

Present: Total at start of meeting (eating): 43 (the table is full!)

Highlights Summary of Motions and Votes

Motion 1 (Coltrain): Approve minutes from last meeting (2nd Guymon).

0 **Vote: Unanimous - yes**

Detailed Minutes and Discussions:

CHAIR'S WELCOME (Guymon)

Opening comments, Brief introductions

Frank Blum: Later in 2023, a large SW Regional ACS Meeting will be held and will be heavy in polymers – contact Frank Blum with interest.

Kennemur: Make observations at business meetings. Food quantity, A/V setups, goods/bads, and provide feedback. Do we waste too much money at ACS with things? Contact JK with questions/comments.

(SLIDES)

General agenda

Guymon claims dibs on the nickname “polymer man”

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

VICE CHAIR (Poree)

National Meetings & Programming (Haase)

(SLIDES) Information on meeting attendance, symposia programming for current/future meetings

- Haase, Mathers, Orski, Kalow, Moore are the programming committee.
- Please reach out to programming with symposia ideas for ACS NOLA 2024 (or further)
- Prog. Leads (F23, San Fran -Orski / S24, NOLA- Moore / F24, Denver- Haase / S25 San Diego- Kalow)

DISCUSSIONS: no comments.

IAB (Guymon, for Brown)

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

- A new co-chair of IAB is being identified. Possibly by end of ACS Meeting
- Call for IPS award nomination submission (Due July 31st)

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

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
- Regional Chairs Discussion highlights:
 - o They like the \$500
 - o Need a database for identifying symposium organizers
 - o Would love POLY/PMSE Student Chapters to lead more events/symposia at meetings.

Workshops (Stratton)

(SLIDES) Information on upcoming workshops and other events.

- Upcoming slate for 2025 is not full, submissions welcome
- Also submissions for future NGRPC sites welcome

Webinars (Stratton)

(SLIDES) Information on upcoming webinars and other events.

- Soliciting ideas for webinars, contact committee if interested.

International (Advincula and Gao)

An online zoom meeting will be held Friday March 31st, please attend if interested

(SLIDES) Information on PPC18

- Working on ways to attract collaboration, such as ISBPS (Belgium, May 2024)

MACRO (Costanzo)

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

- Liz Sterner is taking over the PMSE side of MACRO
- Konkolewicz: Looking for ideas for August Professional Development topic
- Soliciting ideas for new MACRO activities (proposed \$175 contribution for submissions)

TREASURERS REPORT (Coltrain)

(SLIDES) Budgets, income sources, etc.

DISCUSSION:

- Kennemur: To relieve stress & time constraints on the business office, perhaps an "SOP" can be developed, like an information form, to educate new symposium organizers on how to handle, submit, itemize and distribute their fundraising through the POLY office. Deadlines included. This may hopefully streamline the process (although unlikely everyone will follow it) for most symposia.

COUNCILOR's REPORT

- (BEERS)

- o POLY allocations are being streamlined and possible adjustments made. More to come.
- (MEADOR)
 - o 10K+ registration for ACS INDY, virtual is waning.
 - o ACS is “reimagining” what the national meetings may look like (target 2025)
 - o C&EN news editorial in a few months will be made available for comments.

FINAL ADDRESS (Guymon)

- Budget and finances are an area of focus. Getting ahead of it because the 1-year tenure of a Chair makes it difficult (tenure is sometimes done once the full picture is gained).

- Programming focus

(ORSKI)

- o Good stewardship of programming funds may be beneficial. Emphasis on allowing people to come to meetings who might not otherwise be able to be here.
- o Educational primers on fundraising – how to do it in the new climate
- o The sooner we know ACS M&E changes, the better. If footprints change for ACS, us getting ahead of that would be beneficial.

(GUYMON)

- o Need to explore how we can give better support to those in need as opposed to selecting people who seem to constantly get treatment (awards for example)
- o Sustainability of workshops and communications: 10% of workshop industry sponsorship will go to POLY to compensate Kathy and Carlee’s time

(KENNEMUR)

- o Are we doing a good job of cultivating the new faces at these meetings and advertising where new potential volunteers can jump in to help?
- o Maybe we can add some slides into the mix where we announce specific areas for volunteerism.

Meeting Adjourned 2:11pm