

SPE South Texas Section
Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Directors

Participants:

Iman Bahrani, President
John Wagner
Jason Ball
Steve King
Donna Davis
Dell Doyle
Preston McDaniel
Kumar Sanketh
Vassilios Galiatsatos (guest, Chair IPOC)
Janell Helton (section coordinator)

Call to Order

President Iman Bahrani called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Janell Helton had distributed the minutes of the December 8, 2022 board meeting. Dell Doyle moved to accept the minutes as distributed; Jason Ball seconded and the motion passed.

Council Report

None given

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances are Checking: \$386,109.67 Savings: \$119,172.65

Technical Program

Dell is in contact with Jeff Applegate to have a plant tour on February 9th.

Membership

Steve King reported our membership is remaining steady at 260. December was the 3rd straight month that we lost 4 people but also gain 4 people. Steve is also sending an email to all who do not renew to make them aware that their membership has expired.

Education

Steve King and Clifford Lee will be going to UT on January 17, 2023 to meet with faculty. The goal is to re-establish an active section within the university. Clifford will give a presentation about polymers and Steve will speak about the benefits of membership in SPE.

IPOC2023

Vassilios reported that for the IPOC we currently have:

over 100 papers

45 exhibitors

11 sponsors

Our final IPOC meeting prior to the conference will be February 13, 2023.

New Business

Discussion was had about re-starting the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Joe Geiman will charge \$1245.00 per issue. It was discussed that the first issue will be the end of January to highly promote the conference. The second issue will be in April to give a wrap-up about the conference. 3rd issue would be August/September to promote kick-off event and final issue would be October/November to promote conference.

Talk ensued as to sections of the newsletter that can be included:

Presidents letter

Upcoming Events

Why join SPE? Section member spotlight

Technical Article

Recognize Young Talent

Iman Bahrani made motion to re-start newsletter, Steve King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was also discussion about encouraging people to join SPE while at the conference and specifically to make them aware they can then select our section. Registration will have signage about this, this will be on the slides prior each session, if our section has a booth we can place information as well, also we could place this on table card at lunches. Janell will get with International about any information or fliers they might have and to get a QR code.

Adjournment

Donna Davis motioned, and Preston McDaniel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting until February 13, 2023. The motion carried. Iman Bahrani declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: *Due to the next regularly scheduled meeting falling on Valentine's Day it was decided that the next board meeting will take place directly after the IPOC meeting on Monday, February 13th at 6:00pm.*