

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting  
March 13, 2001 Seattle, WA

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Schweizer) at 5:33 p.m.  
A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. Seconded and Passed.

**Reports:**

Farmer (Secretary-Treasurer) reported that the division remains in good financial condition, having a balance of \$54060 as of 12/31/00. The previous year's balance had been \$ 34834

Bates reported that the auditors (Bates and Winey) had inspected the financial records of the Division and had found them to be in order.

Schweizer announced the election results: Bates was elected Vice-Chair, Winey was elected Member-at-Large. The Division expressed its appreciation to Balazs and Kumar, who were retiring from the Executive Committee.

Milner reported that membership in the DPOLY was 1034 as of 12/31/00, representing 2.49% of the APS total (41570). A new structure of the membership committee was described and Kumar reported that letters had been sent to the members of the enlarged committee. The membership table had added about 95 members at the meeting.

Green (for the Program Chair) reported that there were about 600 papers total, 400 contributed, 148 posters and 30 invited presentations on the program. The division expressed its gratitude to Peter Green for the job he had done as program chair. Winey (incoming Program Chair) asked for meaningful titles to help identify appropriate assignment to sorting categories and called for input concerning session chairs, focused topics and invited speakers.

Milner (organizer) reported that the Short Course was attended by about 20 people. Colby (Education Chair) indicated that the topic for next year was likely to be on Glass Formation. The Division expressed its gratitude to Milner for organizing this year's short course.

Schweizer read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Anastasiadis, Balsara, Lohse, Rubenstein, Satija, Windle.

Schweizer announced that Doi was the recipient of the 2001 Polymer Physics Prize, that Schmidt-Rohr was the recipient of the 2001 Dillon Medal, and that Deshkovski was the recipient of the 2001 Padden Award. Schweizer acknowledged support for the DPOLY Awards from the Ford Motor Company, Elsevier, and the University of Akron.

Register (Publication Chair) reported that 11 papers had been accepted and published in the special issue. He solicited papers for this year's edition, due by April 1. He announced that the issue this year would be a virtual one, with papers being available on line within five weeks after they were accepted in final form (and in print in an additional 3 weeks). He said there was also a budget available for color.

Lovinger (Councillor) presented his final report after 8 years as councilor and 3 additional on the Exec Comm. Schweizer noted that he had been instrumental in constructive changes and the value placed on small divisions in APS. Lovinger indicated that the APS was in good shape, was looking outward, toward k-12 education and diversity. He said that the value of polymers was highly regarded by the APS leaders and that DPOLY's voice would continue to be strong now that there would be 1 Councillor per Division, regardless of size. He encouraged the division to keep its membership up and to be broadly involved with APS, not be isolationists.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

Schweizer urged members to write to congress to fund science, noting that a template was available to generate the letter.

Schweizer discussed the possibility of a new program to support undergraduate participation when they make presentations.

Schweizer urged members to submit nominations for the Polymer Physics Prize, the Dillon Medal, the Padden Award and APS Fellowship, noting the deadlines for each.

Schweizer announced that the next meeting will be held in Indianapolis, March 18-22, 2002.

Schweizer called for feedback from members of the Division.

Great Sunday reception (200 attended)

The continuing problem of small rooms assigned to DPOLY sessions was discussed, with some rooms having been filled beyond standing room. Part of the problem was attributed to quantized room sizes.

Milner presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Schweizer and called for an expression of gratitude from the Division.

Schweizer acknowledged the contributions of the secretary-treasurer.

Schweizer announced the reception for the Ford Prize and Dillon Medal winners would immediately follow the business meeting and be held at the Westin Hotel. The sponsorship by the University of Michigan, Iowa State University and the University of Massachusetts was gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.