

POLY BUSINESS MEETING – ACS FALL NATIONAL MEETING 2023
IN PERSON (AUGUST 13, 2023)
SAN FRANCISCO CA – MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL (GOLDEN GATE C1)

Present: Total at start of meeting: 37

Highlights Summary of Motions and Votes

Motion 1 (*Justin*): Approve minutes from last meeting (2nd *Alan*).

o **Vote: Unanimous - yes**

Detailed Minutes and Discussions:

Start 12:24

CHAIR'S WELCOME (Guymon)

Opening comments, Brief introductions

(SLIDES) General meeting agenda, 2023 POLY Elections slate Vice Chair, Councilor, Treasurer, Alt Councilor.

MOVE to approve minutes from last meeting. (*Justin*) 2nd *Alan*– **All votes yes.**

VICE CHAIR (Poree)

National Meetings & Programming (Orski)

(SLIDES) 2023 Indy Review, Current meeting awards and symposia, upcoming meetings, and programming details.

- 2023 Spring Indy –(oral presentation overview) 278 in person, 121 hybrid, 36 virtual.
- Abstract submissions are rebounding following the pandemic.
- 2024 Spring NOLA – Levi Moore (abstracts now open, due early October)
- 2024 Fall Denver – Danniebelle Haase (still soliciting symposia and organizers) (see slides for links to contact/organize)
- 2025 Spring 2025 – Julia Kalow (Recruiting symposia proposals and organizers)
- New Initiatives: Continuity with business office, programming events to thank organizers, programming workshop
 - o SWOT matrix (see slide) identifies strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
- PROGRAM CHAIR GUIDEBOOK – an ongoing and updated resource for those interested.

DISCUSSIONS: no comments.

IAB (Brown & Ting)

(SLIDES) General information, members, focus of the IAB in 2023, small company recruitment, and new initiatives.

- The new co-chair (new role) of IAB is Jeff Ting.

- o Co-chair now overtaking Awards, Initiatives, Membership, and Programming
- IAB sponsorships of Graduate Student Travel Awards, and NGRPC continues
- New Industry Networking Group (NING) has been formed to facilitate informal gatherings and interactions in a virtual space for the polymer industry community.
- Small Company Recruitment – effort to bring in smaller industry to IAB (Nanite and Citrine are good examples of outreach effort and the reduced cost is facilitating interest)
- More interaction between IAB and ACS Regional Meetings is ongoing (initiate event at NERM)

Awards (Poree)

(SLIDES) Many POLY Awards are upcoming, deadlines are in slides and on POLY websites

- PLEASE NOMINATE PEOPLE to promote a healthy award program

Discussion: Kalow is initiating a new award for the General Topics POLY Symposia starting this meeting (best presenters in the General Topics sessions)

Membership (Knauer)

(SLIDES) Info on: Membership numbers, budget, student chapters

- Membership is still going down, particularly starting in 2020
- NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE ON STUDENT CHAPTER LEAD – Liz Bright is stepping down
- Student chapter awards will now be distributed to 3 chapters instead of 1 winner. Benefits of winning include more support to the chapter.
- Graduate student peer nomination award was a success: 2 awards on Valentines Day.
- Polymer Science Demo Competition (lab/science/classroom demonstration competition) open to everyone that is a POLY/PMSE member. Winners and videos will be uploaded to MACRO site.
- Please try to attend social events: Poster sessions, student socials, etc.

Publicity (Social and Website – Coralie)

(SLIDES) Information on Social Media popularity, website hits, and initiatives.

- Twitter (Business office and Jeff Ting), Facebook (business office)
- Twitter numbers steadily going up but starting to level, Facebook leveled off, LinkedIn is increasing
- Working on a form for volunteering for POLY
- If you see something wrong or in need of updating on the website, please reach out to Coralie!

Regional Meetings (Dadmun)

(SLIDES) General information on meetings, Regional Chairs discussion info

- Mark is looking for a new IAB-based committee member to replace Laura Stratton
- Looking for a geographic distribution of committee member (need central country and industry representation)
- Regional Chairs Discussion highlights:

- o Liked the idea: Development of student and/or industrial led activities
- o Increased funding would allow support of student chapter travel to regional meetings

International (Advincula)

(SLIDES) Information on PPC18,

- Abstract submission for PPC18 is open. This meeting is being spearheaded by Polymer Society of Mexico and ACS POLY.

Discussion: Kennemur - Does the organization that spearheads the PPC rotate among the Federation? Answer: Yes

Workshops (Stratton for Hillmyer)

(SLIDES) Information on recent and upcoming workshops and other events.

- 2022 – 6 workshops (a lot of work)
- 2023 – 3 workshops (Fluoro, Sustainable, and CRP)
- 2024+ - Planning on 2 workshops / year
 - o 2024 Fire & Polymers and Adv in Polyolefins
 - o 2023 Polymer Upcycling and Circularity & TBD (contact Kathy with ideas)
- NGRPC
 - o 2023 – Michigan – well attended
 - o 2025 OPEN Call for Proposals Deadline Nov 20.

Discussion:

Kennemur: Making sure the leaders of the regularly rotating workshops are aware of the new structure. A: They are.

Gobet: How does it impact the division that we have reduced workshops

- Guymon: Workshops had variable sustainability over the last 5 years, new structure ensures that Workshops are net contributing to the POLY divisions (there were losses in the recent past).

- Coltrain: POLY absorbs net losses in Workshops

Webinars (Saito)

(SLIDES) Information on upcoming webinars and other events.

- Three webinars in 2023 (see slides)
- The two webinars earlier this year went really well – see slides for reviews
- LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS AND SPEAKERS FOR NEXT WEBINAR.

Discussion: H.N Cheng– Can we auto enroll those that attend the webinar to the POLY membership. Short answer is NO because ACS won't let us do that.

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MACRO (Konkolewicz)

(SLIDES) General information on the growth of MACRO: Curriculum, Prof Dev, Resources

- Website traffic exceed 3000 in 2022, and is increasing
- Peter Iovine @ USD is taking over the twitter (X) acct.
- Liz Sterner @LVC is taking over the YouTube efforts.
- New curriculum modules are being added (see slides and website)
- Future Plans: working on new content regulation (posts per quarter/year etc)
- Get your students (especially undergrads to sign up for the education web panel)
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TREASURERS REPORT (Coltrain)

(SLIDES) Budgets, income sources, etc.

- There is a lot of budgetary information on the slides, too much to take accurate minutes on, everyone is encouraged to review these slides for more information of POLY finances.
- Sponsorships are needed. Losing sponsors for the newsletter.

Discussion:

SAITO: How can we increase the ACS allocation? **A:** Hard to know what the exact formula is on a per year basis, for example, how many posters do you give.

ORSKI: Any discussions on the consistency of division budgets occurring through the restructuring of the ACS meetings? **A:** Not quite known yet. ACS is likely ironing that out at this meeting. Its complicated.

H.N CHENG: ACS cares about its divisions and the attendance seems to be coming back, so he is optimistic that membership and other things will revive also.

FINAL ADDRESS (Guymon)

- o No councilor reports, deferred to ExComm meeting

Meeting Adjourned 2:36pm