Dear Mr. Daniels,

Below are the minutes from the New England Section’s Technical Meeting of Thursday, September 24, 2003, held in Dracut, MA.

Charles R. Bumpus, Section Chair, opened the meeting at approximately 6:30pm.

He welcomed everyone back and hoped they had a great summer.

We then had a moment of silence for four members of our textile family that passed away since our last meeting. These members were Armond Lemire, Nick Picciotti, Joe Tavares, and Bill Hoffman.

The meeting was then turned over to the Program Chair, Francisco Martinez, who introduced the evening’s speaker. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Richard Gedney, President & Founder, ADMET, Inc. His topic was as follows:

**Retrofitting Equipment to Save Money and Increase Capabilities**

Mr. Gedney discussed the new options available to retrofit current laboratory testing equipment in order to update software and increase testing capabilities without a major equipment investment. These retrofits replace the “brain” of the machine, and allow equipment to better handle and manipulate data, and can help meet new certification standards.

Following the speaker, Charlie introduced Martin Bide, our National VP, who updated us on the proposed changes at nationals.

This was followed by the announcement of our schedule for the remainder of the year, which is as follows:

- **November 6, 2003** – Business Meeting and election of officers – to be held at the Cocke N Kettle restaurant in Uxbridge, MA
- **November 11-13, 2003** – National councilor’s meeting
- **April 22-25, 2004** – New England Regional Conference at the Sheraton in Portsmouth, NH
- **June 18, 2004** – Golf outing at FR Country Club and dinner at Venus de Milo

Dinner was served, Charlie thanked all for coming, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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