

**SPE-STX Board Meeting March 17, 2026  
Minutes**

**Attendees**

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

**Agenda:** See Attachment 1

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

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

**Counselor Report (Kumar Sanketh):**

- Question and answer session during ANTEC with president of SPE International, the main message was “Nothing will change” after the merger. However many of the questions presented by Donna (who collected them from other members of the council) were not properly addressed.
- As a point of interest, ANTEC has about 365 registered attendees, 7 exhibitors and 135 papers were presented.

**IPOC update (Preston McDaniel)**

- Preston thanked the board of the support for the conference
- The conference was record breaking in many ways A full debrief will be reported in April. Some highlights:
  - 1011 registrations
  - 68 exhibitors
  - Final accounting is not completed but it looks like total revenue was about \$595,000
- A more structured organization is needed, due to the nature of this now larger conference. Particularly important for the 2027 conference, which will happen early in the month of February. Particularly needed for the technical program, which has become a very large program.
- Very good feedback from attendees on the change to Monday-Thursday.

**Expanding the use of Share-file presentations from previous conferences (donna Davis)**

- We have received requests for presentations going back to 2017
- Also some presenters want copies of their live presentations, particularly the presenters of the tutorial sessions.

- Significant discussion of pros and cons of the proposal. There will be a more formal discussion in the April meeting. Please refer to the attached file for the initial presentation.

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

- Presentation at Rice University is now scheduled for April 7.
- Overviews Engineering Thermoplastics & High Performance Polymers. Presented in-person and over Zoom
  - Will use Zoom account belonging to David Hansen
  - Food and drinks will be organized by the student chapter of SPE
  - At the time of this meeting there were 18 zoom registrations and 21 in person.
- Next Educational Activity will take place at University of Houston, we don't have a topic yet.
- Another possible topic is "Polymers that are used in Defense Applications" The presenter is based in Europe, so it will be a Zoom activity.

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

- We are still awaiting large invoices for GICC for IPOC. We have paid the A/V supplier and the exhibition manager. We currently have \$400,972.51 in checking and \$403,313.97 in the CD.
- We have paid Northwest Registered Agent to file our annual report with the Connecticut Secretary of State. They will bill for the actual filing later this month. We will work with the accountant to file the independent 501(c)3 paperwork.

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

- We have 493 members (same as last month), 432 active (+4), 61 expired, I will remind 9 who will expire by the end of March.
- LinkedIn page followers got a big boost: 771 followers (+44) likely due to the successful IPOC.

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

- Astros/in person board meeting in Houston on June 2, 2026 followed by an Astros baseball game
  - **Motion by Steve Torchia: I move to allocate resources for a second meeting/ballgame on August 18. Seconded by Dell Doyle. Approved unanimously.**
  - The meeting will be advertised for members at \$30 dollars and at \$40 for non members.
- Breakfast meeting: Still scheduled for April 2. Needs to be publicized. Dale to communicate details to Janell for a Constant Contact email blast.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 (Central Time)

#### **Next Meeting: April 14 2026**

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

# Agenda

## 3/17/2026 SPE-STX Board Meeting

1. Approve minutes.
2. Councilor report.
3. IPOC
  - a. Any ballpark final numbers?
  - b. Anything else for us to consider?
4. Rice Presentation April,
  - a. How many are signed up?
  - b. Whose Zoom are we using?
  - c. What food/refreshments should we provide?
  - d. Next meeting, U of H, when, subject?
5. Education Committee
  - a. Support of Texas A&M meetings - Dave
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Membership report.
8. Dell on two baseball games.
  - a. Dates
  - b. Formal vote on the second game.
9. Breakfast meeting
10. Change Bylaws to add one student Board member, did we?.
11. New Business.
12. Adjourn.