

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Texas Board of the Society of Plastics Engineers – 5/23/2022

The SPE-STX Board of Directors meeting was held by video and phone conference.

Participants	
Iman Bahrani, President	Jason Ball, Member at Large
Tom Walsh, Secretary	Clifford Lee, Member at Large
Peter Lauzon, Past President	John Wagner, Member at Large
	Janell Helton, Coordinator

Opening: The Board meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. A Quorum of the Board was declared.

By-Laws Revisions

The purpose of this meeting was to address the issue of needed revisions to the By-Laws of the South Texas Section. We need to revise the By-Laws to correct the existing errors to limit the legal liabilities of the Board Members from operation outside our existing By-Laws, The current By-Laws date to 1991 and are significantly out of date. Pete Lauzon began these revisions when he was President but due to the Pandemic and other distractions the revisions have been delayed. Pete stated that the Board needs to get back into process. We need to follow the processes provided in our By-Laws. For example, we need to correct them to accommodate what is current practice, which is email communications with South Texas Section members as well as Board members.

Jason Ball moved to have an email vote on the By-Laws revisions. This was seconded by Peter Lauzon. The motion passed unanimously. It was discussed that the electronic vote should have a deadline of June 3rd. Tom Walsh as Secretary will prepare the email vote.

In a previous Board Meeting, a motion was passed to suspend the rules to allow electronic voting for nominated board members. Janell Helton is preparing to send out an electronic list of candidates to the Board. The current list includes David Hansen, John Wagner, Clifford Lee, and Donna Davis. Tom Walsh stated that Steve Pontiff has also volunteered to run for a Board position.

There was a discussion of candidates running for consecutive Board memberships. Peter Lauzon moved to suspend the limits on multiple Board consecutive memberships for this election. Jason Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete Lauzon indicated that he would like to be considered for the Councilor position. It was stated that we need to ask the candidates to provide Janell Helton with brief write-ups of their backgrounds to be included in the electronic ballot.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Tom Walsh, Secretary