

# SDP Newsletter

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## A Message From Your President

*Earl Robinson, CDP*



Hello everyone,

Hello and a warm holiday welcome to all the society's current and prospective members, current officers and committee chairs as well as sponsors and supporters of SDP at its functions, with its journals and newsletters, etc. It is through your efforts and support that this organization exists and will continue into the future. I am confident that all of those that have participated in one manner or another with the society would attest to the fact that the organization adds not only to their depreciation knowledge and understanding but also provides a rewarding experience through association with other individuals with the profession.

I would again like to say thank you to each of you who have participated during this past year and provided support and encouragement to me during my tenure as president. Especially, I would like to give a special thanks to Tony Flesch and his committee for putting together an excellent annual meeting that was held during early October in Charlotte.

Likewise, I am equally confident that Pat Morcom and her selected program committee will do a similar excellent job for our upcoming 2001 annual meeting to be held in Tucson, September 9-12, 2001. So mark your calendars and plan early to come to a great location for our anticipated very interesting and informative meeting. By the way, keep checking our web page to see the meeting agenda as it develops throughout the coming year

Last, but far from least, I would like to say thank you to Rod Daniel, our executive director, who adds much to our organization and makes life easier for those in leadership.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season,

Earl

## **2000 Annual Meeting Review**

*Tony Flesch*

The 2000 Annual Meeting was held in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 1-4 2000 at the Omni Charlotte hotel. There was an excellent member turnout in Charlotte for the annual conference. We were fortunate to have an outstanding slate of speakers and we received many positive comments on the meeting evaluation forms. The complete agenda is archived on the SDP web page under "Meetings", and there are many additional photos of the speakers, trainers and participants, on the web page under "Photos"

## **Mark Your Calendars**

*Tony Flesch*

Mark your calendars for the Society of Depreciation Professional's Annual Conference on September 9 – 12, 2001 in Tucson, Arizona. In the past, many members had expressed an interest to change the date of the annual meeting due to the third quarter closing of company books and the fiscal year budget concerns. Hopefully, these new dates in September will allow more of our members to participate in the 2001 annual conference.

Check the SDP web page at [www.depr.org](http://www.depr.org) for updated meeting information through-out the year, and to view and watch our 2001 Agenda develop. Just click on the "Meetings" button from the home page.

The 2001 SDP annual meeting will be held at the Sheraton El Conquistador <http://www.sheratonelconquistador.com> in Tucson, Arizona on September 9 to 12, 2001. The Sheraton El Conquistador Resort and Country Club is situated on 500 acres of high desert at the foot of the Santa Catalina Mountains just north of Tucson. The Sheraton El Conquistador offers 428 spacious, Southwestern-style guest rooms and casitas, five distinctive restaurants, and over 50,000 square feet of meeting function space. The El Conquistador has 45 holes of championship golf, 28 lighted tennis courts, 4 swimming pools, on-site horseback riding, and offers open-air jeep tours of the Sonora Desert. It also offers Sonora Desert walking tours and mountain bike rentals, and has a fitness center and full service spa facilities.

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**A Message From The 2001 President**

*Anthony "Tony" Flesch*



Greetings! I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday season and is enjoying a prosperous start to the New Year!

To say the least, 2000 was a very exciting year for me. After twenty-four years of answering the telephone "GTE", I now say "Verizon". Transitioning from a twenty-four year veteran employee of GTE to a brand new employee of Verizon! Some of you that have been through similar situations know what all that entails.

Serving as Chair of the 2000 Program Committee was both a challenging and rewarding experience. Challenging to put together a program that would be interesting to our diverse membership, obtaining high-caliber speakers, finding time-slots to accommodate speakers schedules, soliciting sponsors, and dealing with some last minute cancellations. Rewarding in that I had the opportunity to talk with many speakers that I otherwise would not probably have encountered. I must say that I was quite impressed at the interest shown by speakers such as Commissioner Ervin, Gary Walsh, Dave Foster, and the others, in our Society. They were all very interested in tailoring their presentations to be of interest to our group. We had several conversations so they could gain an understanding of what would be of interest to our members. And it was a very rewarding feeling when the meeting went off smoothly and the comments on the evaluation forms were very positive.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank everyone for their assistance on making the 2000 annual meeting such a success. A special thanks to the members of the 2000 program committee, Jeff Holt, Rick Lytle and Bob Kenney. And to Dick Clarke for his assistance in assembling an outstanding panel on short notice. I would also like to thank Lou Walters for keeping the agenda and meeting info up to date on the web, and for posting pictures on our web site of the annual meeting and training sessions. Thanks to Susan Jensen for coordinating the Sunday training session, the trainers all gave excellent presentations. And, as always, Rod Daniel did his usual outstanding job with hotel and meeting arrangements. I would also like to thank Earl Robinson and all the members of the Board and Committee Chairs for their continued support.

As we start another New Year, I would like to encourage you to get actively involved with the Society. I realize that we all are busy, but I think you will find that a few hours of your time spent on this professional organization will be very rewarding. You could write an article for the Journal or Newsletter, and most of our committees could use some assistance. If you would like to write an article or be part of a particular committee, please call the committee chair. If you would like to discuss becoming more active in the Society please feel free to email or call me anytime.

I am looking forward to serving as your President in 2001. We have a fantastic site selected for our annual meeting, and Pat Morcom and her Program Committee are already hard at work planning an exciting agenda!

Happy New Year and remember to mark your calendars for our 2001 annual meeting on September 9-12 in Tucson.

## **Election Results**

### ***Tony Flesch***

The Ballots have been tabulated – there were no hanging chads! We are pleased to report that no candidates requested a manual recount or a Supreme Court ruling. The Society of Depreciation Professionals 2001 Officers are:

President: Tony Flesch Verizon

Vice President: Pat Morcom Salt River Project

Treasurer: James Bolte Cincinnati Bell

Secretary: Rhonda Watts Deloitte & Touche LLP

Director at Large: Pat Lee Florida PSC

Director at Large: Dick Clarke Southern California Edison

Past President: Earl Robinson AUS Consultants

Earl Robinson assumes the duties of Past-President. Pat Lee is in the second year of her two-year term for Director at Large. Dick Clark was elected Director at Large for a two-year term, 2001-2002. As Vice-President, Pat Morcom also assumes the duties as 2001 Program Committee Chairperson. And, as Secretary, Rhonda Watts assumes the duties of 2001 Newsletter Committee Chairperson.

## **Web Page News**

*Lou Walters*

There is a new page on the SDP website, a "**Photos!!!!**" page! For those of you who were unable to attend this year's Annual Meeting in Charlotte, you really missed out on a great meeting! There are pics from the excellent Training Sessions and the Annual Meeting; take a few minutes out of your busy day to either see what you missed or, if you attended, to see if you are in a photo! Also on the "**Photos !!!!**" page are pics of the 2000 and 2001 SDP Board of Directors.

An SDP Directory and a Jobs Listing page have also been added to our website. These two new pages are in a protected area of the SDP website that is restricted to SDP members only - you will be prompted for a User Name and Password. To gain access, User Name=society and the Password=society. The responses are case sensitive; "society" must be lowercase. Please take a moment to review the your information in the SDP Directory. If it is incorrect, notify Rod Daniel so we can update our Directory.

Be sure to visit the SDP web page for current information and valuable links. The web page address is [www.depr.org](http://www.depr.org)

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