

## **Minutes of the Polymer Division AGM**

Held on Wednesday, Feb 7 at 5:30, 2001

### **1 Apologies**

None received

### **2 Minutes of the previous AGM (A Whittaker)**

Andrew Whittaker presented the minutes of the 23APS AGM and there was no discussion.

### **3 Chairs report (G Moad)**

Graeme Moad presented the Chairs report describing the activities of the PD since the previous AGM. There had been a considerable number of international activities since the 23 APS.

### **4 Treasurers report (J Forsythe)**

John Forsythe presented the Treasurers report and indicated the Division was in a healthy financial state. The funds had not been consolidated to an RACI central account as we had a number of Term Deposits which would have incurred penalties if we had withdrawn them.

### **5 Election of Offices to the Polymer Division Standing Committee**

Andrew Whittaker was elected Chair elect unopposed  
David Lewis was elected to Secretary unopposed  
Tom Davis will become Chair of the Division

### **6 Future meetings (G Moad)**

Graeme Moad announced that the next meeting would be in Armidale, NSW, at the University of New England Campus from Feb 10-13.

### **7 Polymer division web pages (A Whittaker/others)**

Andrew Whittaker, who has been up until now maintaining the web page, reported that the PD had been unsuccessful in attracting a volunteer to do the PD web page and the PDSC had resolved to provide funds to attract a suitable person. An individual had been identified and would be approached to take the position.

The meeting expressed their gratitude for Andrews' commitment and the terrific job he has done with the web page.

## **8 RACI Restructuring/Future of the Polymer Division (G Moad/G George)**

Graeme Moad reported that a white paper was presented to the RACI Board to propose that the Division makeup of the RACI be reviewed with the aim of making the RACI appear more responsive to new technologies, in order to gain and address the needs of potential new members. Part of this plan involves the elimination and/or merging of existing Divisions, and includes a proposal to merge the Polymer Division with the Colloids. The PDSC is concerned about the proposal and is upset over the lack of consultation / involvement in the process. This will be conveyed to the RACI Council.

## **9 Solomon Lecture (modification to constitution)**

There was a discussion on the need to change the Constitution to account for trust funds for prizes, such as the Solomon Lecture due to the centralized bank accounts instigated by the RACI Board. There was no resolution of the matter.

## **10 Other business**

There was a discussion on whether the PD should subsidize attendees to the World Chemistry Conference – the difficulty in defining exactly what a PD member was.

It was moved by R. Gilbert, seconded by A. Whittaker that “the PD should subsidize attendees of the WCC in the amount of \$200 up to a maximum of \$10,000, provided they had attended either 23APS or 24APS and were presenting a paper/poster at the WCC”

The motion was carried by a show of hands.

The meeting was closed, with the next AGM to be held in conjunction with the 25 APS in Armidale.