

**SPE-STX Board Meeting January 15, 2026  
Minutes**

**Attendees**

Baker, Carl	✓	Impelman, Ryan	✓
Ball, Jason	✓	Lee, Clifford	✓
Cevallos-Candau, Fernando	✓	Liu, Yangwei	✓
Chen, Alisa	✓	McDaniel, Preston	✓
Davis, Donna	✓	Padilla, Angela	✓
Doyle, Dell	✓	Sherman, Robert	✓
Helton, Janell (non-voting)	✓	Sanketh, Kumar	✓
Hansen, David	✓	Torchia, Steve	✓

*Agenda: See Attachment 1*

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

**Approval of minutes : The minutes were approved unanimously**

**Introductions (All):** Current Board members introduced themselves to the two new board members (Robert Sherman and Ryan Impelman).

**Counselor Report (Kumar Sanketh):**

- Next Council meeting will take place during the ANTEC conference March 9-12 in Pittsburgh.
- There will be intense discussion on the changes that SPE will undergo as it merges with PLASTICS.
- Question: Will we get access to their Mailing List for IPOC publicity?
- Individual membership in PLASTICS is for employees of companies that are corporate members.

**IPOC update (Preston McDaniel)**

- The preparations for the conference are all on track
- Hotels are almost full
- All exhibition booths are sold as well as the conference rooms
- Sponsorships on track, most sponsorship opportunities sold, except for the Welcome Reception
- The program is full and published, We have a good line-up for the plenary sessions and the tutorial session.

A potential conflict was highlighted with an announcement made by Polymer Char that they will have an event coinciding with the last day of our conference at the same location. Preston will communicate with them to resolve.

### **Phishing attack attempt (all)**

An attempt was made to a member of the board who realized that there was an attempt to scam him and our treasurer and quickly alerted all board members. There was no loss to STX.

The treasurer's name and information will be removed from the website. Other protection measures will be studied and implemented.

### **Education Report (David Hansen):**

- Presentation a Rice University on January 27 is on track
- Food and drink can't be brought the auditorium but can be offered in the outside area. Will coordinate with the student chapter.
- David Hansen is coordinating with all the advisors at the supported student chapters to get attendance lists for students participating in the IPOC.

### **Treasurer Report (Donna Davis):**

- \$284,967.12 in our Frost Bank checking account.
- \$403,313.97 in our Frost Bank CD.
- Last quarter, the CD earned \$3,313.97 in interest. For the next quarter, it will earn 3.02%, maturing April 1, 2026.
- We ended 2025 with \$242,385.50 in checking, including December deposits of \$117,278.09 almost completely from IPOC. December withdrawals were \$8,655.42. As is typical, almost all of our income is from IPOC, and our expenses are divided between IPOC, student chapter support, and ongoing operations.

### **Membership Report (Yangwei Liu):**

As of today we have 484 members(+11 from last month) with 426 active, 56 expired.

- Jangwei will remind the 26 that are set to expire by the end of January to renew their membership.
- Our numbers on LinkedIn are also growing. Continue to like posts on LinkedIn and repost.

### **Openings at the board (Jason Ball)**

- Iman Bahrani, who was previously a board member, is proposed as a new member.
- Jason proposed to change the by-laws to allow for the addition of 1 student to the board. One idea that was discussed would be allowing interested students to "campaign" at the IPOC by giving a short(30 second) pitch as to why they would like to participate of the board.
- Other discussion revolved around the term, either 6-months or 1 year. Another idea was to let the interested students pitch at the IPOC student dinner.
- Discussion concluded with tabling until February where we will discuss how to implement.

### **Section Activities and Education (Dell Doyle)**

- Dell told of an additives colleague out of Toronto that may be interested in being a speaker at a meeting in April or May.
- There was also discussion about soliciting potential meeting speakers at the IPOC by having a sign-up sheet or a QR code to Google Docs. We can also email all IPOC attendees to solicit interest. Another idea for speakers would be to have members of other sections give talks.
- Lock down the date for Astros game now so we can give more publicity. The possibility of going to two games throughout the year was discussed. Another potential outing would be going to a Skeeters game or a Rockets game.
- The thought was also brought up of re-instating the monthly morning meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the IHOP at I-10 & Washington. Would anyone be interested in championing this?
- Dell will follow up on options for the games for next month's meeting.

**New Business**

Donna brought up the need to be in compliance with the state by yearly filing a State Corporate Annual Report to the Secretary of State of Texas. We have been negligent with this due to not knowing it needed to be done but we are now in good standing & current with the state. We need to find a registered agent to handle this yearly for our section.

The report would include potential information as follows:

- Legal Name & Address
- Names/Addresses of Directors & Officers
- Registered Agent Information
- A statement of purpose or activities

This information is dependent on what the state requires.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 (Central Time)

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2026**

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

# Agenda

## **1/15/2026 SPE-STX Board Meeting**

1. Approve minutes.
2. Councilor report.
3. IPOC update
4. Discuss Phishing/Scam incident, Prevention?
5. Discuss Rice Presentation 1/27/2026 6 PM
6. Education Committee
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Membership report.
9. Present openings on the Board, nominate Iman
10. Change Bylaws to add one student Board member.
11. Del on March Speaker at U of H?
12. Any other ideas for meetings or member interactions?
13. New Business.
14. Adjourn.