

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting
March 19, 2002 Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Milner) at 5:42 p.m.
It was moved 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 \$60312 as of 12/31/01. The previous year's balance had been \$ 54060.

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

Milner announced the election results: Register was elected Vice-Chair, Curro was elected Member-at-Large. The Division expressed its appreciation to Schweizer and Kornfield, who were retiring from the Executive Committee.

Milner reported that membership in the DPOLY was 1104 as of 12/31/01, representing 2.65% of the APS total (42007). An appeal for new members was made. People who had participated in the DPOLY program would be receiving letters asking them to join. The membership table had added about 100 members at the meeting.

Winey (Program Chair) reported that there were 606 papers total in the DPOLY sessions, representing 11.6% of the abstracts on the program for the March meeting.. She reported that the sorting categories had been changed, and that two new features had been added to the program. An Education Outreach session had been added following the Padden Symposium and the Division had participated in Lunch with an Expert, all tables having been filled. The division expressed its gratitude to Winey for the job she had done as program chair. Anne Mayes is incoming Program Chair. Suggestions for focused topics for next year were solicited.

Colby (organizer) reported that the Short Course was attended by about 21 people and was deemed a great success. The Division expressed its gratitude to Colby for organizing this year's short course. Bates (Education Chair) indicated that the topic for next year was to be Polymer Synthesis for Physicists.

Milner read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Olvera de la Cruz, Register, Wang and Yethiraj. Certificates will be mailed to Bansil and Pincus.

Milner announced that Witten was the recipient of the 2002 Polymer Physics Prize, that Bunning was the recipient of the 2002 Dillon Medal, and that Lin (U. Mass.) was the recipient of the 2002 Padden Award. Milner acknowledged support for the DPOLY Awards from the Ford Motor Company, Elsevier, and the University of Akron.

Karim (Publication Chair) reported that 22 papers had been accepted and published in the special issue. He solicited papers for this year's edition, due by May 1. He announced that the issue 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).

Briber (Publicity) solicited the membership for graphics which could be used on the divisions new (APS hosted) website. The committee is working to increase awareness of polymers at AIP for the annual review of physics.

Lodge (Councilor) discussed the International Office's efforts to help physicists from abroad who were having difficulty getting visas. APS is working toward making all prizes carry a \$10000 cash award and having them all endowed.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Bates noted the passing of Frank Padden, who had served the Division as Secretary-Treasurer and Councilor for a total of 24 years. He read a letter from Doug Keith. Andy Lovinger, Tom Weber, and Freddy Khoury also added their remembrances of Frank.

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

Milner announced that the next meeting would be held in Austin TX, March 3-7, 2003. He noted that hotel space would be limited and buses would be provided from remote hotels.

Milner called for feedback from members of the Division. There was great praise for the Sunday reception.

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

Milner announced the reception for the Ford Prize and Dillon Medal winners would immediately follow the business meeting. Sponsorship by the University of Chicago and the Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate was gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.