retecs. Bob also said he thought it would be useful to help the Modern Plastics Encyclopedia correct the information they currently have on colorants, some of which is questionable.

Newsletter Committee

One of the primary contributors of technical articles to the newsletter, Peter Lewis from Sun Chemical, has passed away. Sun wants to continue his series however, so Bob Trinklein will give them the opportunity. Other pigment companies have expressed interest in picking up this work as well. The newsletter currently has 33 sponsors and this generates about $13,500 in revenue. It costs just about that to put out the three issues per year.

CAD Web-Site

There is new software being used for the web link. In order to proof the software, some new links have been added. One question from Bill Dawes concerns Retec registration. We can publish a registration form, or have a link (at very least) to the registration website. There was a virus which attacked us through the CAD server; this has been erased.

Endowment Committee

The BOD voted to add $50,000 to the endowment fund from the Retec proceeds. This should move us to the neighborhood of $185,000 in the fund at this time.

Awards Committee

Austin Reid was elected a Fellow of the Society. George Rangos has been elected an Honored Service Member. The CAD won a Pride Award and Outstanding Division Award. The newsletter took second place in the Division Newsletter Award category. Altogether a good year for the CAD. At Retec, Austin and George will receive plaques from the CAD honoring their new status. Various other awards will be presented at RETEC to outgoing committee chairs, outgoing officers, outgoing TPC and BOD members, and the Outstanding Achievement certificate for 2002.
Membership Committee

Bill Jarrett did not have an update in the membership numbers but commented on a surprising and interesting statistic. Sorting our membership by their vocation, Bill saw that over 30% of our members are in sales or marketing. The supposition was that we were primarily a technical division, so these numbers are interesting. If we can find a way to appeal to this segment of our membership in the Retec papers and other areas, we can both increase our usefulness to this group and help ourselves with increased retention of existing members. Gary Conrad has said he would like to explore this issue further to see what might work.

International Committee

We reviewed the board meeting minutes from the Additives and Colors Europe SIG. They have their own web page (www.4spe.org/sectionsdivisions/sigs/sig017.htm). They are in the process of setting up a conference, and have a call for papers and sponsors on the website. They currently have 15 papers committed and will have a tutorial on organic and inorganic plastic additives as well.

Old Business

♦ We discussed the commercialism document. The feedback took two forms, the text itself and the way this will be enforced. Jenny Hodge suggested this be used in place of the current Intent to Present form. Several changes suggested in the verbiage, Sandra Davis will re-send the form that we will use to Steve Goldstein for this Retec. The discussion of enforcement was more extensive, with a suggestion being that we can put the anti-trust and commercialism statement up at the beginning of the Retec. It was decided not to have the moderator stop the papers, however. Discussions with the presenter to occur later. We also discussed the possibility of having the presentations reviewed at the speaker’s breakfast, which might involve extra CAD BOD members to help with this review.
♦ The operating rules of the CAD were amended to include the changes made at the last meeting concerning the Treasurer function and the TPC.

New Business

♦ ISCC is having a 2 day topical conference in March 2003, covering industrial color problems and solutions. Ralph Stanziola is involved with this.