

AGM of the Polymer Division of the RACI

(7th July 2013 – 1:30 -3:00 pm)

Minutes

In Attendance - 28 people. The following people were noted in the minutes:

RACI Members: Kristofer Thurecht (KT), James Blinco (JB), Idriss Blakey (IB), Kei Saito, Richard Grant (RG), Chris Fellows (CF), David Lewis (DL), Rob Burford (RB), Stuart Thickett, Stephen Clark (SC), Adrian Fucns, Emily Hilder (EH), Patrice Castignolles (PG), Marianne Gaborieau (MG), Danielle Taylor, Alison Maniego, Joel Theuarajab, Donald Lewis, Graeme Moad (GM), Graeme George (GG), Lachlan Yee (LY, Treasurer), Kevin Jack (KJ, Chair), Amanda Ellis (AE, chair-elect), Wayne Cook (WC) and Greg Qiao (GQ, Sectary).

Non-RACI Members: Jianyong Jin, Neil Edmond and John Forsythe.

1. 2012 minutes moved as accepted by DL and seconded by KT.

2. Report from the Chair KJ (see report)

- RACI budget model presented and it has been passed by RACI board.
- 34APS has 250 delegates with 30% from students and 30% from overseas. There is a projection of profit for this meeting.

Discussion:

WC: what happened to the fund in Solomon lecture fund from RACI portion?

KJ: Outlined how the Solomon fund money had been managed with \$38k of the \$78K being taken back by the RACI NB, leaving \$30K currently in the Solomon fund account.

Action. A letter by KB to be drafted and sent to Martina Stenzel to be presented at the next RACI board meeting.

- Acceptance of the Chairs report moved by DL accepted by RB.

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

- LY introduced RACI budget model which spans 5 years (3 years future, present and 1 year previous).
- Last year the following initiatives were supported:
 - Student travel awards
 - Polymer Metal certificate
 - Treloar Prize
 - On-going website maintenance.
 - Solomon Lecture (Oct 2012), cost \$10,500.
- Solomon fund polymer budget situation
- Budget tracking summaries (6 tabs and 12 sub-tabs).

Discussion:

KT: who has received travel award?

LY: Weiwan Yi

CF: The application can be any time and currently is under subscribed and most applications are from Brisbane.

RB: we need an indication of where are we financially for polymer division.

LY provided key data. We are going well.

KT asked about request from NZ group about one activity. KJ explained the nature of the activity and why support was reduced.

WC: What happened to Davis Hill Ph.D. Thesis Award? It was a good idea with ~\$500 as award.

KJ: will keep this issue aside

- Treasurer's report moved by GQ and accepted by MG.

4. Report from State Reps

- MG reported three activities in NSW and Solomon Lecture.
- KT reported key activities in QLD including 1) student event (yearly activity, this year raised more than \$3000 mainly from Industry, UQ and QUT), 2) Mini Symposium (held in Jan, more than 100 students, 10 international speakers with budget of \$7k (\$1k from PD)), 3) student conference planned for the coming September, 4) Solomon Lecture.
- JF reported Solomon Lecture in VIC and will re-establish a Vic polymer group committee in VIC.
- NE reported NZ group on promoting research showcase.
- AE reported SA's student symposium in October.

- KT raised issue to funding for state group activities. KJ replied that they should report this to respective branches.
- MG will stand down as NSW state rep.
- LY report RACI QLD branch has \$42K branch funding.

6. APSS

- WC reported that the APSS 2012 (the 14th Australasian Polymer Summer School) was held at Flinders University from December 4th-7th 2012 and was very successful with good speakers. The CRC for Polymers (CRP-P) will continue its financial support of this event.
- This year, the model was changed substantially with venue fee savings. The Division will provide \$2.5K funding for next APSS.
- KJ congratulated on a well-run summer school. More review will be held for the summer school in the future. WC will retire from running APSS after 14 times. KJ thanks WC for his contribution. DK will take over from WC for future APSS with a committee and WC will help the next APSS likely in Feb 2014.
- GG: CRC-P will continue to support APSS in the future.
- RB report that CRC-P will continue fund postgraduate scholarships and top-up scholarships. One key change is that CRC will consider international applicants if they can receive fee remission scholarship.
- KJ suggests this info should link to PD website.
- RB will mention this during APS dinner on Wed night.

7. Solomon Lecture Series

- Krzysztof Matyjaszewski's Solomon Lecture in Oct 2012 was very well received.
- The next speaker may be linked to RACI national convention. Currently 9 plenary speakers invited and 5 agreed with two are polymer people.
- Discussion then on Solomon Fund:
 - DL: history: Solomon put in \$30K and RACI match 30K to set-up the fund.
 - RACI recently cannot locate any paper work on RSCI's contribution.
 - Two options: 1) put all funds together as separated fund. However, RACI cannot tight their fund even if they eventually agreed the \$30K. 2) only use interests from Solomon's \$30K for Solomon lecture. The additional cost from division's annual budget as long as PD makes profit.
 - It is now agreed that we go for 2nd option. KJ will write to RACI board to request a letter to confirm this arrangement. David Solomon is ok with the 2nd option.
- This APS, PD will likely return 10-12K profit. This is based on RACI model:

- 1st \$5K, 100% return to division, 2nd \$5K, 50% return, and 3rd \$5K, 65% return.

KJ: increase membership can help RACI financially.

The discussion solution was moved by AE and accepted by KT.

5. Office Bearers

- KJ presented following nomination list received prior to AGM. As no additional candidates were needed, all nominations are accepted without voting. The new elected office Bearers are as following:

Position	Nominee	affiliation	nominator	affiliation	seconded	affiliation
Secretary	Michelle Coote	ANU	Kevin Jack	UQ	David A. Lewis	Flinders University
Treasurer	Dr Marianne Gaborieau	UWS	Patrice Castignolles	UWS	Lachlan Yee	UWS
Standing Comm	Idriss Blakey	UQ	Martina Stenzel	UNSW	David A. Lewis	Flinders University
	Stephen Clarke	USA	Milena Ginic-Markovic	USA	John Pockett	Uni SA
	Per Zetterlund	UNSW	Martina Stenzel	UNSW	Greg Qiao	MU
	Graeme Moad	CSIRO	Greg Qiao	MU	Kevin Jack	UQ
	Daniel Keddie	UNE	Graeme Moad	CSIRO	Tara Schiller	Monash
	Michael Monteiro	UQ	Chris Fellows	UNE	Greg Qiao	MU
	Chris Fellows	UNE	Greg Russell	Canterbury	Kevin Jack	UQ
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The following new PD positions were elected:

Chair: AE

Chair-Elect: GQ

Past-Chair: KJ

Sectary: MC

Treasurer: MG

8. Future Meetings

- National Congress: 11-13 Dec **2014**, Adelaide, expect 800 delegates. Encourage PD member to attend.
- We can run some awards and AGM in NC. Not sure if we could have Treloar Prize.
- 35APS: July **2015**, Gold Coast.
- 36APS: Possible Dec **2016**, Lorne, Vic
- RACI **Centenary, July 2017** in Melbourne.
- Macro 2018: possible July **2018**, Cairns (final decision will be made in Turkey in few months.). Next Macro is in Thailand and we should support the conference.

10. Other Business

- David Hill Prize will be decided by Standing Committee.
- GG: Vic Polymer Group to contact Vic Branch.
- WC: state reps should meet together and communicate.

11. KJ closed AGM.