

SPE South Texas Section
Minutes of the November 8, 2022 Board of Directors
Meeting held via TEAMS

Participants:

Iman Bahrani, President
John Wagner
Dell Doyle
Preston McDaniel
Donna Davis
Fernando Cevallos-Candau
Jason Ball
Kumar Sanketh
Steve King
Janell Helton (staff)
Vassilios Galiatsatos (guest, Chair IPOC)

Absent:

Carl Baker (excused)
David Hansen (excused)
Tom Walsh (excused)
Pete Lauzon (excused)
Richard Keeler (excused)
Steve Pontiff (excused)
Davide Danese

Call to Order

President Iman Bahrani called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Secretary Tom Walsh had distributed the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Board meeting. Steve King moved to accept the minutes as distributed; Kumar Sanketh seconded and the motion passed.

Council Report

Steve Pontiff could not be present but distributed his notes from the SPE Council meeting of October 31, 2022. SPE Director Scott Eastman discussed the importance of the SPE Code of Conduct and reemphasized the requirement of notifying attendees of SPE events about it along with the Anti-Trust policy. The South Texas Section will incorporate reminders of these policies into events and meetings.

Steve also mentioned the new Girl Scout plastics patch, an effort which was championed by the SPE Foundation. The executive board talked about the DEI program and the Leadership training program which has its first cohort of participants (8 people).

ANTEC will be held in Denver, in March. It is being promoted as a networking opportunity. A Council meeting is scheduled at the beginning.

The next Council Round Table will be Nov. 15, and Steve invited questions and suggestions re Chapter keys to success.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Keeler was not available but Janell Helton reported the section has \$178,764.14 in checking and \$119,170.71 in savings. The 2023 IPOC account has about \$100,000 already, mostly from exhibitors (over 25 already).

Technical Program

Dell Doyle reported the ICIS Zach Moore presentation on the Polyolefins industry was very popular, although some wished for more forward-looking information. There were many requests for the slides afterwards, and it was a good opportunity to publicize other STX activities.

The plant visit to Texas Injection Molding will be moved to January. The December meeting will be a holiday part on December 8 at Escalante/City Centre. Dell is working on the February program.

Membership

Steve King reported the section membership is stable at 260. Steve proposes promoting section membership to other SPE members around the state and beyond. He will also request that SPE HQ make more demographic data mandatory (e.g. business titles).

PO2023

Vassilios Galiatsatos reported the conference committee will meet next week. The Plenary session had three confirmed speakers and will fill the remaining two spots this week. The Technical Program abstract deadline is week after next and the pace of submissions is increasing.

Kevin Alexander and the team has been working with PheedLoop to resolve some issues with the exhibitor portal. Good progress, and the exhibition is almost half filled already.

David Hansen is preparing the next round of publicity, and Password Productions (the A/V service) has been given access to the event platform.

Professional Education

Preston McDaniel reminded the board that we are developing a proposal for professional-level education and development.

Adjournment

Dell Doyle motioned, and Fernando Cevallos-Candau seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting until December 8. The motion carried. Ms. Bahrani declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.