

Minutes of Polymer Division AGM 2002

Lecture Room 1, University of New England, Armidale.

Tuesday 12th February, 3:30pm.

1. Apologies
 - a. John Forsythe
2. Minutes of previous Meeting
 - a. Graeme Moad pointed out that it was decided that a change to the PD Constitution to encompass the Solomon Award was not necessary and the minutes from the previous meeting should reflect this.
 - b. David Sangster moved that the minutes as modified be accepted; seconded Graeme Moad; carried by show of hands
 - c. Note: subsequent to the meeting, David Sangster pointed out that the office bearers elected at the previous meeting were not included in the minutes. They were
 - i. Chair: Tom Davis
 - ii. Chair elect: Andrew Whittaker
 - iii. Secretary: David Lewis
 - iv. Treasurer: John Forsythe
 - v. Standing Committee: Jani Matisons, John Foster, Wayne Cook, Hans Heuts, Greg Russell and Brian Saunders,
 - vi. International Affairs Dave Hill
3. Chairs Report
 - a. Efforts were focused around the 25th APS. There were 67 at the Workshop and approx 210 attendees at the conference. It was expected that the conference would break even.
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. Andrew Whittaker presented the budget in John Forsythe's absence.
 - b. The budget document showed \$327k total holdings, with approx. \$230k in a PD bank account in a term deposit.
 - c. Income for 2001 showed \$22.5k, with outflow of \$6.0k. It was not clear whether the \$22.5k was the profits from the 24APS. This is to be resolved with John.
 - d. A number of apparent typographical errors were found and it was resolved that the budget could not be accepted as it was. David Sangster moved that the motions to accept the treasurers report be delayed until clarification and correction, if necessary, was made – seconded Hans Heuts, passed by show of hands. It was subsequently resolved that after review the budget document would be sent to the Poly mailing list with a motion of acceptance and voted on within one week of posting.
5. Future Meetings
 - a. Andrew Whittaker indicated the next APS would be at Noosa at the Sheraton from July 14-17, 2003, with the program running from Sunday to Thursday morning. It was intended that registration would be held at the 25APS level.

- b. Dave Hill Reported the World radiation Conference would be held in August of 2003 in Brisbane. One day would be dedicated to polymers.
 - c. Wayne Cook reported that future PPF would be held in Bangkok (2003), Hawaii (2005), Japan (2007) and Australia has indicated we are interested in 2009. A proposal will be made in about 12 months.
 - d. San Thang reported the 10th Asia Chemical Congress would be held from October 16-23, 2003 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
 - e. Jani Matisons reported two silicon meetings would be held – a workshop from July 15-19, 2002 and the International Polymer Silicon conference in 2005
 - f. The polymer Processing Society is holding a meeting from July 8-10, 2003.
6. Polymer Division Web pages/ Permanent, part-time Secretary
- a. Andrew Whittaker reported that we have still not been successful in engaging someone to look after the web page. It was proposed that we engage Eva Comino as a permanent secretary 2-4 days per month and that the web page maintenance would be a part of her duties. This was accepted by consensus.
 - b. It was resolved that Andrew would work out the details.
7. Election of Office Bearers
- a. David Sangster moved that Andrew Whittaker be reaffirmed as Chair, seconded David Lewis, accepted by show of hands
 - b. Chair Elect: David Lewis, proposed by David Sangster, seconded Wayne Cook, elected
 - c. Secretary: George Simon, with Hans Heuts standing in for the first 6 months – proposed by David Sangster seconded Wayne Cook, elected
 - d. Treasurer: Chris Fellows, proposed by David Sangster seconded Wayne Cook, elected
 - e. International Affairs: Rob Burford, proposed by Dave Hill, seconded by David Lewis, elected
 - f. Standing Committee: Wayne Cook, Dave Hill, Greg Russell, Jani Matisons, Graeme Moad, Hans Heuts – proposed by Rob Burford, seconded Andrew Whittaker, elected.
8. Other Business
- a. Solomon lecture: it was now resolved that an amendment should be made to the Constitution to reflect this Lecture series and grant. It was resolved that Graeme Moad would prepare the proposed text to be distributed with the minutes and it would be voted upon at the next meeting
 - b. Andrew Whittaker reported that the Australasian Polymer Society will be established in 2002 and that it would co-sponsor the 26th APS.
 - c. David Lewis reported planning had started for the 27APS and it would be in Adelaide, probably at the Adelaide Exhibition Center.