

SPE-STX Board Meeting July 8, 2025

Minutes

Attendees:

Alisa Chen	Yangwei Liu
Carl Baker	Dell Doyle
Angela Padilla	Jason Ball
Steve Torchia	Preston McDaniel
Donna Davis	Janell Helton (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 5:10 PM

New officers read into the minutes by Janell Helton:

Jason Ball	President
Steve Torchia	President-Elect
Preston McDaniel	Past President
Donna Davis	Treasurer
Fernando Candau-Cevallos	Secretary

Councilor position vacant pending section membership vote. Bio information needed for Kumar Sanketh and Yangwei Liu for election.

Once the councilor election is complete, there will be 3 openings on the board. Suggestions were given. The desire is to solicit people to join the board with backgrounds varied from polyolefins. This will help to broaden the perspective and scope of our section as well as attract new members with different backgrounds.

Janell Helton will send out current membership to board members to aid in the recruitment process for board members.

Approval of minutes: Motion-Preston McDaniel Seconded-Steve Torchia
Approved unanimously.

Councilor Report: Donna Davis detailed that since our last meeting, there has not been a councilor meeting. The next in-person meeting will be in Pittsburgh, September 22, 2025. Councilor election will take place when bios are obtained.

IPOC Report (Preston McDaniel): The 1st meeting with the IPOC chairs was held last week. Budget has been approved by board.

1st payment to the GICC will be in September.

The program committee is actively meeting and working on program. Some great ideas are being generated. Big change-the recruitment of the keynote speakers will reside with the program committee. This will allow the program theme to remain consistent each day. The introduction of the raffle on the 3rd day of the conference was a success and will be continued.

Discussion ensued about having an outside networking event during the conference.

Treasurer Report: None given due to change in treasurer underway.

Programs Report (Dell Doyle): Astros game will once again be our Fall Kick-Off Event. Dell is in the process of getting tickets for September 2nd when the Astros play the Yankees. This is also Dollar Dog Night. There will potentially be a board meeting/networking social prior to the game. If this does occur a map of the meeting location needs to be distributed.

Membership Report: None given. Membership chair needed.

Education Report (David Hansen): Member earned scholarship checks will be granted to 4 students. These need to be issued once new treasurer is in place.

October 9th is the tentative date for the meeting at U of H. Rice students will also be invited. Tickets will need to be issued to have a headcount for food purchase.

Education committee is set to meet in August.

New Business: No new business

Meeting Adjourn 5:40 Motion-Donna Davis Second Preston McDaniel

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:

Janell Helton

Section Coordinator

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- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
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