

Minutes from the AGM of the Polymer Division of the RACI – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – 6.40 - 7.40 pm

In Attendance - 44 people. The following people were noted in the minutes:

Brian Hawke (BH), Graeme Moad (GM), Martina Stenzel (MS, ex-Chair), Sebastian Perrier (SP, Chair), Lachlan Yee (LY, Treasurer), Wayne Cook (WC), David Lewis (DL), Greg Qiao (GQ), Rob Burford (RB), Graeme George (GG), Greg Russell (GR), Marianne Gaborieau (MG), Patrice Castignolles (PG), Amanda Ellis (AE, Minutes), Michelle Coote (MC), Daniel Keddie (DK), Michael Monterio (MM), David Hill (DH), Robert Gilbert (RG), Idriss Blakey (IB), Nathan Boase (NB), Ian Dagley (ID), Mel Nicholic (MN), Stephen Clark (SC), Emily Hilder (EH) and Kevin Jack (KJ, Chair-elect).

1. 2011 minutes moved as read by SP and accepted by DL.

2. Report from the Chair SP (see report)

- 33APS expected \$7K profit (not yet finalised until after student subsidies), 313 delegates. SP congratulated on an excellent conference.
- Travel scholarships to be awarded to Australian and NZ RACI student members. Supervisors are to be contacted directly for reimbursement.
- Prizes were awarded during the year – JoD, Treloar, student travel. Awardees for various PD awards to be clarified by SP in the final report.
- Acceptance of the report moved by SP accepted by DL.

3. Financial Report by the Treasurer (LY) – see budget

- LY introduced new budget based on new RACI involvement which spans 5 years (3 years future, present and 1 year previous). The budget breaks even over this period.
- RACI to sponsor all awards.
- Treasurers report moved by KJ and accepted by WC.

4. Report from State Reps

- MH had a very successful student symposium (45 students and guest speakers) in QLD
- A new State Rep for Tasmania was elected EH.

## 5. Office Bearers

- Current SCM members are: Exec (AE, KJ, SP, MS, LY and CF); state/NZ reps (MG, IB, MGM, GQ, GR) and committee members (RB, SC, MC, WC, DL, GM, AW, GR (also NZ rep))
- Secretary: Greg Qiao nominated by KJ, DL seconded, elected
- SCM:
  - Not voted on and remains the same
- Committee Members:
  - All current members wish to remain on committee
- Student Rep: Nathan Boase – nominated KJ, seconded AE, elected
- Treasurer: LY- nominated SP, seconded MS, elected
- Awards Co-rd: CF – nominated SP, seconded MS, elected
- State rep QLD – MN nominated NB, seconded KJ, elected
- New SCM members are: Exec (AE, KJ, SP, LY, GQ and CF); state/NZ reps (MG, MN, MGM, GQ, GR) and committee members (GS, RB, SC, MC, WC, DL, GM, AW, GR (also NZ rep), DK, MM)

## 6. Solomon Lecture Series

- New Chair-elect AE to co-ordinate the state reps during the visit of Krzysztof Matyjaszewski in Oct 2012. KJ to provide details.
- SB to sound out next speaker for 2014

## 7. APSS

- WC reported that the APSS 2011 (Dec 2011) was very successful with 50 attendees. The CRC for Polymers will continue its financial support of this event (\$10 K). Funding from the PD for this event increased in new RACI budget to (\$12.5K for next 3 years). The next APSS time to be determined

## 8. Future APS

- KJ noted 34 APS will be held in Darwin July 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>
- Costs will be comparable to previous APS's. Travel to Darwin may be slightly more expensive but KJ suggested booking in advance
- 35 APS – AE to run in Adelaide 2014, however AE noted that this is also the same time as the RACI National congress in Adelaide. Suggested the 35APS either be run through the congress (which is unlikely to be possible). Therefore the 35 APS may run in 2015.
- AE will organise symposia for the RACI National congress in consultation with the PD.

## 9. ARC grants

- SP noted that 50% of grant marks come from the referee's and therefore encouraged the PD members to read/and review grants carefully as proper reviewing now counts for more.

## 10. Other Business

- SC noted that ordinary members needed to be elected. No-one stood down, therefore members remained the same (WC, MM, DL, SC, GM, RB, MC, DK, AW).
- Ordinary members have high numbers. Talk about removing members and ask for re-election at next AGM in 2013.
- MS was nominated by WC to run the next PPC conference (year to be determined), accepted by MS.
- MM asked PD for interest in supporting the IUPAC POC conference April/may 2014. DL requested a written proposal on what exactly is being requested from the PD as there appears to be conflicting information. MM noted that they only required verbal support from the PD – this was then approved by the PD.

## 11. SP closed AGM due to time at 7.40 pm.