

**SPE-STX Board Meeting September 9, 2025
Minutes**

Attendees

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

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 :

Motion to approve the minutes form the August meeting by Preston McDaniel, seconded by Donna Davis. Motion passes unanimously.

Counselor Report (Kumar Sanketh): Kumar will be attending his first meeting as counselor. Request from out board members to inquire about the plans for a SPE Sponsored Polyolefins conference in Europe, particularly about their plan for a 2026 conference. Additional input form the board respecting dates for ANTEC, which takes place very close to the date of the IPOC conference.

Board Openings: Motion by Iman Bahrani to table nominations until October meeting. Approved unanimously. Preston will forward a list of potential board members to Jason for consideration of the nominating committee.

IPOC Report (Preston McDaniel):

All committees for the 2026 conference are up and running. Call for papers will be coming out soon, the website for the conference is up and running.

The 2026 conference will take place Monday-Thursday on February 23-26, 2026.

Treasurer Report (Donna Davis):

Current Balances:

Checking: \$352,165.73 (earning 0.02 % interest)

Savings: \$ 119,205.11 (earning 0.02 % interest)

The treasurer recommends that we invest on 3 certificates of deposit staggered as follows:

2 CD's for \$100,000 at 3.9 % interest with a term of 3 months

1 CD for \$100,000 at prevailing interest rate with a term of 5 months.

Motion by Donna Davis asking the South Texas Section of SPE transfer \$200,000 to purchase 2 CD's maturing at 3 months and to transfer \$100,000 for a CD maturing at 5 months. Seconded by Carl Baker. Motion carries unanimously.

The treasurer also unveiled a 2025-2026 budget recommendation of \$642,285. The recommendation would move about \$20,000 from the education budget to be used nonmember meetings. This new budget would reduce retained earnings by about \$10,000 vs previous budgets.

The budget will be discussed and approved in the October meeting.

Education Report (David Hansen):

The education budget will be discussed as part of the general budget discussion in the October meeting. Otherwise no report.

Membership:

No report. Yanwei Liu is the new chair and will present a report in October.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

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