

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting
March 4, 2003 Austin, TX

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Colby) at 5:40 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 \$66433 as of 12/31/02. The previous year's balance had been \$60312.

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

Colby announced the election results: Muthukumar was elected Vice-Chair, Douglas was elected Member-at-Large. The Division expressed its appreciation to Milner and Briber, who were retiring from the Executive Committee.

Colby reported that membership in the DPOLY was 1192 as of 12/31/02, representing 2.78% of the APS total (42878). An appeal for new members was made, as well as for volunteers to sit at the membership table.

Balsara (for Mayes, Program Chair) reported that there were 695 papers total in the DPOLY sessions, representing 12% of the abstracts on the program for the March meeting.. He reported that the sorting categories had resulted in a good spread of abstracts. Suggestions for invited and focused topics for next year were solicited.

Register reported that the Short Course was attended by about 20 people and was deemed very stimulating and successful. The Division expressed its gratitude to Hillmyer for organizing this year's short course. Register (Education Chair) indicated that the topic for next year will be Rheology, organized by Wes Burghardt.

Colby read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Shull, Hsiao, Hoagland and Composto.

Colby announced that Lovinger was the recipient of the 2003 Polymer Physics Prize, that Strey was the recipient of the 2003 Dillon Medal, and that Rakwoo Chang (U. Wisconsin-Madison) was the recipient of the 2003 Padden Award. Colby acknowledged support for the DPOLY Awards from the Ford Motor Company, Elsevier, and the University of Akron.

Pochan (Publications) solicited papers for this year's Special Issue, 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. The virtual edition is available to all DPOLY members. He also announced the J. Polym. Sci. Polym. Phys. Best Paper Award.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

The passing of Doug Keith was noted, with comments of remembrance offered by Bates, Lovinger, Lotz, Cheng, and Akpula. Colby noted the deadlines for prizes and awards.

Colby announced that the next meeting would be held in Montreal, March 22-26, 2004.

Colby called for an expression of gratitude from the Division for Peter Green for his efforts in organizing the Sunday reception. Bates presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Colby and called for an expression of gratitude from the Division.

Colby announced the reception for the Ford Prize and Dillon Medal winners would immediately follow the business meeting.

Sponsorship by Lucent and the University of Massachusetts was gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.