

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting  
March 22, 2005 Los Angeles, CA

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Register) 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 \$66249 as of 12/31/04. The previous year's balance had been \$ 61639.

Mayes and Torkelson (in tandem) reported that they (the appointed auditors) had inspected the financial records of the Division and had found them to be in order.

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

Register reported that membership in the DPOLY was 1232 as of 12/31/04, representing 2.83% of the APS total (43462). He noted that the Division must remain above 2.4% to maintain its Division status. An appeal for new members was made. The membership table and web-site had added about 100 members. He requested that notice of high-profile papers be sent to Jack Douglas, along with notice of up-coming conferences.

Morse (Program Chair) thanked those who had helped at the sorters meeting. He indicated that there were 8 invited sessions (one more than previously) and several shared sessions. Steve Hudson is incoming Program Chair. Suggestions for focused topics and invitees for next year were solicited.

Seery (organizer) reported that the Short Course was attended by 9 people and would break even financially. There were 5 instructors. Notes will be made available on cd-rom for \$20, pending copyright discussions. Granick solicited ideas for the 2006 short course.

Dalnoki-Veress (Special Issue guest editor) indicated that the deadline for submitting papers was May 1, 2005.

Register read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Cohen, de Pablo, Fytas, Karim, and Lipson. Certificate will be mailed to Grosberg. Register called for nominations for fellowship, noting the deadline of 15 April.

Register announced that Russell was the recipient of the 2005 Polymer Physics Prize, that Genzer was the recipient of the 2005 Dillon Medal, and that Ellison (Northwestern) was the recipient of the 2005 Padden Award. Register acknowledged support for the DPOLY Awards from GE Central Research, Elsevier, and the University of Akron. Nominations were encouraged for the 2006 prizes, due July 1 and to be sent to Muthukumar.

Lodge (Councilor) reported that the APS Council had approved proposed changes to the DPOLY By-laws. He also reported that the short-term visa issue was much improved with waits below 30 days (Amy Flatten at APS works such issues.)

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

Register discussed the need to revise the By-laws and outlined the nature of the proposed changes as largely housekeeping changes. Both current and proposed revised versions had been posted on the web. He announced that a referendum on the by-laws would be held soon.

Register announced that the next meeting would be held in Baltimore, MD, March 13-17, 2006. Visits to Congress will be encouraged, especially by members from smaller states; buses will be provided.

Register announced that the deadline for Fellowship nominations was April 15 and for Prizes was July 1. He encouraged nominations for all.

Register called for feedback from members of the Division.

Hsu announced the UMass Polymer Graduate Symposium would consist of seminars, career sessions and social events; cost is \$100 for room and board.

Eby noted the passing of Walter Stockmayer.

Lovinger pointed out that not all chemistry and physics research is supported by those divisions at NSF and encouraged support for science across NSF.

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

Register call for an expression of appreciation to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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