

**SPE-STX Board Meeting July 14, 2026
Minutes**

Attendees

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

Agenda: On the absence of the chairman we followed the agenda from the June meeting

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.

Counselor Report:

- ANTEC will be ,re streamlined and will have more of an academic focus, will consist of about 90 papers
- AI paper work has been finalized t officially register the South Texas section as a non profit in the state of Connecticut.

IPOC update (Preston McDaniel by Email)

- The IPOC Committee met yesterday evening for the 2nd time to continue planning for the 2027 conference
 - We discussed a 3% increase in exhibitor and registration fees to help cover the rising costs at the conference
 - Discussed options for attracting exhibitor to the conference – specifically during an NPE year.
 - Extending option for email blast to exhibitors
 - Elevating New Product Showcase on the exhibit hall floor
 - Other ideas?
 - We are auditing the additional expenses associated with hotels at the 2026 conferences and planning to implement the use of a registration code system for booking hotels
- We are targeting the end of this month to open the speaker and exhibitor portals in Pheedloop

- Angela has begun meeting with Program Committee and drafted a call for abstracts

Education Report (David Hansen):

- The education committee will meet in July to set budget priorities for education.
- Will decide how to parse grants to college chapters of SPE based on how active they are.
- Current education budget allocation is \$80,000

Treasurer Report (Donna Davis):

- June was a relatively quiet month financially for the Section with the exception on the ongoing discussions about the late invoice from GICC for IPOC.
- The outstanding invoice for IPOC is \$30,000; we discussed it briefly at the last meeting, having just received it the day before. The difference is attributed to “hotel attrition”: late cancellations and no-shows. There were also other unusual charges, so we are investigating further before paying.
 - As discussed during the June meeting, we had already paid our partners (and the GICC!), so the entire amount will come from our Section treasury, amounting to about 7.5% of the CD.
 - David Hansen feels we should keep the student education budget level at \$80k and simply absorb the difference. We invite your comments and suggestions. As you know, outside of the direct conference expenses, the education budget consumes most of our net proceeds every year.

Membership Report (Yangwei Liu by email):

- As of July 14 we have 501 members (-6 from June), 439 active (+2). 10 current members who would expire by the end of July.
- Summer seems to be a relatively flat time. Please keep liking and reposting on social media platform.

Section Activities and Education (Dell Doyle and Steve Torchia)

- **Pickleball Social.** Here are two great Pickleball locations. Quotes are for 20 people on a T, W, or Th evening 6 to 8pm, 2 hours X 2 courts.
 - **Pickle & Wings** Located off South Loop Beltway 8 between 288 and I45.
 - Food and Play Package – \$1,000
Includes 2 hours court rental, paddles, pickleballs, beginner-friendly training equipment, and food for approximately 20 guests.
 - Drink Budget – \$500
Includes up to two alcoholic or nonalcoholic drinks based on each guest’s preference.
 - **Casa Pickle**
 - Located at intersection of South Beltway 8 and I45
 - Wide range of food and beverage options.
 - 2 Courts plus private Lounge = \$400 plus food & beverages
 - Quote and menu is attached.
 - Estimate \$600 to \$900 for food & beverage.
 - \$1000 to \$1300 range depending on F&B.
 - **Motion by Steve Torchia:** propose that we select Pickle & Wings (or equivalent venue) for a “pickle ball” social event to take place in September 2026. The subsidized price for attendees will be set at \$20.00. Seconded by Donna Davis. **Approved unanimously**
- **Astros Game in August 18:** So far 8 tickets sold.
- **Further Activities:** Possible talk on the Extended Product Responsibility laws and regulations on the Plastics

industry, possibly with a joint sponsorship with the Flexible Plastics Association.

Section Governance (all)

- **Student representatives at the board:** David Hansen will submit recommendations after September.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 PM Central after motion to adjourn by Donna Davis

Next Meeting: August 11, 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)