

SPE-STX Board Meeting May 12, 2026 Minutes

Attendees:

Iman	Bahrani	ü	Ryan	Impleman	
Carl	Baker	ü	Clifford	Lee	
Jason	Ball	ü	Yangwei	Liu	ü
Fernando	Cevallos-Candau		Preston	McDaniel	ü
Alisa	Chen		Angela	Padilla	ü
Donna	Davis	ü	Kumar	Sanketh	ü
Dell	Doyle	ü	Robert	Sherman	ü
David	Hansen		Steve	Torchia	ü
Janell	Helton (NV)	ü			

1. Agenda:

Approve minutes.

2. IPOC

3. Councilor report.

4. Upcoming Webinar status

a. How will the webinar go off?

b. Next meeting, webinar?

5. Treasurer's report.

6. Education Committee

7. Breakfast/Lunch meeting, June in the Woodlands?

8. Other get-togethers, such as pickleball.

9. Status on the baseball game.

10. Membership report.

a. Survey the Board for all ideas for future events, meetings, etc. Use as a basis for B

b. Survey the members as to what they would like to see in the future. Give incentives such as a drawing for free admission to future events for returning the survey.

11. Change Bylaws to add one student Board member, did we? Make this a publicity position.

12. New Business.

13. Adjourn.

Quorum established at 5:01 PM

Approval of minutes: Motion Steve Torchia, 2nd Donna Davis, Motion passed unanimously

IPOC Report(Preston McDaniel):

Growth in 2026:

- Highest Attendance (1021 Individuals)
- Most Exhibitors (67)
- Most Exhibit Hall Revenue
- Most Meeting Room Revenue

Key Takeaways:

- Expenses (less 2025 backpacks) remained level from 2025 to 2026
- Registration revenue down
- Additional revenue over 2025 was made from Exhibitors and Meeting Rooms

Discussion: Do we have the correct partners? Do our current partners bring attendees? Should they bring in exhibitors and or sponsors?

This would be beneficial to all in the partner split of the proceeds.

Motion by Preston McDaniel-To increase PMAD split from 4 to 5 sessions.

2nd-Donna Davis

Motion passed with 1 no vote

Joe Machado has done fantastic job with technical program but would like less involvement to enjoy retirement. Preston announced that Angela Padilla has graciously accepted stepping into the IPOC Technical Chair role.

Councilor Report (Kumar Sanketh): Nothing to report. Next meeting June 4, 2026. Will bring update to July 2026 meeting.

Upcoming Webinar Status (Donna Davis): Everything is in place with speakers. Current registrations stand at 42. Emails and posts on LinkedIn will continue to boost registrations.

Next webinar-Held during the fall discussing recycling. Possible mini-event, multi-hour at U of H in conjunction with a speaker from IPOC 2027 as a teaser.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Davis):

As of the moment, we have \$383,042.91 in checking and \$406,317.28 in our CD. The CD is earning 3.26% and will renew on 6/30. We are earning about \$3,000/quarter. Our intent is to cover all expenses out of checking and have the CD funds available as needed.

We currently have an outstanding payment to the San Luis Resort for \$175k which will be wired this week. Additionally, we will be paying \$57,502.30 to our IPOC partners. This will leave \$149,766.31 in checking (we have two checks totaling \$550 which have been returned undeposited.)

We should plan on reviewing next year's budget at the June meeting for July implementation. Key items for the budget will be the IPOC and Education Committee budgets as well as any other special initiatives.

Education Report: No report given.

Dell proposal for help with pipe fusion initiative. Postponed-agenda item for next meeting.

Breakfast/Lunch Club (Donna Davis): A location will be sought for a possible July meeting in The Woodlands.

Other activities/get-togethers (Steve Torchia): Pickleball at the Chicken & Pickle or Bumpy Pickle. Inexpensive to rent space, have a pro give lesson prior to play. Another option would be Top Golf.

Jason Ball suggested sending survey to board for top social activities. From this survey send one to membership to get an idea of what appeals to our membership and interested parties.

Status on June 2 Astros Game (Dell Doyle): 22 tickets currently sold. Any new tickets given to students with at least 48 hours or better option to potential SPE-STX members. Between Steve & Dell currently 6 tickets to people in industry.

Membership Report (Yangwei Liu): As of today, we have 507 members (+6), 456 active (+9). I will remind 24 current members who would expire by the end of May. LinkedIn page: 791 followers (+14). We are growing steadily. Please all board members like posts on LinkedIn and repost.

Key activities:

PTIC on 4/17. Donna presented scholarships to undergraduate students; David presented scholarships to graduate students; I received a certificate from student chapter for giving career presentation in March. I brought 30 copies of Why and How to Join SPE-STX and distributed out, shared SPE-STX upcoming events, and encouraged students to get involved.

Student on Board (Jason Ball): What is a good role for student on the board? Outreach is a possibility or help with publicity. Discussions will continue.

New Business (Preston McDaniel): Motion to continue using Pheedloop as online platform for the IPOC. 2nd Donna Davis. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 PM Motion Dell Doyle 2nd Preston McDaniel

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026 Unless scheduled for another time due to pre-Astros game meeting on June 2, 2026. Stay tuned for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janell Helton

SPE-STX Coordinator

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