

Minutes, DPOLY Business Meeting
March 19, 2013 Baltimore, MD

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (Torkelson) at 5:50 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 \$74022 as of 12/31/12. The previous year's balance had been \$73818.

The auditors (Cheng and Frischknecht) reported that they had inspected the financial records of the Division and had found them to be in order.

Farmer reported that membership in DPOLY was 1469 as of 12/31/12, representing 2.96% of the APS total (49653). This represents growth of 105 since last year's total. About 150 new members had signed up at the Membership Table at the meeting so far.

Torkelson announced the election results: Winey will become Chair, Balsara will become Chair-Elect, Cheng was elected Vice-Chair, and Frischknecht was elected Member-at-Large. Ediger was elected Councilor and Hudson was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Lipson, Milner, Nealey, and Farmer retire from the Executive Committee.

Loo (Program Chair) reported that the program had 871 abstracts (688 oral, 183 posters) and had 61 invited speakers. There were 34 joint/focused sessions. DPOLY constitutes about 10% of the March Meeting. Kari Dalnoki-Veress was introduced as Program Chair for the 2014 March Meeting.

Winey (for Ginzburg) raised the topic of increasing industrial participation in the DPOLY Program, which would align with the APS Strategic Plan. Last year, there was the Short Course and 1 invited symposium; this year there was one session. Brent Neal (Milliken) will be heading up the effort for increased industrial participation next year and asked for other volunteers to help. The group is also looking for other opportunities.

Balsara reported that the Short Course had been successful with 45 attendees and acknowledged the efforts of Evren Ozcam for organizing the Course and garnering external funding to support it. Cheng solicited suggestions for the 2014 Course.

Torkelson presented Fellow Certificates to Rufina Alamo, Amalie Frischknecht, Venkatraghavan Ganesan, Christopher Li, Lynn Loo, Alan Nakatani, and James Watkins.

Torkelson recognized Cheng as the recipient of the Polymer Physics Prize, sponsored by Dow, LG Chemical and past recipients. He recognized Mahanthappa as winner of the Dillon Medal, sponsored by Elsevier (publisher of Polymer). He recognized James Adams as the UKPPG/DPOLY Lecturer at the March Meeting and Rodney Priestley as the DPOLY/UKPPG Lecturer to attend the UKPPG meeting in the fall.

Balsara introduced the finalists for the Padden Award. He presented the Winner Certificate to Kiarash Vakhshouri (noting that the dinner was sponsored by U. Akron). He presented certificates to the other Padden Award Finalists.

The new and out-going Division Councilors had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Torkelson provided a status update regarding the proposed expansion on the scope of the Division to include other soft matter physics. He noted discussions with some other Divisions had revealed some concerns around sorting categories for the 2013 March Meeting which needed to be allayed. He noted that 21% of the members had cast ballots on the expansion, the result being 202 For and 87 Opposed (70% v. 30%). He said that the DPOLY Exec Comm has planned teleconferences in April to discuss the way ahead – lay out detailed changes to the By-Laws that would need to be sent to APS Council. Following that, if approved by APS Council, the division would have the opportunity to vote on the By-Laws changes to instantiate the expansion. He solicited further inputs and feedback to members of the Exec Comm.

New Business:

Torkelson solicited nominations for Fellows, the Polymer Physics Prize and the Dillon Medal, noting the deadlines and the electronic submission process for each.

Torkelson noted that some nominations materials have not made it from APS to the Division. He urged that nominations be submitted electronically as required, but that a copy also be sent to the Chair as well. Copies of nominations for Fellows should be sent to Balsara.

Torkelson announced that the next meeting would be held in Denver, CO March 3-7, 2014.

Torkelson solicited comments from the attendees. McKenna spoke to the need to get more people engaged and voting on the expansion issue. Yu said that the low participation in the balloting was troubling and inquired as to the bases for the dissenting votes.

Winey presented a Certificates of Appreciation to Torkelson and Milner and called for an expression of gratitude from the Division. Saying nice things in the process, she then presented Farmer with an exceptionally nice Book of Tributes from previous DPOLY Chairs with whom he served and from other members of the Executive Committee. The membership expressed its gratitude in the customary way.

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