

Minutes from the 2011 Annual meeting for AIChE SepDiv - Minneapolis

Attendance ran anywhere between 20-30 people during the meeting.

Meeting started late – waiting for projector

Motion Passed: Atanas indicates that there were no changes to minutes from previous meeting. Benny asks for motion to approve, then second. Voice vote approves minutes.

DB (past chair) discusses election information.

Awards topics moved to this spot due to scheduling conflict for Nick.

Area 2d next due to another scheduling conflict.

Neil gives BOD update.

Sharon gives CTOC report.

Announcement from AIChE Staff saying that sessions for Spring meeting are not closed even though deadline is passed.

Andre discusses BOD issues. Asked Sharon for further comments but she said all has been covered.

Neil back on to discuss division bylaws and the treasurer's report. Status right now, the bylaws have not been sent for approval but just were discussed.

Action required: Going forward, the bylaws will need to be agreed upon within the board over the year and then will have to be approved at the annual meeting (Monday) next year in Pittsburgh.

Action required: Neil suggests that we approve it, submit a proposal to CTOC for their approval, and then it gets voted upon and approved by the membership until the Monday meeting in Pittsburgh.

Benny closes with a summation of what will be happening and asking people for comments.

Linda Wang asks whether session chairs and other people assisting the session organization should be dues paying division members. Benny makes good point that we would strongly encourage these people to be members, particularly those that do this for more than one session.

Treasurer's report. Question again as how best to intelligently spend our money, which we have a lot of.

Motion Passed: There was a motion that passed that all sub-divisional honorees at the annual meeting be invited to the annual dinner meeting free of charge.

Question of sponsoring coffee breaks. These are typically quite expensive. How do we get the most benefit from the investment? How can we do something to recruit to the division better? Benny asks if there are existing programs that we can assist rather than just try to do something alone (e.g young professionals).

Action: Isabel will collect suggestions from the YP group so that we can discuss this further at the spring meeting and proceed from there. DB suggesting programs that we can participate in on Saturdays.

Action: Benny asks Neil to include provisions for an advisory council within the Sep Div as he is revising the bylaws.

Benny goes over the current years programming, noting that this is fairly similar to that of past years. Asking DB to speak on the topical sessions. DB discusses Water technology for developed and developing countries. Benny is showing the various topicals and their content this week. Next Benny discusses the membrane tutorials the John Pellegrino does that are normally very well attended.

Biomedical has a Topical that we would be a co-sponsor for. Benny asking for topics or special sessions about other separations areas that we would need to have major programming or topical session where we need to push. Yoram says that water programming has been strong for the last several years. If there is a request for a topical in Pittsburgh, the idea for the program needs to be submitted within the next few weeks.

Question posed: Is there a crossover between SepDiv and the AIChE water initiative? Currently, it seems there is not so much but there should be.

There was a divisional survey a few years back but question is whether we have evaluated it recently. That would be a good idea for us to look at. We can get the info from Atanas in the minutes. Also, John Pelligrino has copies of this.

Then there were comments on the power industry. Would energy be a good choice for all the things going on in Pennsylvania? There was a question as to whether it would be power generation and utilities as a whole? Issaac Gamwo and John may get together to work on programming for this. Discussion also about recovery from stack gases. Topical for Pittsburgh: **Separation Processes for the Power Generation Industry.** Need to make sure that we don't overlap too much with the other CO2 capture sessions.

Question whether there would be a topical on water in Pittsburgh but typically these topics are one of a kind and not continuing annually.

2a report (Anand):

2b: no show.

2c: presented

2d: presented earlier in meeting

2e: Linda Wang: She will be stepping down and Roger Whitley will be taking her place. They are looking for a vice chair

2f: fluid particle 4 sessions here and same in Pittsburgh.

2g: Bioseparations: 2 sessions this year. 1 poster session this year. 5 co-sponsored sessions with area 15b and 15c and extraction. co-sponsoring topical on biorefining. Will not participate in spring. They have a programming meeting on 7:30 on Tuesday.

2h: General (Alice He): Considering a process intensification session. Leadership will continue. Benny asked about leadership of each division and whether they would have a programming meeting this week. .

Scott Husson discusses membership growth initiatives. Scott has contacted students who have presented papers and asked them to belong to the SepDiv. Neil suggested that they send out requests to all students. He also suggests that we have the emails sent personally from an individual rather than from a group. The sender needs to say who they are and why they are asking.

Suggestion of providing videos for free to members of SepDiv from the various awards sessions (Gerhold, Kunesh, etc.) and tutorials.

Access to Separations Science and Technology for SepDiv members (Pellegrino). This would be a benefit for the private sector people more than academia since colleges have paid access to this anyway. One session could have a special issue where papers from the AIChE meeting would go there. Still, a lot of work needs to be done to flesh this out.

Ravi: Education, Seminars & Webinars: Difficult to get people to follow through with this. The people seem enthusiastic at first but then back out when the due date comes near. Suggest getting presentations first from tutorials to get things started.

Krista Walton: Not here, Benny did it from a presentation that she sent. There used to be a newsletter but there just didn't seem to be a lot of interest. Isabelle suggested that some information on jobs or personnel movements, etc. Then perhaps a linked-in section would be a good way to go. JP discussed concerns about confidentiality with a setup like that.

Discussion was that perhaps we could put recommended reading and resources on the static website. Perhaps it would be nice to have something like Amazon with comments from reviewers there.

Motion Passed: Isabelle discussed Young Professionals. Initial motion to participate in the Houston Young Professionals meeting for \$500 on Tuesday night at Lucky's. Asked that we would send a couple of people from Sepdiv to participate. Motion approved with little discussion.

FRI Kunesh Award: 2011 winner Isabel Escobar

Gerhold Award: Rich Noble is the 2011 winner. They need industrial nominations.

Neil asked if we have electronic mailings to the members. Answer is probably that we do not. Neil suggests that we need to contact members semi-regularly.

Action: Our AIChE liaison needs to help us on this. Benny will contact Miriam for logistic details.

Having a message from the chair periodically to go out would be nice. It would be a good way to get this started.

Action: Benny and Mark will look into having regular info from the chair be sent to the SepDiv. They will propose a path forward with respect to scope and actions. A nice start would be to have Benny do an outgoing email maybe? Either that or Mark to do an introductory message.

Enhanced role of senior grad students: Any action on this?

Tarun Podar discussion of handling no-show cases from the meeting. No-shows will be sent a "soft letter" to let them know that this is improper.

Nick Urbanski urges the various directors of various areas to honor those as timely and appropriate.

Our liaison is out on maternity leave. Her replacement was not able to attend.

Meeting Adjourned.