

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Texas Board of the Society of Plastics Engineers – 7/11/2022

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

Participants	
Iman Bahrani, President	Fernando Cevallos Candau, Member at Large
Richard Keeler, Treasurer	Donna Davis, Member at Large
Steve King, Membership	Dell Doyle, Member at Large
Tom Walsh, Secretary	John Wagner, Member at Large
	Janell Helton, Coordinator

Opening: The Board meeting was called to order at 6:22 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Fernando Cevallos Candau moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. John Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Richard Keeler reported that there is a balance of \$310,361.22 in the checking account and \$119,166.75 in the savings account. All expenses have been paid for the 2022 Polyolefins Conference. The profits have been paid to the other SPE Divisions participating in the conference. All distributions for the 2022 Polyolefins Conference have been paid.

Website Expense: An invoice for website charges of \$1100 based on updates to the website had been received from Joe Geiman. Previously Joe Geiman was charging \$1325 monthly. With the COVID situation there have been no newsletter activity. A budget is needed for charges of \$190 per month for maintenance to the website. Steve King moved to pay the outstanding invoice to Joe Geiman. Richard Keeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Programs: Dell Doyle suggested that the section consider a September Astros game on the 2nd or 3rd week of September. The estimated cost would be \$50 per ticket and total costs for 40 or more tickets would be approximately \$2500. Dell moved to spend up to \$2500 for Astros Tickets. Tom Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dell reported that he has asked Zachary Moore of ICIS to present a virtual talk in October. He is trying to get Randy Givens of Jeffries to make a virtual presentation on Logistics/Transportation Issues in November. It was suggested that our Christmas meeting could be in-person at Escalante’s Restaurant in Memorial City. Dell will follow up on this.

Councilor: No report

Education: Steve King reported that he and Jeff Applegate made a visit to Baylor University and met with the student chapter members. They made a presentation on the value of SPE membership. However, there were 7 SPE student members prior to this meeting and at this time there are still only 7 SPE members.

Polyolefins Committee: No report

President's Report: Iman reported that Vivek Rohatgi has asked the South Texas Section to sponsor him for Fellow of SPE. This would entail re-activation of the Awards Committee. Tom Walsh reported that he is the past Chair of this Committee and would agree to prepare the paperwork for Vivek's candidacy. Iman stated that Vivek has recently contacted her and asked her to pause this process.

Next Meeting: After some discussions, it was agreed to propose Tuesday August 9th for the next meeting of the South Texas Board of Directors. Janell will send out an email notifying the Board members and asking if they had no objections to that change of date to Tuesday.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Tom Walsh, Secretary