

Minutes of the meeting of the South Texas Board of the Society of Plastics Engineers 9/13/2022

Participants	
Iman Bahrani, President	Jason Ball, Member at Large
Preston McDaniel, Vice President	Dell Doyle, Member at Large
John Wagner, Member at Large	Kumar Sanketh, Member at Large
David Hansen, Member at Large	Vassilios Galiatsatos, IPOC Chair
Donna Davis Member at Large	Janell Helton

Opening: Board meeting called to order at 5:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Preston McDaniel moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Donna Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Janell Helton reported there is a balance of \$178,112.55 in the checking account and \$119,168.74 in the savings account. First deposit to the San Luis/GCC has been made. Member earned scholarships have been distributed as well.

Councilor Report: None

An election was held and Steve Pontiff ran unopposed. The vote tally was 26 in favor and 1 write-in. Steve was approved as councilor for the section. This has been reported to International to update our volunteer roster. Thereby maintaining compliance with International.

Programs: Dell Doyle reported that the fall kick-off event registration is underway. We have a block of 30 tickets reserved for an Astros game on Tuesday, September 27. Ticket price is \$25 which includes a \$15 food voucher. Emails are going out weekly for registration to SPE members. It was decided to open up mailings to our blast list on Constant Contact. This list includes non-members.

Education: David Hansen reported that he is to meet with all liaisons to establish the education budget. Education budget has historically been 50-70K yearly. Based on preliminary budget it has been concluded that we can afford 50K this year.

David will also be in contact with the 8 schools about the upcoming IPOC 2023.

IPOC 2023: Vassilios Galiatsatos reported that the IPOC 2023 is on schedule.

- The plenary is full and the technical talks line-up is going well.
- The partner split has been distributed and agreed upon by all involved.

- Kevin Alexander hopes to have all information into Pheedloop by next week so we can open registration.
- Richard Keeler is working on putting sponsor tickets into Pheedloop.
- Janell Helton states that individual conference registrations on Pheedloop are ready to go.
- Iman Bahrani stated that IPOC 2024 contract has been signed.
- The dates for 2024 are February 18-21, 2024.

Discussions:

Motion was made by David Hansen to waive \$10 SPE-STX membership fee. This should help to increase our membership. Vote will take place by email that Janell Helton sends out.

Donna Davis inquired if the IPOC has a separate bank account. It was stated that there is not a separate account. The records in QuickBooks keep accurate documentation of where monies are spent with both the conference and section expenses.

David Hansen suggested that since we are financially sound we should spend more money on promoting our section. Donna Davis commented that we could spend money on professional member's development. This could potentially be a value add to membership and draw members. One area that Donna Davis has initiated talks would be in the arena of bio-plastics. A sub-group of Donna Davis, David Hansen, and Preston McDaniel was established to further investigate reaching the broader community with education programs. This group will report back with proposal(s).

Iman Bahrani brought up the fellows nomination, which at this point we haven't heard anything back from the candidate and it is basically too late to meet the October 1st deadline. Preston McDaniel stated that we need to begin to address this now for next year.

Next board meeting: October 11, 2022. 5-6 pm. Teams meeting

Janell Helton has sent email on behalf of Dell Doyle for Teams meeting. We no longer have board meetings on Uber, please delete these if they are on your calendar.

Adjournment: 6:00 pm.

Janell Helton, Section Coordinator