

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting  
March 11, 2008; New Orleans, LA

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Ediger) at 6:08 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 \$84538 as of 12/31/07. The previous year's balance had been \$81878.

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

Ediger announced the election results: Rubinstein will become Chair, Composto will become Chair-Elect, Fredrickson was elected Vice-Chair, and Genzer was elected Member-at-Large. The Division expressed its appreciation to Granick and Torkelson, who retire from the Executive Committee.

Farmer reported that membership in DPOLY was 1254 as of 12/31/07, representing 2.71% of the APS total (46269). Torkelson reported that 137 new members had been signed up at the membership table

Krishnamoorti (Program Chair) reported that the program had 872 abstracts (201 posters) in DPOLY sessions and 24 papers in focused topics. He thanked those who had assisted at the sorters meeting. The Division expressed its appreciation to Krishnamoorti. Gido was introduced as Program Chair for the next March Meeting. Rubinstein reported on the DeGennes symposium.

Ediger reported for Fasolka that the Short Course had been successful. Composto announced that the 2009 Short Course would be on Polymer Nanocomposites.

Nazarenko solicited papers for the Special Issue of Journal of Polymer Science, Polymer Physics were solicited. Papers are due by June 1. Guest editors will be Nazarenko and Khare.

Ediger read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Archer, Clarke, Dutcher, Genzer, Macosko, McLeish, Sokolov, and Sukhishvili. Ediger called for nominations for fellowship, noting the deadline of April 15.

Ediger announced that Schweizer was the recipient of the 2008 Polymer Physics Prize, that Dalnoki-Veress was the recipient of the 2008 Dillon Medal, and that Rodney Priestley was the recipient of the 2008 Padden Award. Ediger acknowledged support for the DPOLY Awards from GE Central Research, Elsevier, and the University of Akron.

Milner (Division Councilor) indicated that global warming was an important topic with the APS Council. Members were urged to write their congressmen on issues important to science.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

Ediger announced the agreement between DPOLY and the UK Polymer Group to send a lecturer to their respective meetings. DPOLY will select a person within 5 years of their PhD as of the selection date. DPOLY will select its representative in 12/08, details of the selection process to follow. DPOLY will pay up to \$2500 for travel expenses.

Ediger called on Hyuk Yu to report on the finances for the Polymer Physics Prize. Yu reported that \$200K is needed to endow the Prize. Dow has agreed to give \$140K if DPOLY raises \$60K by the end of 2009. To that date, he had commitments for \$30K. The Division showed its appreciation to Yu for his efforts.

Ediger called for nominations for Fellows, noting that there is an electronic submission process, and that a list of Fellows is available on the website.

Nominations for the Polymer Physics Prize and Dillon Medal were solicited, due July 1.

Ediger announced that the next meeting would be held in Pittsburgh, PA, March 16-20, 2009.

Ediger called for feedback from members of the Division. He recognized Charles Han who registered a complaint on behalf of scientists from China who needed visas to attend the meeting. The person handling visas at APS was too slow and half of the scientists did not receive visas in time to attend. He said that the US embassy in Beijing requires 5-6 weeks to process requests. He suggested there be a letter on the web for use by people who register. (The Exec Comm discussed the issue with Judy Franz.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.