

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Texas Board of the Society of Plastics Engineers – 6/13/2023

The June meeting of the SPE-STX Board of Directors was held virtually. There were enough members present to declare a quorum.

| Attendees | Attendees |
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| Iman Bahrani, President | Jason Ball, Member at Large |
| Preston McDaniel, Vice-President | Donna Davis, Member at Large |
| Steve King, Membership | Fernando Cevallos Candau, Member at Large |
| Richard Keeler, Treasurer | John Wagner, Member at Large |
| Steve Pontiff, Councilor | Vassilios Galliatsatos, 2023 IPOC Chair |
| Peter Lauzon, Past President | |
| Tom Walsh, Secretary | Janell Helton |

Opening: The Board meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes: Steve King moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. John Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Report: Steve Pontiff reported that the next Council meeting is scheduled for Jun 15th.

Treasurers Report: Richard Keeler reported that we have \$375,761.52 in our checking account and \$119,177.54 in the savings account. Donna Davis stated that the partnering groups on the 2023 IPOC still need to be paid (between \$60,000 to \$70,000.) Iman Bahrani asked for a motion to pay our partners for the 2023 IPOC and the 2021 IPOC. Steve King moved, and Donna Davis seconded the motion. The open amounts are \$10,706.66 for the 2021 IPOC and \$59, 785.70 for the 2023 IPOC. The motion passed unanimously.

Technical Programs: Dell Doyle - no report.

Education Committee: No report

Membership: Steve King reported that we have had an increase to a total of 313 members.

2023 Polyolefins Committee: Donna Davis and Preston MacDaniel reported the following recommendations for the 2024 IPOC.

- No live streaming presentations
- No Plenary Session
- All Presentations to be in-person.

Donna Davis will prepare a draft of the 2024 IPOC submission. Peter Lauzon moved that this submission be approved by email voting by the Board. Tom Walsh seconded the motion. Donna Davis agreed to send out a word document for the 2024 IPOC submission to be approved by email ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

South Texas section By-Laws: Tom Walsh to circulate a draft of revised South Texas By-Laws.

Board of Directors Composition: There are now three current or upcoming vacancies for Board of Directors positions; Davide Danise has resigned, David Hansen has resigned and Peter Lauzon's term as Past President is expiring. Janell Helton reminded the Board that she has to provide the listing of Board members and Officers to SPE Headquarters by June 15th. The South Texas membership elects Board of Directors members. The Board elects the President of the South Texas Section. Preston McDaniel reminded the Board that he is the Vice -President not the President elect. Preston will work with Janell Helton to get a request for volunteers to Board membership out to the membership by Friday (May 12th) and allow any volunteers to respond by May 22nd (10 days). Volunteers for Board membership must be members of the South Texas Section. Once a list of candidates is received, a ballot for election to the Board can be sent out by Janell Helton.

New Business:

Board of Directors Positions

- Clifford Lee was an alternate from the last election and now becomes a Member-at-Large to fill one of the two position opened by the two resignations.
- Steve Torchia was elected to the other open Member-at-Large position.
- Alisa Chen was not elected but becomes an alternate to fill any positions that become open before the next officer elections.
- The Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers for next year is composed of the current President, the past President, and the incoming President. They will meet on Friday the 16th to prepare a ballot for the election of officers.

Old Business:

Member Earned Scholarships: Steve King moved to approve payment to the six candidates listed in the agenda. Peter Lauzon seconded the motion. The candidates are Alex Ball, Bobak Rahimi, Cole Murphy, Matthew Ball, Mitra Rahimi and Nicholas Karjala. Peter Lauzon moved to amend the original motion to include the amount of the payment (\$2500 each). Steve King agreed to the amendment of his motion. The amended motion was passed unanimously.

Ethics: Richard Keeler mentioned that he sent out an email on ethics questions earlier in the day. Donna Davis moved to table this discussion until the July Board meeting. Peter Lauzon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Donna Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve King seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Tom Walsh, Secretary