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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EVE VITALE, SERIES ONE LLC



## Dear ANTEC® Attendees:

The Detroit Section (#001) welcomes you to Detroit - the birthplace of our beloved Society of Plastics Engineers. We're proud to be the co-hosts of ANTEC® this year and hope to make your time spent in our city a memorable one.

We're also proud to be the charter chapter of this global organization that serves the plastics industry with technical knowledge, a network of industry professionals, and the support to aid in the development of plastics professionals across all disciplines.

In Detroit we have an active Board and membership who work tirelessly to deliver the very successful Auto EPCON and TPO Conferences annually. We also host a charity material auction and a golf outing to help us fund our many educational initiatives which include numerous scholarships, an essay contest, several student SPE chapters, several universities and college laboratories and programs, over 40 PlastiVan® visits a year, and the Future City contest. In the last 20 years our contributions to plastics education has grown well over \$1,000,000.

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# CHASE PLASTICS PARTNERS WITH JABIL TO OFFER 3D PRINTING MATERIALS

SHERRY CUDD, CHASE PLASTICS

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Tucked underneath the Chase Plastics' logo, you'll see the phrase "Redefining Resin Distribution®." The phrase is more than a tagline; it's the Company's credo and rings true even after being in business for nearly 27 years under the same ownership. Chase Plastics is renowned in the industry for going above and beyond for their customers by offering value-added services that range from custom blending, personalized technical insight and, now, the addition of 3D printing materials to their already expansive product portfolio.

Forming a new, unique partnership with Jabil, Chase Plastics is now an authorized distributor for Jabil Engineered Materials, the line of engineered materials for additive manufacturing designed to improve the performance, durability, and tolerance of 3D printed production parts. The benefits are far-reaching — and exponentially valuable — giving customers advantages in costs, prototyping, quality control, validation and, ultimately, production.

## PROOF POINTS

Although it's a technology that was introduced dozens of years ago, the accessibility and usage of 3D printing in manufacturing and fabrication industries has risen in recent years due to technology advancements, environmental impact and the ability to reduce cost. The benefits of 3D printing jigs, fixtures and tooling include:

- 80% lower cost than traditional machining
- 80% faster turnaround than machined tooling with an outsourced vendor
- Improved efficiency through scrap reductions
- Better utilization of limited tool room resources
- Enables lean manufacturing
- The ability to quickly address issues and make changes

Where many industries may find major benefit from the reduction in costs, 3D printing (or additive manufacturing) may be the key to getting products to market faster -

with an 80% faster turnaround for tooling operations. For Chase Plastics, this fills a unique void that provides customers accelerated solutions by delivering unique and custom materials at scale - enabling engineers and designers to test product requirements and validate for manufacturability in next to real-time. With consumer demands and regulations frequently changing, this process is proven to be ideal for product applications in industries that require stringent specifications and shorter lead times, such as healthcare, automotive, aerospace and industrial.

## THE ADDED VALUE OF ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

With decades of experience helping their customers find ways to be efficient, nimble and competitive, the addition of these specialty filament and powder materials to Chase's product portfolio creates new and invaluable opportunities for their customers. "By partnering with Jabil, we are broadening our portfolio with high-quality materials for 3D printing to help our customers focus on driving productivity and reducing costs," said Chase Plastics' Vice President, Adam Paulson. "The fact that Jabil chose Chase Plastics as a distributor because of our reputation of service, technical expertise and professionalism is an incredible opportunity in which we are both honored and excited."

Providing customers with technical insight and support is something Chase Plastics prides itself on. Getting "hands-on" has been a prerequisite when troubleshooting or guiding customers through the material selection process. With their own Ultimaker S5 3D printer on-site at their Clarkston, Michigan, headquarters, Chase's technically skilled staff and Application Development Engineers are ready to begin offering customers prototyping assistance and material troubleshooting support. The underlying idea and ultimate goal is to help customers recognize the value proposition of purchasing their own 3D printer for their products, business, and even their own employees. The possibilities of 3D printing are limitless - energizing not only cutting-edge product designs, but people. The opportunities, potential, and high-profile

technology are appealing to not only young, talented engineers but to inventors and entrepreneurs, attracting both potential employees and customers.

This new partnership isn't just an exciting opportunity for Jabil, Chase Plastics and its customers - it's one more way Chase has lived up to its commitment to being responsive to their customers' needs by continuously helping them transform resin into reality.

To learn more about Jabil Engineered Materials for additive manufacturing available through Chase Plastics, please contact Chase's dedicated technical service team at 844-411-CHASE or email them at [411Chase@chaseplastics.com](mailto:411Chase@chaseplastics.com). You can also visit their website at [www.chaseplastics.com](http://www.chaseplastics.com) to learn more.



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# THE DETROIT SECTION COMMITS OVER \$150,000 TO SPE INTERNATIONAL AND THE SPE FOUNDATION

## IN 2018 THE SPE DETROIT SECTION COMMITTED \$66,700 TO THE SPE FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF PLASTIVAN®.

The Detroit Section’s long history of PlastiVan® sponsorship has led to a growing awareness and demand for plastics education in the greater metro-Detroit area and beyond. The Section has supplemented the impact by sponsoring an annual essay contest for middle and high school students which explores the “wonders of plastics,” and has started a two-year plastics education program at Schoolcraft college which is graduating its first class this year.

The PlastiVan® gift is part of a larger package totaling more than \$150,000 which includes a \$25,000 ANTEC sponsorship, \$6,000 to national support for Next Gen, \$5,000 for general SPE support, and the \$50,000 Irv Poston Scholarship.

In 1993, Irv Poston was recognized as a “Distinguished Member” of SPE, the society’s highest honor given for lifetime achievement. He has been a member for 61

years and is an Emeritus Board Member for the Detroit Section. Sandra McClelland, Detroit Section Education Committee Chair, who advocated for Irv’s scholarship said, “Irv Poston is very well known in the automotive plastics industry. Having worked 42 years at GM, his team was heavily involved in developing sheet-molding compound and reaction injection molding equipment, processes, and applications. The years of expertise and knowledge that Irv has is irreplaceable and he has positively affected many plastic professionals during his lifetime.”



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# TRIBUTE TO IRV POSTON

BY LYLE BEADLE



“How do you feel about Sanders hot fudge sundaes?” I asked Irv Poston as I walked into his apartment at Sunrise Senior Living facility. His eyes lit up and he smiled when I gave him the sack with the sundae inside. Now, the reader must understand, Irv Poston is 85 years old, and I had to squeeze into his calendar for an appointment.

My purpose was to interview Irv and gain information for the content of this tribute article intended to shed clarity on Irv’s motivation as a high-level contributor to the Detroit SPE Section and the Plastics in Automotive Division (PIAD). I learned that Irv is as dedicated now as he was at the beginning of his career, and still attends SPE meetings, functions, and serves as a mentor to many current SPE members.

Irv’s education credentials come from Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana where he earned both a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master’s degree in Industrial Engineering. He was hired by GM’s Allison Division to work with plant layout and steel stamping machines. What is most curious is that Irv’s Master’s thesis focused on plastics molding after visiting a plastics molding company. Plastics usage was in its infancy in the mid 1950’s, and centered around epoxies, thermosets and polyesters.

Irv’s avocation was and is all about “pushing people to do more and keep getting better; to self-fulfill”. He strongly believes that “a person’s passion is more important than their expertise”. Curiosity has driven him from the beginning, and he continually looks for new ways to put things together, always asking the question “why not?” He cites his main motivation for his interest in plastics engineering was the constant pursuit of refining plastic material composition and plastic molding processes to advance more cost-effective solutions. Therefore, he associated with many gifted engineers and has held many leadership positions, including at ANTEC® Conferences where he organized and created challenges for participants.

Irv led GM’s plastic group, is considered an expert in the plastics field, and hired many talented engineers. One of his hires, Mike Liedtke (now retired), remembers

Irv’s constant encouragement to look at new systems which represented higher-performance and lower-cost products. Mike told me that when his group needed funding for tooling to prove out new plastic materials, they would schedule the meeting just after lunch and place a Sanders hot fudge sundae on Irv’s desk to put him in a receptive mood. Mike’s team strategy was very effective and a list of successful plastic development programs at GM ultimately landed Mike in a position as his boss’s counterpart.

A metaphorical anecdote Irv recalls illustrates the overall theme that underscores his philosophy. At one point in his career, Irv encouraged a GM vice president to authorize construction of a walkway connecting the GM Research, Manufacturing, and Engineering buildings at the Warren Tech Center. Such a simple action; but important to facilitate communication and cooperation among three key groups for plastic part production development. His belief that “not being a chemist”, enabled him to avoid the traps of “never done it that way” and “not invented here (NIH)” syndrome. He and his staff innovated many plastics applications such as Saturn fenders, plastic parts for the Sport Oldsmobile Omega, RIM bumpers, and the all-plastic Fiero body. His engagement with all interested parties and associates, expanded his outreach and began his involvement and leadership role with the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI). He still publicly promotes to anyone who will listen to think “out of the box” to lead to new and innovative solutions.



Friends, business associates, and the Detroit Society of Plastics Engineers hold Irv Poston in such high esteem that an SPE Foundation scholarship in his name has been established to financially assist graduate students pursuing degrees in plastics and automotive application development. Even at the venerable age of 85, Irv remains focused on the future. Speaking of which, it is now time for Irv’s next appointment and after that, enjoying his Sanders hot fudge sundae.

Detroit SPE Salutes Irv Poston!

# 2018-2019 SPE DETROIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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The Detroit SPE Section's annual scholarship program supports students who desire a career in the plastics industry. This year we awarded 21 students \$46,500 in scholarships.

## SPE 75TH ANNIVERSARY RECIPIENT:



**Morgan Arnold**  
 Central Michigan University  
 Senior  
 Industrial Engineering  
 \$5,500

## MY CAREER ASPIRATIONS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

### By Morgan Arnold, SPE 75th Anniversary Scholar

On May 7th, 2016 I crossed Mid-Michigan Community College's stage receiving not only my very first college degree, but the first college degree ever received in my family. After receiving my associate degree in Plastic Engineering Technology, I decided to continue my education at Central Michigan University. My educational goals at CMU include receiving my bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering in May 2019, expanding on volunteer opportunities, and upholding my position as a college co-op at The Dow Chemical Company.

My previous studies have inspired me to investigate the field of material science. Along with fulfilling the requirements for my bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from CMU I will be taking elective courses in material science.

I believe that giving back to your community is a vital part of any learning experience. While enrolled at CMU I would like to involve myself in as many volunteer opportunities as my schedule allows. In 2016 I had the honor of receiving the title as president of the student chapter for the Society of Plastic Engineers for Mid-Michigan Community College. Together as a chapter we worked on ways to excite

local youth about the opportunities in engineering and manufacturing of plastics. In our chapter we can hold office positions for one year before passing our responsibilities on to someone new. Since I delegated my work to the 2017 president I have been able to continue my volunteering as an SPE chapter member. A current project I'm working on is re-making the Alden B. Dow unit blocks with the Dow Foundation and Mid-Michigan Community College. This project is extremely exciting and has provided me with an amazing learning experience.

Growing up in the heart of the world's Thermoforming Capital also known as Beaverton Michigan, plastics provided me with a strong community and interest in developing innovative ideas. My career aspirations in the plastics industry are in the areas of becoming an industrial engineer, solutions engineer, or production planner for plastics materials. I am dedicated to help develop sustainable polymeric materials that can exhibit innovative mechanical properties. I understand that I have rather ambitious goals but truly believe that I will make them happen.

I recently was honored to accept the 2017 Dow GEM award. Nominations for this award originated from my coworkers and are reviewed by management. I was the first college co-op to receive such an award and one in which I take great pride.

In conclusion I believe I would be a great candidate for this SPE scholarship. If selected these scholarships would positively impact my family and help me pursue my goals and dreams in the plastics industry. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

## REG BELL RECIPIENT:



**Daniel Pisarski**  
 University of Michigan  
 Junior  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 \$5,000



## DELTA POLYMERS SCHOLARS:

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**Calloway Salmon**  
Kettering University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$3,500



**Antonia Chin**  
Kettering University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$2,500



**Emily Acs**  
Kettering University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$2,000

No Photo

**Mitchell DeNooyer**  
Michigan State University  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,500



**Kevin Anthony**  
Michigan Tech University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$2,500



**Karl Finkbeiner**  
University of Michigan  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$2,000



**Nicholas Boynton**  
University of Detroit Mercy  
Senior  
Chemistry  
\$2,000



**Khari Gray**  
Kettering University Junior  
Industrial & Mechanical  
Engineering  
\$1,500



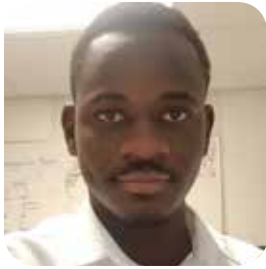
**Blaise Burmania**  
Ferris State University  
Junior  
Plastics Engineering  
Technology  
\$1,500



**Brandon Gurrell**  
Kettering University  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,500

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**Navardo Henry**  
Kettering University  
Sophomore  
Industrial Engineering  
\$1,000



**Joshua Nelson**  
Kettering University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$3,000



**Patrick Horal**  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Freshman  
Ferris State University  
\$750



**Alexander Payne**  
Ferris State University  
Senior  
Polymer Science & Plastics  
Engineering  
\$3,000



**Jordan Howell**  
Kettering University  
Junior  
Industrial Engineering  
\$1,500



**Owen Ross**  
Oakland University  
Sophomore  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,000



**Ayaz Khan**  
Michigan State University  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$2,500



**Sahil Shah**  
University of Michigan  
Freshman  
Manufacturing Engineering  
\$750



**Kaitlyn Money**  
Bellevue University  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,000



**Jillian Ulinski**  
Kettering University  
Sophomore  
Oakland University  
\$1,000

Detroit SPE Awards numerous scholarships every year to deserving students who want a career in the plastics industry. The deadline is AUGUST 5, 2019. For more information see our website: [www.spedetroit.org](http://www.spedetroit.org)



The purpose of the Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section Scholarship is to provide funding for students attending an eligible Michigan college or university while demonstrating a high level of career interest in the Plastics Industry.

## Eligibility Criteria:

1. Students enrolled at either a four-year college/university or two-year community college degree program (minimum requirements of six credit hours per semester) pursuing a career directly related to plastics (i.e. Plastics Engineering, Polymer Engineering/Science, Packaging Engineering, Material Engineering/Science, Composite Materials and Structures, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry or Mechanical Engineering).
2. Active SPE student member including active membership in your schools SPE Student Chapter if applicable.
3. Applicant has not received or anticipates receiving any other scholarship from the SPE during the current award year.
4. Applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 (4.0 scale) from the prior school year.
5. Applicants must demonstrate a high degree of intent to pursue a career in the Plastics Industry.

## Eligible Colleges/Universities:

College for Creative Studies

Delta College

Eastern Michigan University

Ferris State University

Focus Hope University

Kettering University

Lawrence Tech University

Macomb Community College

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Mid-Michigan Community College

Oakland Community College

Oakland University

Saginaw Valley State University

Schoolcraft College

St. Clair County Community College

University of Detroit Mercy

University of Michigan

Wayne State University

Central Michigan University

## Application Procedure:

To be considered for a SPE Detroit Section Scholarship, applicants must submit a complete application package (**electronic copy preferred**) by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as outlined in the application checklist. Application and all checklist documents must be sent together via hard copy or eMail to the 2019 Scholarship Committee Chairperson (Tom Miller).

### Awards:

Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$4,000 annually at the discretion of the SPE Detroit Section Scholarship Committee. SPE Student Chapter officer participation can increase the amount of funds awarded. Scholarships are valid for 1-year and recipients must submit a new application each year to be considered for future scholarship awards. All scholarships will be reimbursed once registered transcripts have been received from the university/college showing that all requirements have been fulfilled.

All Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section scholarships are rewarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age or national origin. The Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section will not award scholarships to applicants whom they deem are not qualified and reserve the right to not award scholarships in any given year as it so chooses.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Tom Miller – SPE Detroit Section Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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# SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HOSTS STUDENTS FOR MANUFACTURING AND STEM EVENTS

ARMANDO SARDANOPOLI

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Last fall Schoolcraft College hosted two STEM programs for young students to expose them to the possible career paths in various manufacturing technologies. Five hundred middle school students were involved in Manufacturing Day on October 5th. The students visited two manufacturing companies and then came to Schoolcraft College for lunch. They were divided into groups for a tour of the skilled trades labs. The students had an opportunity to tour the welding lab, metal machining lab, electronics lab, plastics technology lab, CAD/3D Printing lab, and the mechatronics labs

where they learned about how each was related to job opportunities in manufacturing.

On October 26th and 27th Schoolcraft College hosted its third annual Mind Trekkers program - a STEM program coordinated by Michigan Technology University. On Friday over 2,500 middle school students participated and on October 27th over 700 students with their parents came to an open-house event.

The program consisted of local companies and engineering societies demonstrating their products and running experiments as the students and their parents toured the main exhibit areas and the manufacturing labs. The labs were running allowing students to experience testing and manufacturing and some even produced parts to take home.



# 2019 MICHIGAN REGIONAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION



Detroit SPE is a long-time supporter of the Michigan Regional Future City Competition now in its 24th year. This national competition engages 40,000 students in 42 states and 4 countries.

Judges for SPE this year included Dr. Sassan Tarahomi, Keith Siopes, Dennis VanPoppelen, Kelly Beauchamp, Erin Miedema, and Wayne Hertlein. The winners gave great presentations that were engaging and showed their talent and understanding of the project.

- 1st Place - St. John Lutheran - Rochester
- 2nd Place - Trinity Lutheran School - Utica
- 3rd Place - St. Valentine School - Redford
- 4th Place - Navigator Upper Elementary School and Pathfinder Middle School Pinckney Community Schools - Pinckney
- 5th Place - Pierce Middle School - Grosse Pointe Park

Detroit SPE gives a special award each year:  
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*Detroit SPE Incorporation of Plastic Material Award - Winner Dewitt Middle School*



*Detroit SPE Board Member Keith Siopes Talks to Future City Contestants*



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- Mike Balow, Asahi Kasei Plastics North America
- Mark Jablonka, The Dow Chemical Company
- Peter Glenister, LyondellBasell

#### SURFACE ENHANCEMENTS

- Dr. Rose Ryntz, Ryntz & Associates
- Jim Keller, Mankiewicz Coatings
- Jeff Crist, Ford Motor Company

#### INTERIOR APPLICATIONS & LAMINATING ADHESIVES

- Dr. Pravin Sitaram, Haartz Corporation
- Sarah Gatzek, Ford Motor Company
- Hoa Pham, Freudenberg Performance Materials

#### PROCESS DEVELOPMENTS & SIMULATIONS

- Kurt Anthony, Washington Penn Plastic Co., Inc.
- Dr. Suresh Shah, SPE Fellow
- Dr. Li Lu, Ford Motor Company

#### LIGHTWEIGHTING OF POLYOLEFIN PARTS

- Mike Shoemaker, Borealis Compounds
- Dr. Nadeem Bokhari, Sumitomo Chemical
- Normand Miron, Washington Penn Plastic Co., Inc.

#### BIO BASED & RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Susan Kozora, IAC Group
- Dr. Alper Kiziltas, Ford Motor Company

#### INTERIOR EMISSIONS

- Dr. Laura Shereda, Asahi Kasei Plastics North America

#### ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING (3D PRINTING)

- Kurt Anthony, Washington Penn Plastic Co., Inc.
- Dr. Suresh Shah, SPE Fellow
- Nihir Bhuvra, Asahi Kasei Plastics North America

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 –  
TWO TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS:  
3:00PM & 4:00PM**

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# **SPE DETROIT ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**JUNE 25, 2019**

## **BAY POINTE GOLF CLUB**

**4001 Haggerty Rd. West Bloomfield, MI**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00am – Shot Gun Start!

**FORMAT:** Four person scramble & best ball.

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# 2019 PLANNED EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 18 - 21, 2019	2019 ANTEC "75th SPE Anniversary"	GM Renaissance Center Detroit, MI 48243
April 8, 2019	SPE Detroit Section Board Meeting	ACC 5750 New King Drive #120 Troy, MI 48098
May 7, 2019	2019 Auto EPCON	Detroit Marriott -Troy
May 13, 2019	Technical Dinner Meeting -TBD	Michigan State University Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Rd. Troy, MI 48098
May 20, 2019	SPE Detroit Section Board Meeting	ACC 5750 New King Drive #120 Troy, MI 48098
June 10, 2019	Technical Dinner Meeting - TBD	Michigan State University Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Rd. Troy, MI 48098
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Dear SPE Councilors, Division Chairs, Section Presidents, and Treasurers;

As a follow-up to the Spring Council meeting, this memo is to serve as a financial management guideline.

SPE Sections or Divisions operate as an independent, non-profit organization. You need to make sure to apply appropriate practices, so you will be legally compliant with State and Federal or country laws. As an SPE affiliate, you also need to comply with SPE Bylaws and Policies. Each Section and Division is responsible for its own financial management.

The Finance Committee of the Executive Board, in conjunction with SPE staff, offers the following recommendations:

**TREASURER:** It is a requirement to have a Treasurer. That person should be someone other than the Chair. The group's board should elect the Treasurer. For Sections and Divisions with yearly revenues higher than \$100,000, we recommend you have a co-Treasurer or assistant Treasurer.

**BANK ACCOUNT(S):** If your group has a bank account, it must be in the name of the Section or Division (e.g. Society of Plastics Engineers Injection Molding Division). We recommend having at least two different members have access to the account statements and both should review account statements every other month at a minimum.

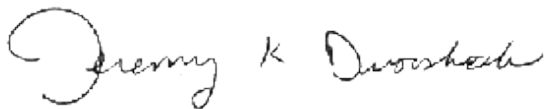
**PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION:** SPE recommends that you to have two signatory requirements for payments, above a certain dollar amount, determined and periodically reviewed by the Board. \$2,000 is a customary and reasonable threshold.

**REPORTING:** SPE recommends that your group's Treasurer present a financial report at every board meeting or at the request of a board member of all expenses and revenues. Include in this financial report a cash statement, which reflects all account statements, and copies of the actual bank statements.

**AUDIT:** SPE encourages that all Sections and Divisions with yearly revenues above \$100,000 / year or financial assets above \$250,000, to have an external audit once a year. For Sections and Divisions with revenues below \$100,000 / year, SPE recommends an external financial review every 2-3 years. Internal auditing should happen on an ongoing basis with multiple people reviewing actual statements against reports.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SPE Office Administrator at 203.775.0471.

Respectfully submitted,



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