

**Minutes of the Meeting of the South Texas Board of the Society of Plastics Engineers – 4/25/2022**

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

<b>Participants</b>	
Iman Bahrani, President	Jason Ball, Member at Large
Richard Keeler, Treasurer	Fernando Cevallos Candau, Member at Large
Preston McDaniel, Vice President	Clifford Lee, Member at Large
Tom Walsh, Secretary	David Hansen, Education Chair
Steve King, Membership	Janell Helton, Coordinator
Peter Lauzon, Past President	
<b>Attending</b>	
Donna Davis	

Opening: The Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM. A Quorum of the Board was declared.

Councilor Report: No Report

Programs: No Report. It was reported that Dell Doyle had a death in the family.

Treasurer’s Report: Richard Keeler reported that the 2022 Polyolefins Conference made an overall profit of \$180,00 prior to the distributions. All outstanding bills have been paid. There is a balance of \$327,500 in the checking account and \$119,163 in the savings account. The check to the Hotel has not cleared.

Education: David Hansen made a motion to pay up to \$20,000 in amounts of \$2,500 for each scholarship apportioned to the qualified recipient for children of active South Texas Board of Directors members. The motion was seconded by Tom Walsh. IN the discussions of the motion, David Hansen proposed to change the current deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> in the application, Form. The motion was called and passed by a unanimous vote.

Janell Helton was asked to send out an E-mail blast

Members of the Board of Directors:

Terms for three members of the Board are expiring., David Hansen, Education Chair, Clifford Lee and John Wagner, Members at Large. David and Clifford indicated that they were willing to run for new terms on the Board. John Wagner was travelling and unable to attend. He needs to be asked if he would like to run for a new term. Peter Lauzon moved to allow voting via electronic means to elect Board of Director members. The motion was seconded by Tom Walsh. Janell Helton was asked to put out a call to South Texas SPE members for nominations to the Board of Directors. The position of Councilor has also expired and Robert Portnoy has indicated he does not want to act as Councilor any longer. The Councilor position is open. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Lauzon indicated that the South Texas Section By-Laws need revision. He will begin the revisions and report at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Janell should ask for volunteers to replay by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tom Walsh will provide Janell with the current membership list.

Donna Davis asked to also be considered for election to the Board of Directors.

Iman Bahrani stated that Charles Tompkins is a South Texas Section member who indicated that he is interested in volunteering for service in the Section. Iman will follow up with Charles to see if he is interested in serving on the Board.

Donna Davis proposed that SPE Headquarters could send out the E-Blast. The Board indicated that we would do it ourselves through Constant Contact.

2021 Polyolefins Conference: Clifford Lee asked for an update on the Hilton Hotel situation. The amount outstanding in question with the Hilton Hotel is \$41,800. Peter Lauzon stated that he had contacted two attorneys and they recommended ignoring the bill from the Hilton. At this time the Hilton has not contacted us further on this matter. The distribution of profits from the 2021 Conference withheld the \$41,800 pending the resolution of this matter,

New Business: Other items in the agenda were postponed to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Our next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Tom Walsh, Secretary