

## **Minutes of the March 22, 2004 Business Meeting Central States Section - The Combustion Institute**

- 1. Time and Location:** The meeting was held from approximately 12:40 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. at Omni Austin Hotel – Downtown in Austin, TX.
- 2. Opening:** Dennis Stocker welcomed members to Austin and thanked the University of Texas hosts.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Tom Briggs presented a brief report of the Section's financial status. He noted the \$13,700 cash inflow included the CSSCI share of the Chicago Joint Meeting overage, which, along with a \$1,000 donation from Rolls-Royce and receipts from sales of proceedings, amounted to a cash inflow of almost \$15,000 for the 2004 calendar year. Briggs also outlined the Section's assets that total \$56,395. Briggs announced that students must submit reimbursement forms along with receipts by May 15, 2004. Briggs announced that the Section will offer a \$1,000 James Peters Fellowship for an outstanding paper presented by a student at the International Symposium in Chicago in July. The Section will also provide up to \$500 for other student presenters from the Central States Section. Applications for the Peters Fellowship and for student presenter reimbursements at the Symposium are also due May 15, 2004.
- 4. Election of Board Members:** Dennis Stocker said that the Board nominates Ken Brezinsky to serve a second term and that Ajay Agrawal is nominated for a six-year term on the Board. There were no further nominations from the floor, so the Board's nominees were elected by default.
- 5. Announcement of Future Meetings:** Dennis Stocker announced that the International Symposium would be held in Chicago in July 2004. Stocker also announced that the CSSCI is conducting an artwork competition with prizes of \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third place. He asked participants to email their submissions to Nick Glumac and stated that instruction will appear on the CSSCI website. Stocker announced that the Joint Sections Meeting would be hosted by the Eastern States Section at Drexel University in Philadelphia in March 2005. Finally, Stocker announced that the next CSSCI Spring Technical Meeting would be held in Cleveland in May 2006.
- 6. Other Announcements:** Dennis Stocker reminded session chairs to complete forms for the Outstanding Presentation by a Student Award. Stocker noted that no printed booklet of one-paragraph abstracts was available for the Austin Meeting and requested feedback on this. Suresh Aggarwal suggested a cheer for the local hosts, which prompted an enthusiastic response from the meeting attendees.
- 7. Adjournment:** Dennis Stocker called the business meeting to a close. The meeting ended at approximately 12:55 p.m.