SPE-STX Board Meeting September 8, 2026
Minutes

Attendees

Baker, Carl	X	Impelman, Ryan	✓
Ball, Jason	✓	Lee, Clifford	X
Bahrani, Iman	X	Liu, Yangwei	X
Cevallos-Candau, Fernando	✓	McDaniel, Preston	✓
Chen, Alisa	✓	Padilla, Angela	✓
Davis,Donna	X	Sans, Paula	X
Edgar Chow	✓	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 :

- Motion to approve. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IPOC update (Preston McDaniel)

- The IPOC planning progressing well in all fronts
    - Strong technical program.
    - Results of discussions with Galveston Convention Center (David Thomson) on the $30,000 charge form 2026 conference.
        - $12,000 is a legitimate expense, not related to hotel room attrition.
        - There is a $18,000 charge on hotel room attrition nights. This charge is a “negotiable expense”
        - A $30,000 deposit is due now and we will pay. We will defer payment on the $18,000 that are “negotiable” We will look more carefully at how attrition nights are calculated for 2027.
    - The conference will happen during the calendar Mardi Grass, but not during the Galveston Celebration of Mardi Grass, which will be the following weekend. Is this a marketing opportunity for the conference?
    - Key note speakers” A PEPSICO executive talking about EPR on the first day. Industry overview by. Consultant on the second day. Still looking for a speaker of the last day of the conference.

Counselor report (Kumar Sanketh): Nothing new to report

Treasurer Report: No report

Education Report (David Hansen):

- The education education budget will be finalized in the September meeting of the education committee. The budget will be in-line to the previous year's budget at about $70,000 to $80,000. Dale Doyle will be invited to discuss his proposal for a school or training on plastic pipe installation.
    - $10,000 of the budget will be directed to the more active student clubs as an incentive.
- Student board member: Several ideas were discussed.
    - Student should be or should have been an officer of a Student chapter
    - Should we hold an election?
    - There should be a student alternate.
    - By-laws would need to be reviewed and modified. Fernando Cevallos-Candau/David Nansen and Jason Ball to study and report to the board.
- Need input and volunteers to present at Student Chapters. There is some travel money available. Please submit names and topics to David Hansen. Students are eager to hear about career paths. Potentially, a talk given at one school can be advertised to the other clubs and broadcasted as a webinar.

Membership Report (Yangwei Liu by email):

- As of 9/9/26, we have 495 members (-1), 433 active (-7). 22 current members would expire at the end of September. Our LinkedIn page has 808 followers (+6).
- August is a slow month along with missed renewals, likely due to the summer travels and the start of new school year. Since LinkedIn continues to attract more followers, I have started to use our LinkedIn account to like and repost board member's professional updates. This helps to increase our visibility. Board members who have access to our LinkedIn account, please help to do that too.
- On the other side, it is helpful to post recaps with group pictures after each event.
- If several members attend same conference, they can take group photos and post as well.

Section Activities and Education (Dell Doyle and Steve Torchia)

- **Presentation on recycling**, with an emphasis in marketing. No date yet.
- T**op Golf at the Woodlands:** Planned for November 5 at an approximate cost of $1,017. There will be a charge of $10.00/person.
- **Talk about Status of PE Business:** No response yet for ICIS. Will keep trying to find alternative talks

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 PM Central after a motion to adjourn by Dell Doyle. Seconded by Ryan Impelman.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026
Respectfully submitted by:
J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau
Secretary

Attachment 1

Agenda

9/08/2026 SPE-STX Board Meeting

1. Approve minutes.
2. Education Committee
    a. Budget
    b. Split of extra funds
    c. Student member.
    d. Do any board members have presentations they could do if requested by universities?
3. IPOC
    a. Status on $30K charge; do we share with the other participants
    b. Status on everything else.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Councilor's report.
6. Membership report
7. Status on pickleball.
8. Status on Topgolf.
9. Do we hold more presentations at universities
10. Donna, anything for the Fall/Winter
11. Dell on ICIS meeting
12. New Business, anything else we missed?
13. Adjourn.