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The past working year for the CSCT, 2001-2002, has been a challenging one. Lest we forget 9/11 and all the innocent people who perished. The US economy has suffered one of the deeper recessions in recent years. The coatings industry has been affected, many plants have shut down and people laid off. The CSCT has also been affected. We are working harder with fewer resources. The CSCT board would like to thank all of our members for their continued support throughout this difficult year. The CSCT has continued to move forward. The past year had many highlights:

Golf & Tennis Outing – 2001: St. Andrews C.C. and Hanover Racquet Club hosted our annual event. Over 225 members and guest enjoyed a pleasant day of golf and tennis; followed by a festive dinner, with many prizes awarded.

Dinner Meetings: We seemed to settle in on a regular meeting location. Steven's Steak House has offered good food, excellent service and an easy in/out location. We had 7 regular meetings. The highlight was the March 4th meeting. This was a joint meeting with Chicago Ink Production Club. Total attendance was nearly 100. The speaker was Robert Fry, economist, Dupont Corporation. He gave an insightful, detailed talk on the current USA economic conditions.

Holiday Party: The joint CSCT/CPCA holiday party was held on December 7th. A murder mystery was the main entertainment: with a few CSCT members as key suspects! The money raised goes to a very important cause, the joint CSCT/CPCA education scholarship fund.

SYMCO: Many thanks to Herb Waltenspiel and his committee for the successful SYMCO 2002. The one-day technical symposium was held on February 21st at Drury Lane.

Technical Committee: Nancy Lindquist and Tommy Yokoyama chaired the technical committee. The CSCT is honored to have the Voss/Banov paper "Chemical Resistance of Self-Crosslinking Emulsion Coatings for Interior Plastics" presented October 30th in New Orleans at the ICE show. Brian Hanrahan will present the paper at 11:30 in the morning during the panel talks on formulation topics. Also, Arron Strepka joined the committee. He works with Velsicol in Northbrook. Welcome Arron!

Education Committee: Dave Barrett and his committee awarded two \$2000.00 merit scholarships. Bob Chiang and Dave Craig are the proud CSCT parents.

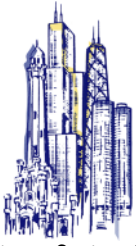
Awards Night: This year's event was held on April 26th at Drury Lane. We honored our past presidents, new 25-year members and scholarship recipients.

CSCT WEB SITE: The CSCT web site has completed its first full year. Many thanks to Dave Whiting of the G.R. O'Shea Company for all his help with the design and implementation of our web site. Important information is posted on the Web, please visit www.chicagocoatings.org

Summary: Please welcome Herb Waltenspiel as our new membership chairman. Herb will replace Tim Wheeler. Herb is a dedicated CSCT member and he will do a great job. The CSCT board has employed the services of Bonnie Moudry as an administrative assistant. Bonnie has many years of experience working with other nonprofit groups, such as the SPE. The work-load on the board has gotten to a point that we feel Bonnie can help us. She will work in the background, but you may get a friendly call from her from time to time. One final note: Ron Lawrence a recent 25-year member of the CSCT passed away. Ron was a good friend of the CSCT and mine. He served on many committees and will be missed.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMING YEAR!

Sincerely,
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CSCT Calendar of Events 2002



July 22 Golf & Tennis Outing St. Andrews

September 9 Design of Experimentation Tom Donnelly, EChip Inc.

October 14 Technical Paper Presentation CSCT Technical Paper Committee

November 11 Biocides in the Coatings Industry Jerry Tracey, Acti-Chem



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recognizes the passing of friends and
members in our Society and Industry.*

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