

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting
March 16, 2010 Portland, OR

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Composto) at 5:45 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 \$94874 as of 12/31/97. The previous year's balance had been \$101911.

The auditors (Torkelson and Nealey) reported, in two-part harmony, that they had inspected the financial records of the Division and had found them to be in order.

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

Farmer reported that membership in DPOLY was 1343 as of 12/31/09, representing 2.80% of the APS total (47947

Dhinojwala (Program Chair) reported that the program had abstracts 759 (601 oral, 158 posters, 108 invited) and 46 joint/focused sessions. Pochan was introduced as Program Chair for the next March Meeting.

Segalman reported that the Short Course had been successful, with 59 attendees. Torkelson identified three possible topics for next year's short course: Scattering, Cell Biology for soft matter physicists, and colloid/granular materials

Composto recognized Rubinstein as the recipient of the Polymer Physics Prize, sponsored by Dow, LG Chemical and past recipients. He recognized Loo as winner of the Dillon Medal, sponsored by Elsevier (publisher of Polymer).

Composto presented the Padden Award Winner certificate to Bo Wang Award (noting that the dinner was sponsored by U. Akron). He presented certificates to the other Padden Award Finalists.

Milner (Division Councilor) indicated that the APS statement on global warming was reconsidered by the APS Council. The basic message was kept the same but it was decided to reconsider the wording for "emphasis and tone".

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Thomas Epps (guest editor) solicited papers for the Special Issue of J. Polym. Sci – Phys.

Winey announced that the Gordon Research Conference on Polymer Physics would be held at Mt. Holyoke College 6/27 to 7/2/2010.

Composto called on Hyuk Yu to report on the finances for the Polymer Physics Prize. Yu declared victory in raising the needed \$200K endowment for the prize. He indicated that funds had been contributed by Dow (\$140K), LG Chemical (\$10K) and the balance from previous Prize winners (5K). Rubinstein was quick to join the Prize group by giving Yu \$1. The Division gave Yu a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts, as well as recognition of his arm-twisting prowess.

Composto called for nominations for Fellows, noting the due date of May 1, the electronic submission process, and the list of Fellows available on the website.

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

Composto announced that deadline for nominations for the UKPP-DPOLY Lectureship are due on 1/1/11.

Composto announced that the next meeting would be held in Dallas, TX, March 21-25, 2011.

Composto called for feedback from members of the Division.

Balsara raised the issue of time conflicts between poster sessions and oral sessions, urging that they not be scheduled against one another if possible. Having one poster session instead of two was suggested as a way to avoid the conflict. It was asked if poster abstracts (titles) could be added to the booklet. The possibility of having a Poster Award was suggested.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.