

**SPE-STX Board Meeting June 16, 2026
Minutes**

Attendees

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

Agenda: See Attachment 1

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

Approval of minutes :

- Motion to approve: Donna Davis. Seconded by Steve Torchia. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- There were no minutes taken at the ballpark meeting on June 2, 2026.

Counselor Report:

- More details on the merger with PLASTICS will be shared this summer.
- ANTEC will be re-streamlined and will have more of an academic focus. The plan is to sell one ticket for a combined ANTEC/PLASTICS conference. The exhibitor show will be accessible with a separate ticket for those wanting to only attend the exhibitor show.

IPOC update (Preston McDaniel)

- The board needs to approve the partner agreement for the 2027 Conference
- An additional \$30,000 was owed to the Galveston Convention Center. This extra cost was not factored on the revenue shared with our partners. The South Texas session will absorb these unexpected costs. Our share of the conference is reduced to \$113,148.69.
- The costs for the convention center have increased every year; not unusual given the current inflationary pressures, other conferences are experiencing similar cost increases. Most of the cost increase comes from additional food costs.
 - The budget for the 2027 includes an increase in revenue of about 5% across all revenue items. We will

have discussions with the convention center to find ways to reduce costs. And we need a commitment to find ways of increasing revenue with minimal impact to the conference and specially the registration fees.

- A proposed budget is included in attachment 2.
- Motion by Preston McDaniel: I move that the board approves the proposed budget for IPOC 2027 as outlined. Furthermore, I move that the board approve the list of partners as outlined in the budget proposal. Motion seconded by Steve Torchia Motion is approved unanimously.

Education Report (David Hansen): No report

Treasurer Report (Donna Davis):

- Revenue sharing with all co-sponsors is complete.
- Paid the Pheedloop invite for the 2027 IPOC Conference.
- Account balances:
 - Checking:
 - CD:

Membership Report (Yangwei Liu): No report

Section Activities and Education (Dell Doyle)

- Astros Game/Meeting on June 2 was a success. All tickets were used/sold.
- Second meeting/ballgame on August 18. Seven tickets have been sold.
 - A proposal by member Forest Busby could result in a presentation centered on current job market, skills needed for the current job market plus potentially a job fair. More details are needed. Potentially partner with a University.
 - Potentially for July a presentation on the current state of the Chemical market by ICIS.
- Results on the Session Activities Survey:
 - Top Golf is the number one activity. Possibly by November
 - Pickle Ball is the second best. Steve Torchia will organize a Pickle Ball outing for September.

Section Governance (all)

- **Publicity Chair:** Discussion on the need for a dedicated Publicity Chair for the South Texas Section. The candidate doesn't need to be a board member, but we have two alternate board members who could take this leadership role.
- **Student representatives at the board:** David Hansen will submit recommendations.

Miscellaneous notices: Please send pictures from the June 2 meeting/Astros Game to Janell for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 (Central Time)

Next Meeting: July 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

Agenda

6/16/2026 SPE-STX Board Meeting

1. New Board member Alisa Chen, and 2 alternates, Edgard Chow and Paula Sans
2. Approve minutes.
3. IPOC
4. Education Committee
5. Donna had another speaker? Breakfast/Lunch meeting, June in the Woodlands?
6. Dell on ICIS meeting
7. Results of the survey
8. Membership report
 - a. Survey the members as to what they would like to see in the future. Give an incentive, such as a drawing for free admission to future events, for returning the survey.
9. Treasurer's report.
10. Upcoming Webinar status
11. Councilor report.
12. Status on the baseball game.
13. New Business.
14. Adjourn.

Attachment 2

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR IPOC 2027 (ESTIMATED)	
Event: Venue, Housing, Catering, Exhibit	\$310,000
Program	\$88,500
Education Expenses	\$12,000
Sponsorships	\$11,000
Publicity	\$12,000
Registration	\$15,500
Office Expenses & Travel	\$1,500
Credit Card Fees	\$19,500
Event Photography	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$473,000
TARGETED REVENUE FOR IPOC 2027	
Exhibit	\$314,000
Registration	\$192,000
Sponsors	\$68,000
Meeting Rooms	\$61,000
TOTAL	\$635,000
TARGETED NET INCOME	\$162,000

PROPOSED PARTER SPLIT FOR IPOC 2027 (25 SESSIONS)	
SPE STX: \$110,160	50% + 18% (9 sessions)
PMAD: \$16,200	10% (5 sessions)
TPM&F: \$6,480	4% (2 sessions)
FlexPack: \$9,720	6% (3 sessions)
EPSDIV: \$6,480	4% (2 sessions)
Building & Infrastructure: \$3,240	2% (1 session)
Advanced Rheology: \$6,480	4% (2 sessions)
Extrusion Division: \$3,240	2% (1 session)