

Minutes, DHPP Business Meeting
March 24, 1999 Atlanta, GA

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Amis) at 5:38 p.m.

A motion was made 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 \$29554 as of 12/31/98. The previous year's balance had been \$ 21809

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

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

Amis reported that membership in the DHPP was 1075 as of 12/31/98, representing 2.57% of the APS total (41786). The Councillor (Lovinger) addressed the division on the problem of membership and its continuing importance to the division.

Burghardt (Program Chair) reported that there were 402 contributed, 29 invited and 174 poster presentations on the program. The division expressed its gratitude to him for the job he had done under the very difficult circumstances imposed by the centennial activities.

Kumar (incoming Program Chair) solicited suggestions for themes and speakers for next year's meeting.

Colby (Centennial Display) acknowledged contributors to the division's display (Lovinger, Farmer, Adams, Colby). The division expressed its gratitude to him for his very successful efforts.

Schweizer (Education Chair) reported that the Short Course was attended by about 40 people. Topic for next year were solicited. The Division expressed its gratitude to Tirrell for organizing this year's short course.

Amis read the citations and presented Certificates of Fellowship to Cohen, Colby, Fredrickson, Kumar, Painter, and Weiss.

Amis announced that Han was the recipient of the 1999 High Polymer Physics Prize, that Mayes was the recipient of the 1999 Dillon Medal, and that Rockford was the recipient of the 1999 Padden Award. Amis acknowledged support for the DHPP Awards from the

Ford Motor Company, Elsevier, and the University of Akron. Amis also announced that Ford had made a 5-year commitment to sponsor the High Polymer Physics Prize at a higher level (\$10,000).

Amis (for the Publication Chair) reported that 19 papers had been submitted for the Special Issue and that 14 had been accepted and published. Gido solicited papers for this year's edition, due by April 1.

Lovinger (Councillor) reported that the name change for the division had been approved by council, along with the acronym of DPOLY. He also reported that a task force had made recommendations to reduce the size of the APS Council. The importance of membership was re-emphasized and Cotts (Membership Chair) outlined several ideas for increasing it.

Old Business:

Amis outlined the proposed changes to the DHPP Bylaws: 1) changing the term Executive Secretary to Executive Officer to be consistent with the APS documents; 2) modifying wording to allow electronic balloting; and 3) changing the name of the division to Division of Polymer Physics. He reported that the topic was being brought forward for discussion but not for a vote. There was discussion concerning voting at the meeting versus by mail. It was moved and seconded to vote on the bylaws changes at the meeting. The motion did not pass unanimously. A mail ballot will be sent to members to vote on the bylaws changes.

New Business:

Amis announced that the deadline for Fellowship nominations was moved to April 15, beginning in 2000.

Amis solicited names for candidates for the Executive Committee and asked that they be forwarded to the Nomination Committee.

Amis announced that the next meeting will be held in Minneapolis, March 20-24, 2000. Early hotel reservations are advised.

Amis called for an expression of gratitude from the division for Farmer.

Balazs presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Amis and called for an expression of gratitude from the division.

Amis announced the reception for the Ford Prize and Dillon Medal winners would immediately follow the business meeting. The sponsorship by NIST and Ciba Vision was gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.