

AGM of the Polymer Division of the RACI

(10th December 2014 – 12:30 -1:30 pm)

Minutes

Venue - RACI National Congress 2014 – Adelaide

Attending: Stephen Clarke, Kris Thurecht, Idriss Blakey, Daniel Keddie, Marion Gaborieau, Greg Qiao, Amanda Ellis (Chair), Patrice Castignolles, James Blinco, Malanie Ramiasa, David Lewis, Tara Scholler, Kei Sato, John Forsythe, Thomas Bennet, Amanda Pearce, Anna Gemmell, Liyu Chen, Katherine Locock, John Pockett, Kevin Jack (minutes)

Apologies: Michael Monteiro, Per Zetterlund, Graeme Moad, Michelle Coote, Greg Russell, Chris Fellows

1. Minutes from the previous meeting passed DK/IB
2. Report from the Chair (see details in the minutes of the standing committee minutes). Board make up, gender equity and 2017 Congress all reported. Discussion of Membership within the RACI and the need to address the decline
3. Chris Fellows has retired as the membership and awards co-ordinator. His efforts and achievements in this role were highlighted and he is very strongly thanked for this service by the division.
4. Report on 35 APS by Amanda Ellis (chair). Organisation is well advanced and proceeding to timeline.
5. Awards made as per list circulated.
6. Marion Gaborieau provided the Treasures financial report (circulated). See summary in standing committee minutes
7. State Reps reported a strong level of activities over the past year. Reports to be emailed and attached. The level of activity was very pleasing. Most groups are also making their activities self-sustaining.
8. Report by Daniel Keddie and Tara Schiller on the APSS held in UWS. As per SC minutes cost to the PD was \$320. The cost to attend was set at \$400. 37 attendees (3 UG / 34 PG) A theme based idea was being used at this and the next APSS (Monash in Feb 3rd/4th). That is some general polymer science but the remaining speakers following a theme. The idea being that it would be favourable to attend more than one APSS during a PhD. Some discussion

was had around cost saving by having APSS close to APS (as in previous meetings). The current model is working well for now.

DK and TS have both relocated to UK and are organising the 2015 APSS but the division (executive/SC) will need to appoint a new co-ordinator for the following APSS. Position reports to the SC and liaises with the CRC.

9. A very brief discussion re Solomon lecture was had due to time constraints. Nov 2015 is the suggested time and names were suggested in the SC meeting.

10. Meeting closed