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2022

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MINUTES

Separations Division Planning Meeting
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
2022 AIChE Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - 1 pm to 5:00 pm (MST)
Phoenix Convention Center - N-131A

In person attendance:

Alice He	Seth Huggins	Isaac Gamwo
Atanas Serbezov	Anand Vennavelli	Haiqing Lin
Caryn Heldt	Ranil Wickramasinghe	CJ Kurt
Dan Summers	Heather Chenette	Christine Duval
Daniel Siderius	Jenifer Gomez Pastora	Marina Tsianou
Stefano Brandani	Seyi Oduyungbo	D.B. Bhattacharyya
Stephanie Wettstein	Josh Thompson	Tiangxing Cai
Thomas Vetter	Tony Cai	Paul Collins
Marcus Mello		

Online attendance:

Tarun Poddar	Steve Thiel	Paul Scovazzo
Evan Hatakeyama	Steve Ritchie	

Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2022 (Atanas Serbezov)

A motion to approve the minutes as distributed by e-mail passed by acclamation.

Election Results and Introduction of New Officers (Alice He)

Marina Tsianou - 2nd Vice Chair
Tony Cai – Director
Steve Ritchie - Director
Tarun Poddar - Treasurer
Atanas Serbezov – Secretary

Proposal Presentation by the 2022 Education and Outreach Award Winner (Stephanie Wettstein)

Stephanie Wettstein presented her proposal. The goal of the project is to develop a freely accessible repository of interactive photos and videos of commonly used industrial separations equipment to help students learn more about separations.

2022 Education and Outreach Award Funding Discussion (All)

Following an extensive discussion, the following motion was put forward for a vote:

Motion: Award the full amount of the award, \$5,000, to Montana State University for the education and outreach work proposed by Stephanie Wettstein, with the stipulation that the work is completed by end of June 2023 and a project report including links to developed content is submitted to the Division by end of July 2023.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Update (Tarun Poddar)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Before the end of the calendar year the Executive Committee of the Division must decide on the Division funds allocation for 2023.

Action Item: Atanas to organize a poll for the funds allocation.

Awards Update (Dan Summers and Haiqing Lin)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Award winners' information is posted on the Division web site.

The Division is looking to increase the diversity of the awards nomination pool. Several ideas were put forward:

- Establish an award nominations committee.
- Liaise with professional organizations of underrepresented groups, such as NSBE and SWE.
- Allow for self-nominations.

Second Vice Chair Report (Isaac Gamwo)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Newsletter (Marina Tsianou)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Newsletters are posted on the Division web site.

Marina will continue to be in charge of the newsletter in 2023 and beyond.

Separations Engage Platform Update (Paul Scovazzo)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

The platform has not gained traction with the separations The Division will discontinue its use.

Diversity Initiatives (Caryn Heldt)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Action item: Caryn to submit a proposal to the Division leadership for specific activities to be accomplished in 2023.

Action Item: The Division Council to appoint a Diversity Committee led by Caryn Heldt.

Area Reports (Area Chairs)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Web Site Update (Steve Thiel)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Directors' Responsibilities

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Dan Summers will assume responsibility for administering the Gerhold Award.

CJ Kurt will join Haiqing on the awards directors team.

Tony Cai will assume responsibility for liaising with other organizations. Tiangxing Cai will work with Tony.

CTOC Update (Paul Collins)

See slides in the Appendix for details.

Division Bylaws Revision

The Division will update its bylaws in 2023. The last update was in 2017. Per CTOC guidelines, Divisions are encouraged to review and update their bylaws every 5 years.

APPENDIX

2022 Separations Division Planning Meeting

November 13, 2022

1:00 – 5:00 PM MST

Phoenix Convention Center - N-131A

Financial Summary and Updates Separation Division

**Tarun Poddar
November 2022**

Financial Update-2022

Separation Division, AIChE

Good financial health

- Current balance of over \$97,000 (as of end of September-2022)
- Anticipated year-end balance around \$90,000

Received all anticipated corporate donations for 2022

- From three companies – FRI, Chevron, Honeywell-UOP
- Total of \$6,400

Current investment

- 75% investment in AIChE portfolio & 25 % CD

Investment for 2023

- Distribution needs to be decided and communicated to AIChE by year-end

Financial Overview for 2021

Assets on 12/31/2020 (Sep div)	82,552.02
Assets on 12/31/2021	90,301.47
Net Change	7,749.45

Total receipts	23,080.66
Total disbursements	15,331.21
Net earning	7,749.45

Receipts & Disbursements Details for 2021

Receipts

Dues Payment	6,435
Donations from corporations	6,400.00
Investment income	7,515.66
Dinner ticket	2730
Total Receipts	23,080.66

Disbursements

Awards	6,700.00
Plaques and related	1,943.50
Award dinner and related	5,012.90
Annual meeting audio visual	219.81
Amex card membership fee	55.00
2020 annual meeting video making*	1400.00
Total Disbursements	15,331.21

Award Dinner Details for 2021

Ticket sale : 2,730 (39 @ 70/ticket)

Total award dinner related expenses: 5,012.90

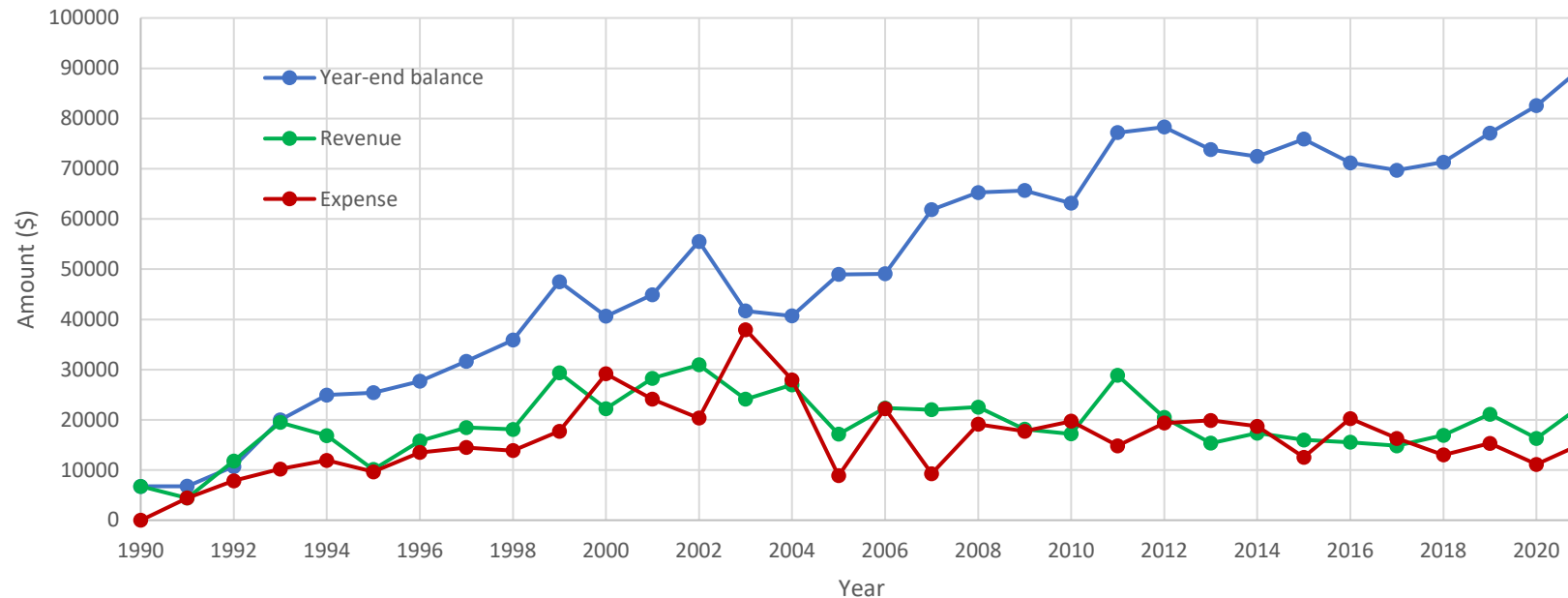
Division's expense : 2,282.90

Award Related Expenses

Dinner expenses for 51 meals + event fee (20%) + gratuity(15%) : 4,697.94

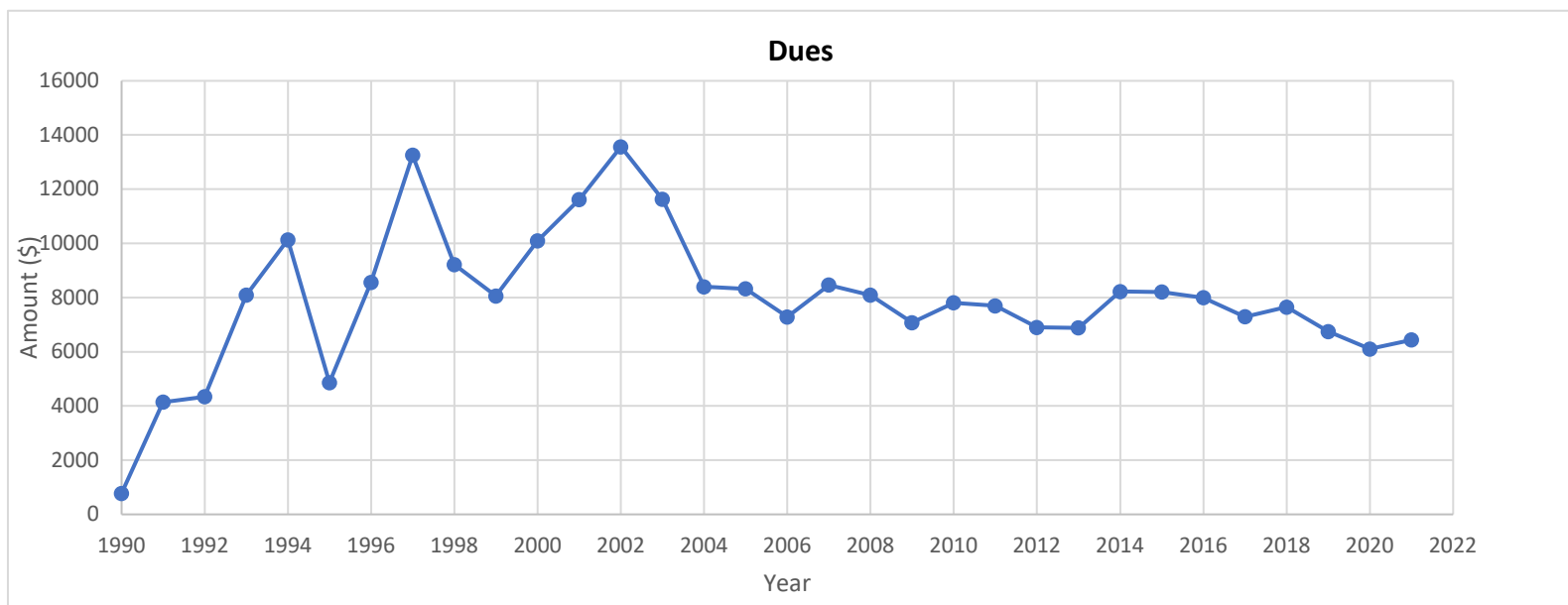
Award related printing and shipping: 314.96

Financial Summary Trends



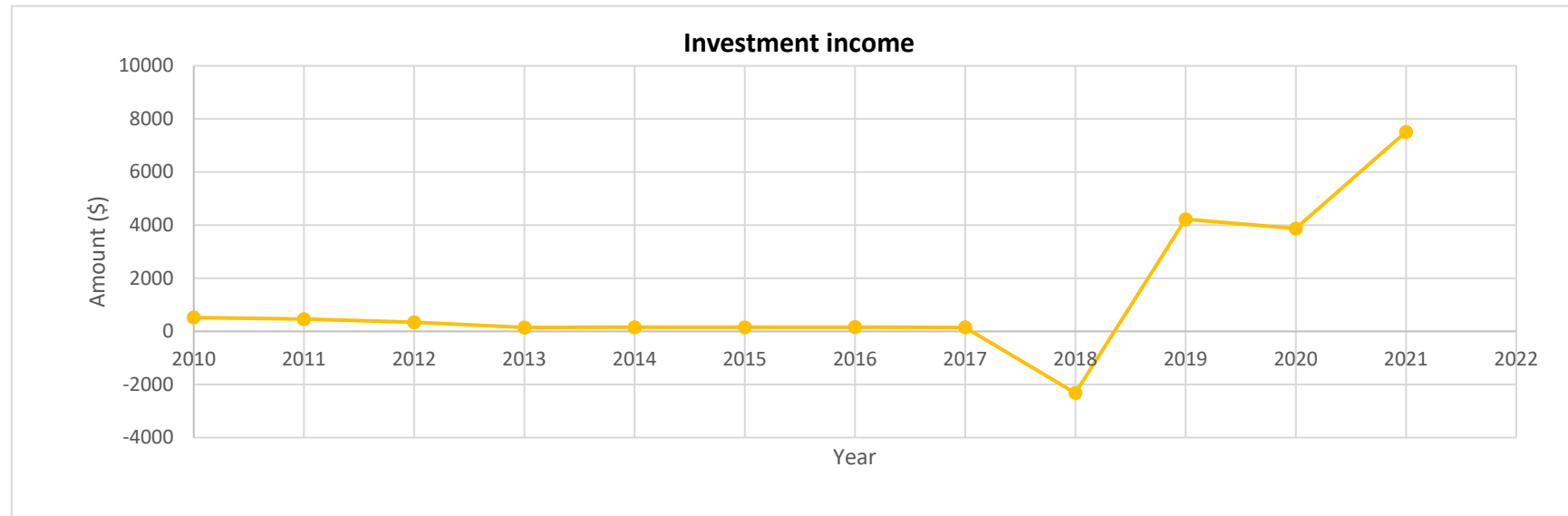
- Historical high yearend balance in 2021
- Previous highest yearend balance was in 2020

Membership Dues Trend



- Change in trend after lowest membership dues collected in the last 24 years
- 429 membership
- Record dues collected in 2002, \$13560 (904 memberships at the rate of \$15/member)

Investment Income Trend



Investment Distribution

Year	% in CD	% in AIChE portfolio
Prior 2018	100	0
2018	25	75
2019	75	25
2020	50	50
2021	25	75
2022	25	75

- ❖ Record investment income in 2021
- ❖ Much lower, possibly loss expected in 2022

Summary of Awards – Fall 2022

Accomplished

- Photos and Biographies of all winners received
- Awards Slides and Bios given to Marina for the Newsletter
- Awards all uploaded to National AIChE website – they look good
- Awards given to Stephen Thiel for posting on our web site
- Awards “Deck” sent to all Area Chairs
- Agenda for Awards Presentations written and given to Alice and Isaac
- Plaque Order completed and received
- Award Checks have been received.

To do yet

- New Education and Outreach Award distribution established & given to national
- Distribute (Mail) Plaques and Awards checks to those not in attendance
- Get ready for next year

2nd Vice Chair Report

Separations Division Planning Meeting
November 13, 2022

Isaac K. Gamwo, Ph.D., P.E

2022 2nd Vice Chair – Separations Division

Role 2nd Vice Chair #1

- Organize Awards Dinner – Select a venue and menu
 - Walking distance from Phoenix convention center
 - A private section that can accommodate 60-80 attendees for about a 3-hour duration
 - Available cash bar
 - A podium with microphone for the presentation of award

Mancuso's Restaurant
At The Collier Center
201 E. Washington, Street, Suite 201
Phoenix, AZ. 85004
480-556-0770
Free Parking
www.mancusosrestaurant.com

2nd Vice Chair Role #2

- Chair Education and Outreach Award Committee

- One application received

Title “Interactive Unit Operations Images to Enhance Student Learning”

Dr. Stephanie Wettstein

Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering

To: AIChE Separations Board

From: Paul Scovazzo

Date: November 10, 2022

Re: Separations Engage Report

Dr. Scovazzo's portfolio as a Separations Division Director included the AIChE Separations Engage Platform. The strategy to increase the use of the Separations Engage Platform was to recruit/arrange for active members of the Separations Division to post questions or initial discussions covering a number of relevant topics; such as:

- Benefits of Separation Division Membership
- Supporting Local Sections
- Access to Current Research and Technologies
- Connecting Researchers with Practitioners
- AIChE Meeting Improvements
- Public Policy
- AIChE Obligation to Student Guidance
- Membranes vs. All Other Separations
- Membrane Materials vs Membrane Unit Operations
- Length of the Unused Bed (LUB) Scale-Up Method

The following case study illustrates the overall success of the Separations Engage Platform.

One of the postings was on the utility to industry of the LUB method for the scale-up of adsorption columns along with the clarity of the materials used to instruct students on the use of the LUB method. These LUB postings were first published on the Separations Engage Platform. Then after a 1-year waiting period, so the postings would not be in the recent memory of users, the same LUB postings were published on the General AIChE Engage Platform.

Significantly more (and useful) responses resulted from the General AIChE Engage Platform (Individuals engaged: 5 vs. 1). Moving forward, this case study may indicate that the Separations Engage Platform, as currently configured, may not be of use to the current members of the Separations Division.

Diversity initiatives for Division

Caryn Heldt

Michigan Technological University



- EDI/IDEAL events at the AIChE meeting 2022
 - Monday, Nov 14
 - Unconscious Bias Conversation
 - 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - N-226B
 - 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM - N-226B
 - IDEAL Featured Session: A Conversation on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - N-231B
 - IDEAL Reception (A Celebration for DORIC, K-12, LGBTQ+, MAC and WIC (ALL are Welcome))
 - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - N-229AB

- EDI/IDEAL events at the AIChE meeting 2022
 - Tuesday, Nov 15
 - LGBTQ+ & Allies Safe Zone Workshop
 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - N-231B
 - Wednesday, Nov 16
 - AIChE's Ideal Path - ABET's Potential Role
 - 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM - W-105C
 - LGBTQ+ & Allies Safe Zone Workshop
 - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - N-226A
 - ABET Updates and Insights (Invited Talks)
 - 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM - W-105A

- Last year we discussed the need for data on diversity
- If we want to support being inclusive in our programming, we can work on a few things:
 1. When we have programming meetings, invite session chairs, invite keynote speakers, we need to remind everyone in the room to keep diversity in mind. It makes a big difference.
 2. We need to keep our own data. We need to share demographics of award nominations, award winners, keynotes, session chairs, etc
 3. We need to have a conversation on the award nominating process
 - Is it too restrictive (asks for too much information, makes finding a nominator hard)?
 - Could people self nominate? (women and minorities are less likely to ask someone to nominate them)
 - We need to advertise the awards more broadly

Area Reports (2022 Total: 1 Topical Conf. & 67 Tech sessions)

	Code	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023 Planned	Fall 2023 Planned
Sep div	20	0	2		
Distillation and Absorption	2A	Topical 8: Distillation Symposium 1	1		
Crystallization & Evaporations	2B		9		
Extraction	2C		2		
Membrane-based Separations	2D		22		
Adsorption & Ion Exchange	2E		19		
Fluid-Particle Separations	2F		2		
Bio separations	2G		8		
General Topics & Other Methods	2H		1		

Separations Division Website

- Interested in information about from Area Chairs – see “About” and details for areas 2A and 2G
 - <https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/divisions/separations/separations-division-areas>
- Want to do some restructuring to make newsletter, past awards more prominent and easier to find
- Some issues with editing – working with National

2023 Division Leadership – Directors Succession Plan

Haiqing Lin (2019-2023)	Award Coordinator
Angela Lueking (2019-2023)	Topical Conference Liaison
Stefano Brandani (2020-2024)	
Stephen Thiel (2020-2024)	Webmaster
Caryn Heldt (2021-2025)	Diversity Planning Coordinator (would like to work with another director)
Evan Hatakeyama (2022-2026)	Membership Growth Initiatives
CJ Kurth (2022-2026)	Award coordinator
Dan Summers (2021-2025)	Gerhold award chair
Tony Cai (2023-2027)	Interaction with other organizations
Steve Richie (2023-2027)	

Special appointment – Newsletter editor	Marina Tsianou
CTOC Liaison	Paul Collins (2021-2023)

Outgoing directors

Paul Scovazzo (2018-2022)	Communication Platforms
Seyi Odueyungbo (2018-2022)	Interactions with Other Organizations

CTOC update

Paul Collins

- Presentation quality is still an item of interest
 - Session chair rubric – does SEP know about this?
 - Overlap table for use across D/F – does SEP know about this?
 - “Big bucket” programming – is SEP using this approach?
- IDEAL
 - Annual D/F survey indicates confusion
 - What would SEPs feedback (open ended) be?
- By-laws
 - Effort across AIChE to update on 5-year cycle
 - Operating manuals for process
 - SEP by-law revision is due in 2023

- Liaison
 - What is SEPs thinking about how CTOC and D/F interact?
 - What would be most helpful?
 - What would you like to see changed if possible?