

Minutes of the Polymer Division Annual General Meeting

Date: 1 December, 1999

Venue: 23APS, Deakin University, Waurn Ponds Campus

1. Apologies

Peter Kambouris, Geoff Spinks, Peter Pomery, Bob Burford

2. Minutes of Previous meeting

3. Chairs Report

4. Treasurers Report

5. PD Web pages

The PDN to be distributed on the internet. It was agreed that an editor was urgently needed and carried with it an honorarium of \$1000 + a further \$1000 until a suitable editor is found. Graeme Moad is to send out a notice for the vacant position of editor

Andrew Whittaker has registered the domain name: <http://www.polymer.org.au> Currently the Centre for Magnetic Resonance acts as host for the server at no charge. AW raised the issues of restricted access to members and how the page relates to the RACI pages.

6. Future meetings

The **Australasian Polymer Discussion Group** will be held in 2000 and will be chaired by Bob Burford. The topic will be on Metallocene Catalysis. Hugh Brown will chair the discussion group in the following year.

The **11NC** will be held in Canberra in early February 2000. Programs for the 11NC include modelling and simulation of condensed matter. Registration deadlines have been extended until the 6th December.

The **24APS** will be in Beechworth on the 4-8 February 2001.

The first Australian Polymer Summer School will be held Thredbo in early February 2000.

The IUPAC Polymer Congress will be held in Warsaw, Poland July 9-14, 2000 to include the 7th Asian Chemical Congress. Graeme George will keep the Division informed.

7. Awards and Prizes

Student subsidies for the 23APS will be worked out using the "return bus fare" formula and will be sent to the students shortly after the symposium.

8. Financial

The NSW polymer group had started up again however the WA polymer group terminated due to lack of interest. The excess funds of the defunct WA group must be earmarked and

returned to the division. David Hill suggested that the Standing Committee should encourage WA members to start the group up again.

Andrew Whittaker gave the treasurers report (attached).

\$23K is currently in the National Secretariat with no interest.

AW indicated he received no feedback from the auditors...

Graeme George questioned the National Secretariat auditors and will follow this up.

9. Australasian Polymer Society

Graeme George supports this umbrella organisation and will set up a working group. The 24APS at Beechworth could be used to catalyse the joining of the societies.

Dave Hill moved motion: If the society entered the Australian Polymer Society then we would support it and continue to support it??

10. Elections

Nominations of the executive:

Chair: Graeme Moad

Secretary: Andrew Whittaker

Treasurer: John Forsythe

Past Chair: Wayne Cook

Chair Elect: Tom Davis

International Affairs: David Hill

No other nominations were forwarded.

Committee Members

Jani Matison

Peter Kambouris

Dave Lewis

Greg Russel

Brian Saunders

Chris Lukey

Student Representatives: Lauren Thornton and Stephen Clarke

11. Solomon Foundation

Wayne Cook moved the motion:

- (1) To establish a Dave Solomon Foundation to support the visit of internationally respected polymer scientist(s) to present lecture(s) to the Australian Polymer community

(2) The Polymer Division to match the personal contribution of David Solomon to the Foundation and establish tax exempt status to encourage further donations from industrial sponsors

(3) Mechanism for to be established by the PDSC in consultation with State Groups.

Dave Hill seconds– motion carried unanimously

Graeme Moad to write a letter of thanks

12. Other business

No other business

Close of meeting