

## SPE-STX Board Meeting April 14, 2026 Minutes

### Attendees:

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

### Agenda:

1. Approve minutes.
2. IPOC -Preston not here tonight
3. Rice Presentation April,
  - a. What went well and not so well?
  - b. Thoughts on what we should do differently
  - c. Next meeting, webinar?
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Education Committee
6. Membership report.
7. Breakfast meeting
8. Dell on two baseball games.
9. Councilor report.
10. Change Bylaws to add one student Board member, did we?
11. New Business.
12. Adjourn.

### Quorum established at 5:03 PM

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

**IPOC Update:** Waiting on the bill from the GICC. Once received final accounting will be done.

### Rice Presentation in April:

- *What went well:* great speaker, talk well received, good interaction among attendees
- *Future events-how to improve:*

- drive more networking prior to the talk
- start later in the evening.
- Evaluate the zoom perspective-we want more people in person.
- Change meeting location to different quadrants of Houston
- Have a meeting at HCC
- *Next meeting:* Webinar Chemical & Materials for Defense 8 or 9 AM. Date to be finalized

### **Treasurer's report (Donna Davis):**

We don't know why U of H is not delivering the student chapter payments to Megan Robertson, but we are redirecting replacement checks to her home address.

The one large outstanding invoice for IPOC is the Galveston Convention Center. Rachel Keshock is chasing it down; it was promised weeks ago.

To date, all expenses have been consistent with the budget. It is reasonable for us to review student chapter activities, given our significant financial support, particularly for UNT.

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

Member earned scholarship application period open. Currently, we have 1 application.

Several universities do not deposit checks within the 90 day window that checks are viable.

Soft Matter Conference-rotates from school to school. This year at A & M. David has been approached to advertise on our website and to sponsor. Agreed to post on our website.

Education committee will meet in June or July to prepare the education budget.

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

As of today, we have 501 members (+8), 447 active (+15).

I will remind 14 current members who will expire by the end of April.

Linkedin page: 777 followers (+6). Of the 501, 107 are student members.

Donna commented to stay in front of people we need to post to LinkedIn every two weeks.

Yang would like to see a post on LinkedIn that details how to join SPE-STX. He has created a document detailing the benefits of membership and how to join.

We currently have a publicity chair for the IPOC but we need one for SPE-STX.

**Breakfast Bunch Meeting:**

2 attendees in April

Iman commented that when it was at it's height LinkedIn did not exist but it is still a good option to network. It may take some time to build it up. Any board member that attends should pick up the tab and get reimbursed.

June-Lunch Bunch in the Woodlands, Donna will locate location-date to be determined.

**Dell on 2 Baseball Games:**

Games are scheduled. Boardroom secured for both. Publicity is going out weekly. J  
June game has 9 tickets sold, August has 3 tickets sold.

**Councilor Report (Kumar Sanketh):**

Nothing to report. Will see in the next few months what the councilor position will entail with SPE.

**Change by-laws to add 1 student on board:**

Still in discussion.

**New business:**

Should we consider a golf outing? Not very profitable for amount of work involved. Golf course charges quite high.

Other possibilities for networking: Pickle ball at Chicken & Pickle, Top Golf, Houston Food Bank

**Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM**

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2026**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Janell Helton

SPE-STX Coordinator

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