

**Minutes of the March 26, 2001 Business Meeting  
of the  
Central States Section – The Combustion Institute**

- 1. Time and Location:** The meeting was held from approximately 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland, California in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting of the U. S. Sections of the Combustion Institute.
- 2. Opening Remarks:** Dennis Stocker welcomed attendees on behalf of the Board of Advisors of the Central States Section. Stocker announced the Section's commemoration of Chairperson Jim Peter's death by the donation of \$2000 to the J. E. Peters fund at UIUC. Stocker also explained the shift of officers that has occurred because of Jim Peters' death: Jay Gore of Purdue succeeded Peters as chairperson, Dennis Stocker assumed Jay Gore's previous office of chairperson-elect, and Clark Midkiff assumed Stocker's previous position of secretary.
- 3. Election of Treasurer:** Dennis Stocker noted that this meeting marks the end of the Roy Primus' term as treasurer as well as the end of his term as a Board member. Stocker, speaking for the Board, nominated Primus (Cummins Engine Co.) for a second term as treasurer of the Section, plus for a second term as board member. Stocker asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Iswar Puri moved that the nominations be closed and Ken Brezinsky seconded. Primus was reelected.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Stocker presented the Treasurer's Report in Roy Primus' absence. Stocker noted that the Indianapolis meeting was very successful, with high attendance. Donations totaling \$4000 received from Ford, GM and Rolls Royce were acknowledged. Stocker also noted that the Section received about \$4800 as a one-quarter share of the overage from the 1999 Joint Meeting in Washington, D.C. The Section also donated \$2000 to the J. E. Peters fund at University of Illinois. For the calendar year 2000, the assets of the Central States Section increased by \$12,410. The Section will experience little financial activity for 2001 because the Western States Section is hosting the Joint meeting and CSS will have no meeting. The Oakland Joint Meeting has benefited from contributions totaling about \$6500 from NASA Glenn, GM and Ford of the Central States Section. The current total assets of the Section are \$37,864.
- 5. Best Paper Award:** The Best Paper Award for the 2000 Indianapolis Meeting was presented by Papers Chairperson Dave Reuss of GM to Jaques P. Bingue (student, lead author and presenter) and co-authors Saveliev, Fridman and Kennedy for their paper "Filtration Combustion of Hydrogen Sulfide."
- 6. Upcoming Meetings:** Dennis Stocker announced that the next CSS Technical Meeting will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee on April 7 – 9, 2002. The co-hosts are Ke Nguyen of the University of Tennessee and Stuart Daw of Oak Ridge National Lab. The meeting will take place during the Dogwood Arts Festival, and will feature a tour of the National Transportation Research Center at Oak Ridge National Lab. The proceedings will be

published on CD ROM. Stocker also announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Meeting of the U.S. Sections will be in Chicago on March 16 – 19, 2003. This meeting will be hosted by the University of Illinois at Chicago, primarily by Ken Brezinsky, Suresh Aggarwal, Ishwar Puri, and Larry Kennedy.

- 7. New Business:** Ishwar Puri (University of Illinois at Chicago) described his concern about the emerging situation of poor funding for combustion at NASA and encouraged the CSS section to get with the other sections in the U.S. to (1) formulate a national response to the NASA problem, and (2) to develop a mechanism (a national body) to promote future combustion research.) A brief discussion followed.

*With a motion by Ishwar Puri and a second by Ken Brezinsky, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.*