

**SPE-STX Board Meeting March 11, 2025
Minutes**

Attendees

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

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

Introduction of new board member: Yangwei Liu

Member of SPE for about 4 years. Works for Kaneka in Pasadena, a polymer modifiers company. They are entering the Polyolefins market and fully support him on his work with SPE.

There will be elections for board members this summer

Counselor Report (Donna Davis):

First formal in-person council meeting in four years. Took place during the ANTEC conference. Agreed to meet 4-times per year, with two in person meetings and two virtual meetings. The new council is very enthusiastic. Elected Donna Davis as chair.

As an aside Donna gave an informal report on ANTEC: about half of the attendees compared to IPOC, 100 speakers with about 45 of them being students. There were about 45 student posters.

Preston Reports that SPE International is considering a Polyolefins Europe Conference in Spain.

IPOC Report (Donna Davis):**Preliminary findings:**

- **Survey results:** 62 responses, 20 % “Won’t miss it” 50 % “Will come again”. Overall score 4.3/5
 - Some Comments: “very convenient sharing of information”, “liked the recycling sessions”, “liked the 50th yr session”, “Student networking was great”, “Wednesday bag lunch came short”
- **Sponsorships:** \$91,600 may be a record, still waiting for a \$15,000 dollar commitment. Souvenir backpacks well liked. Door prizes on Wednesday were very successful.
- **Exhibitors:** 63 exhibitors.
- **Technical Program:** 128 technical presentations, 3 keynote speakers and a tutorial session.
- **Registration:** 883 attendees. \$260,000 collected on registration fees.
- Opportunities for improvement will be reported with final report.

Treasurer Report

No report

Education Report:

- Several section members interested in helping with the Education committee.
- Plans for dinner with University of Houston’s SPE student chapter.
- Baylor interested in hosting an event later this year.

Membership:

No report. Yangwei Liu will be the new committee chair.

Motion to conclude meeting: Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

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