

SPE-STX Board Meeting April 9th, 2024, Minutes

Attendees:

Iman Bahrani	Steve Pontiff
Steve King	Donna Davis
John Wagner	Clifford Lee
Preston McDaniel	Dell Doyle
Janell Helton(non-voting)	

Quorum established: 5:05pm

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.

Councilor Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report:

All IPOC expense checks have cleared the bank except partner share.

Membership Report: Section gained 35 this past month and lost 10. Current membership is 397. 80% of new members are students.

One example was given that a former student member who attended IPOC is now going to be a liaison and is working in the field.

Preston McDaniel reported that DOW has ½ dozen people that have expressed interest in SPE-STX. DOW had 23 attendees at IPOC.

IPOC Report: Committee is anxious to begin preparations. Currently working with Pheedloop on contract. Fernando Cevallos-Candau, the sponsor chair, as reported by Donna Davis, plans to seek sponsorships from companies very soon.

Education Report: Good meeting was had with education team. Team is well rounded with liaisons and representatives. Rice and UT need both. Steve King reported that Jason Ball is currently working with Rice. People are needed to meet with professor and some students to get started. Dell Doyle was asked to get involved as time would allow.

Programs Report: The problem lies with the fact that renting locations is quite costly. Preston's father-in-law organized events so he will be asked to assess if there is a good locale for a meeting. One suggestion was the old post office.

New Business: 2024 elections need to be addressed. We have 5 BOD members that will be rotating off board. A discussion ensued about adding an addendum to by-laws to allow board members to run and serve on consecutive terms. Donna Davis suggested that we can suspend this section of the by-laws. Steve King noted that since we are in the process of expanding the section, we can get people from other areas to serve on board.

A motion was made by Donna Davis to defer election until restructure of the section has occurred. Motion was seconded by Steve King. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item:

Preston is putting together another meeting to expand section. First meeting had to be canceled. Steve King voiced that he would like to be included in this meeting. When talking with International, Preston will ascertain if we can hold off on submitting BOD and officers past the June 15th deadline to allow a later election thus allowing people from the newly expanded section to run for BOD positions.

Motion to adjourn by Preston McDaniel, seconded by Donna Davis, carries unanimously.

Next meeting: May 14th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Janell Helton, Section Coordinator

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