

POLY BUSINESS MEETING – ACS FALL NATIONAL MEETING 2024
IN PERSON (AUGUST 18, 2024)
DENVER, CO – SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN (WINDOWS ROOM)

Present: Total at start of meeting 26

Highlights Summary of Motions and Votes

Motion 1 (*Kennemur*): Approve minutes from Spring 2024 (NOLA) ACS meeting (2nd Guymon)

Vote: Unanimous Yes

Detailed Minutes and Discussions:

Start 12:15

CHAIR'S WELCOME (Dawanne Poree) + quick introductions of attendees.

VICE CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS (Laura Stratton):

National Meetings & Programming (Danniebelle Haase)

(SLIDES) See slides for - *Information and statistics on recent programming, and future of ACS meetings.*

- POLY contributions to the overall ACS meetings are consistent with last year (just under 5% of the total ACS)
- Upcoming Chairs include:
 - o Danniebelle Haase (Denver F24)
 - o Julia Kalow (San Diego S25)
 - o Graham Collier (Washington DC F25)
 - o S26 (new member recruitment in progress)
- Spring 2025 – San Diego: (Kalow)
 - o 1st meeting of officially co-organized (collaborative) symposia with other divisions.
 - o These collaborative programmatic goals aligns with ACS' desire to reduce symposia footprint.
 - o ACS is highly promoting Virtual Symposia, so this meeting will have that also (See slides)
 - o No knowledge yet on if POLY at this meeting will be in an isolated hotel or within the main conference center.
- Fall 2025 – Washington DC: (Collier)
 - o Now accepting abstracts for D.C.
 - o Keep in mind the desire to collaborate across other divisions.
- New Initiatives
 - o Working on best practices documents with business office to assist with programming tutorials
- Future of Meetings

- number of sessions will be reduced going forward in light of the more collaborative symposia (driven by ACS desire to reduce footprint of the meeting)
- Questions still remain on financial allocations and allotments from the new collaborative focus.
- Award sessions also an area of focus if symposia are reduced. Need to create solutions to allow award sessions and technically focused sessions withing symposia allowance.
- There will be no more hybrid meetings going forward. single-tear
- ACS Denver will have 5 innovative sessions that include polling, interactive features, industry spotlights and policy focus). Other innovative implementations are: The Escape Room activity and Integrated Poster pilot.

DISCUSSION:

- Guymon – The programming lunch on Tuesday will be a great place to discuss these more.

IAB (Haley Brown)

(SLIDES) General information, members, focus of the IAB in 2024, small company recruitment, tier structure of members, and new initiatives.

- IAB is working to adapt to the ACS meeting changes
- Budget is on track (so are expenses), the reduced cost IAB breakfast went well, and will continue here in Denver.
- IAB will need more budgetary information before committing to any further sponsorship (awards and symposia)
- Haley is stepping down as IAB Chair and Jeff Ting will be taking over.

Awards (Stratton for Alan Hopkins)

(SLIDES)

- There are award deadlines coming up (see slides and POLY website). Please nominate!
- Reminders of awards being celebrated at this Denver meeting.
- Any questions or suggestions welcome
- DISCUSSION: Brown: Nominations for Industrial Polymer Scientists encouraged (Halloween deadline) many many deserving folks.

MEETINGS WORKSHOPS, and INTERNATIONAL (Derek Patton)

Regional Meetings (Patton for Mark Dadmun)

- (SLIDES)
- Ying Yang (U. Nevada Reno) is now the vice-chair of Regional Meetings Committee.
- Currently engaging regional meeting chairs/organizers to get better POLY presence at these meetings.
- Aim to build a spreadsheet of chairs at regional meetings for referencing (ongoing)

- Involving POLY/PMSE Student Chapters is also of interest. Looking for ideas on how student chapters may help engage at these meetings.
- See slides for budgetary items and future budgetary requests.

Workshops (Patton for Beth Elacqua)

- (SLIDES)
- Chair: Elacqua - Workshop Committee: Advincula, Hickner, Tran, McCollum, Nambiar, Y. Zha
- Discussion of 2024 Workshops
 - o (Fire and Polymers – went really well and made money for POLY)
 - o APO (upcoming and everything is on track)
- 2025 Workshops (NGRPC at ASU, Fluoropolymers, and Fuel Cells)
- POWER Conference: Was excellent, feedback has been highly positive. See slide for more information. Discussion on doing it again was optimistic.

International (Rigoberto Advincula)

- (SLIDES)
- Next PPC-19 is coming up fast (next year) in Japan (Fukuoka) (July 6-10, 2025)
- IUPAC Macro 2024 Meeting in Warwick UK was successful and highly attended (people had to be turned down). Next meeting is in Malaysia in 2026.
- Macromex 2026 in Mexico, watch out for announcements next year.
- RSC (Athens) and EPF also upcoming.
- DISCUSSION: Matson – Would like some clarity of POLY's role in these meetings. Gobet: Suggesting speakers is one, we are looked up to by many of the other national polymer committees so our presence is highly appreciated.

Webinars (Tomonori Saito)

- 3 Webinars for 2024 (SLIDES)
- Many attendees and viewers are from outside USA
- Please send ideas for webinar volunteers, topics, and speaker suggestions
- DISCUSSION: Poree – Clarification on who to contact with ideas. Answer: Contact Tomonori
- Gobet: Regarding the sponsorship of the webinars: Saito: Its all done by ACS. They do everything (good) but we also get nothing (bad).

OUTREACH & EDUCATION (Alan Guymon)

- 2024 POLY Elections are upcoming – review of slate. (SLIDES)
- Looking ahead to 2025 – Vice Chair, Secretary, 1 Councilor, 1 Alt Councilor.

- Any new nominations need to be given to Alan within the next hour (by the end of the Business meeting per POLY By-laws)
- Long range planning committee (comprised of 5 past chairs)
 - o Really working hard to find and pair volunteers for POLY to help integrate them into the various roles within the division.
- **MACRO update (Guymon for Phil Costanzo)**
 - o The MACRO site has recently been updated (same web address). This is helped run by Costanzo, Sterner
 - o Description on content, outreach, and future plans (Slides)

SECRETARY (Justin Kennemur)

- ***Motion to Approve the minutes from Spring ACS NOLA Meeting (Kennemur) (2nd by Guymon)***
 - o ***Unanimous Yes***

Website/Publicity (Jeff Ting for Tayler Hebner)

- o (SLIDE)
- o Migrating all content from .net to .org site.
- o Please contact them with suggestions, ideas, typos. etc.

MEMBER AT LARGE & OUTREACH (Kat Knauer)

(SLIDES)

- CSU student chapter is hosting symposia and decorated the membership table here in Denver, be sure to thank them.
- Attend poster sessions as much as possible.
- Poly(Mentor)n
 - o No age limit on Mentees. Launching the pilot here in Denver.
 - o A QR Code is available at the membership table
- The student social event at the North Face.
 - o This sold out almost immediately. (60 people max).
 - o Directions are at the POLY membership table.
- CSU will do their Polymer Day again. POLY will support a poster competition.
- POLY/PMSE Peer Nominated Student Award is making a return.
- **STUDENT CHAPTERS:**
 - o Utah, Knoxville, and UNH all are new chapters
 - o Some chapters are not submitting reports.

TREASURERS REPORT (John Matson)

(SLIDES) Budgets, income sources, etc.

- Thanks to POLY Business office for all they do.
- Membership numbers continue to decrease (linearly)
- Thank you to the Fire & Polymers Workshop for contribution of excess to POLY
- Discussion on expenses at ACS meetings and at large (we spend too much).
- Congrats to Tayler and Coralie on getting funding for publicity and website outreach
- Breakdown of sponsors
- Ideas comments?

DISCUSSION:

Brown - A/V removal discussion – IAB did it and it went just fine. Kennemur: We have removed A/V from every meeting except this one (Business) and the Programming Lunch.

- Kennemur – Is willing to work with others on new ideas, we have trimmed many costs here and there but haven't really uprooted the way we traditionally do things. New ideas will have to be well thought out and By-Laws reviewed.

-Kennemur – Will the new footprint of the ACS (moving to the convention center) cause new (reduced) costs for these meetings to POLY? Some discussion on this but there is a general lack of exactitude on what the future of meetings will really look like. Kathy: Believe the posters might go back to being free (for setup) for other business A/V requests, we still likely still have to pay.

Councilors Reports

- **Mary Ann Meador (MnE)**
 - o Be sure to attend the MnE event hosted by ACS today prior to the dinner.
 - o The programming at the next fall meeting will start on Monday (not Sunday), so be prepared.
- **No other Councilors present.**

FINAL ADDRESS (Poree)

Meeting Adjourned 2:04 pm