

SPE-STX Board Meeting December 12, 2023

Attendees:

Iman Bahrani	Clifford Lee
Preston McDaniel	Alisa Chen
Jason Ball	Steve Tochia
Donna Davis	John Wagner
Kumar Sanketh	Janell Helton

Meeting Called to Order: 5:03pm

Approval of minutes: November minutes were approved later in the meeting when quorum established.

Counselor Report: Counselor not present. Donna Davis gave update. 30 of the groups grew in membership. 45 lost 11% members. The groups that grew had events—this actively drives membership.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer not present.

IPOC2024 Report: Program is almost live on Pheedloop. 130 talks. Sponsorships going well, exhibitor registrations are moving along. Registration and housing are in good shape. David Hansen to send publication specially about exhibitors and sponsors-going out soon.

Programs: Dell Doyle out but there is a possibility of virtual event in January.

Membership: Donna Davis/Preston McDaniel suggested to talk from IPOC platform about membership. Janell Helton stated November membership lost 6 members and gained 1.

Education Committee: Iman Bahrani stated David Hansen sent email to liaisons. Clifford Lee stated he and Steve King to possibly visit UT Austin within their chemical engineering department. Discussion about reaching out to U of H. We did offer tickets to Astros game but was met with weak response.

New Business: Discussion about recruiting from other schools than just Texas.

At IPOC 2024 have booth specifically to promote membership & student involvement. Jason Ball and Iman Bahrani volunteered for time slots to man booth.

Steve Tochia suggested looking into smaller schools that have professors that have done research in polymers. Sam Houston State University was mentioned.

By-laws still need work. Evaluate Tom Walsh's revision and Donna Davis' revision to come up with new by-laws to bring to a vote. Possible face-to-face meeting in January.

Motion to conclude meeting: Donna Davis moved to end meeting seconded by Jason Ball. Unanimously approved.

Action Item:

Send something to Bill & Suzanne Diecks to tell about endowment. Owner: Janell Helton

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:

Janell Helton
SPE-STX Coordinator



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