

**SPE-STX Board Meeting January 14, 2025
Minutes**

Attendees

Bahrani, Iman	X	Galiatsatos, Vassilios	X
Baker, Carl	X	Lauzon, Peter	X
Ball, Jason	✓	Lee, Clifford	✓
Cevallos-Candau, Fernando	✓	McDaniel, Preston	✓
Chen, Alisa	✓	Pontiff, Steve	X
Davis, Donna	✓	Sanketh, Kumar	✓
Doyle, Dell	X	Torchia, Steve	X
Helton, Janell (non-voting)	✓	Wagner, John	✓
Hansen, David (non-voting)	✓		

Standing Agenda:

- *Approve Minutes*
- *Counselor Report*
- *IPOC Update*
- *Treasurer Report*
- *Programs Update*
- *Membership Report*
- *Treasurer Report*
- *Educational Committee*
- *New Business:*

Quorum established at 5:00 P.M. (Central Time)

Approval of minutes : Approved unanimously

Counselor Report:

No report. There was no meeting of the SPE Council last month. Next meeting will take place in March during ANTEC.

IPOC Report

- **Sponsorships:** On target, about \$90,000 committed from various sponsors; may be a record. Souvenir backpacks will be procured at a local Houston embroiderP
- **Exhibitors:** On target, “Back to pre-COVID number of exhibitors. “New-Product presentations” will take place at the exhibition hall. This is a new offering for the conference, targeting the more “commercial” presentations.
- **Technical Program:** On target 140 technical presentations are expected. The largest ob record for the conference.
- **Registration:** Filling up, at 450 registered attendees as of January 14.
- **Publicity:** John Wagner has been posting in many Linked in groups and receiving a high number of impressions. Also, multiple e-mail blasts and press releases.

Treasurer Report

No report

Education Report:

- Contacted Egan Robinson at University of Houston to organize a Dinner with faculty and SPE student chapter members to mark the start of the endowment in honor of Bill and Suzanne Ditz. Targeted for March. Will invite the Rice University chapter as well.
- Large contingent of students will attend the IPOC conference. David Hansen is coordinating a student poster competition and the traditional student dinner on Sunday night,

Educational Program and events

- Plan to do a Polyolefins Business Update with a Consultant (ICIS?)
- See comments about meeting/Dinner at U of Houston above.

Membership:

No report. The membership chair remains vacant.

Board Membership and elections

- Election for board members is on-going.
 - Cycle for members is 3 years..
 - Donna Davis to lead an effort to recruit potential new board members.
 - The new board members can be in place by IPOC conference.
 - We need to actively recruit candidates for future board positions as they open.

Motion to conclude meeting: Unanimously approved. **Next Meeting: March 11, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by:
J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau
Secretary

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