POLY Executive Committee Meeting – ACS Spring National Meeting 2023
In Person (March 26, 2023)
Indianapolis IN – Hyatt Regency Hotel (Network Room)

Present: Guymon, Poree, Coltrain, Gao, Beers, M. A. Meador, Long, Stratton, Kennemur, Mitchem, Davydovich.

Highlights Summary of Motions and Votes

No motions or votes made

Detailed Minutes and Discussions:

Call Meeting - Welcome (Guymon) 3:05pm

Treasurer (Coltrain)

(SLIDES)

- **Investment Account:**
    - $75K took out this month
    - End 2022 year at $991K
    - Current balance (March 23, 2023) $931K
    - International Funds – fixed income acct (~$24K, international committee uses for symposia (this will be where the 8K for PPC comes from), also used for MacroMEX.
- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
    - Proposal to change 10% admin fee for symposium support
        - Purpose: Awareness of effort of handing of external sponsorships
        - The money provided by POLY needs to be requested PRIOR to the meeting
        - Need to develop some "best practices" for use of the money. Some use the support funds for support of organizers only
        - Kennemur – Organizing a symposium can be a lot of work so I don't think some funds issued to support organizers is too off color, but maybe not ALL of the funds raised.
        - We need to be cautious with deterring people away from POLY symposium and over to PMSE.
    - New treasurer to start in 2024. Candidates need to be identified.
- **GUYMON**:
    - STRAT PLANNING was expensive ($4200 for strat planning dinner) and Larry cost ~7.5K (which was the amount of the grant received to assist with expenses). Ways to save money should be considered.
- **WEI GAO – Discussion about Awards:**
    - Projected annual expense (~$28.3K)

  - Split: 10K established, 1K emerging, 8K student, small slice service
  - Questions: How much does the award $ mean to the established winners? Or does the accolade mean the most to the winner?
  - Kathy: There was a previous official vote to change the POLY Award stipends to endowed.
  - Gao: What is the POLY budget for awards?
- **Davydovich – Discussion about Communications (COMMS) Committee**:
  - Members: Figg, Backlund, looking for another, need help with branding. IEG may not cover as much as hoped. Working on updating the website offline.
- **Guymon (SLIDES)**
  - **General Topics Sessions at ACS**
  - Wants to eliminate fully student run aspects of this and integrate more established session chairs
  - Appointing new chair to general topics sessions
  - **Member recruitment**
  - Explore ideas to improve
  - **Hard look at Budget**
  - Discussion on expenses at ACS Meetings. Kennemur gave break down of expenses for POLY meeting FnB. There is no current knowledge of the A/V expenses.
    - Berda did a great job whittling down most of the excess. At this point further reduction will require a decision to physically remove something from the meeting
- **WORKSHOPS DISCUSSION**
  - Guymon met with Hillmyer to discuss changes to workshop policy
  - (SLIDES) info on financials in/out, loss of Lesia, recent approvals at winter meeting
  - Discussion:

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

- MA Meador - we will learn a lot more about the effectiveness of these changes once we see the numbers after this year.
- Beers - opening the door to more sponsorships for awards again seems like a good use of time for now rather than possible removing honorariums etc.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

- Suggestion was made to share the Strat Plan slides and ideas to ExComm before we make any decisions to approve or vote on this
- Possible zoom ExCom meeting in May-June to discuss how its going.

Meeting Adjourned 4:55 pm.