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MINUTES

Separations Division Online Planning Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2020 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm (EST)

Attendance (via phone or Webex):

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Education and Outreach Award

One application for the Division's Education and Outreach Award has been submitted by Natacha Melgar from the University of Arkansas. This is the first application to this award since its inception in 2014. The requested amount is \$3,000.

Ranil reviewed the award administration process:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/awards/separations-division-education-and-outreach-award>

Natacha Melgar presented her proposal and answered questions posed by the meeting attendees. Following a discussion, a vote was taken via online poll. The vote was unanimous (13 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed) to fund the proposal.

Honoring the 2020 Division Awardees

In view of the fact that the 2020 annual AIChE meeting will be virtual, there was discussion on how to honor the 2020 division awardees. A specific proposal was to produce a short video for each awardee and post the videos on the Division's web page.

Action Item: Ranil to get a quote for the cost of producing the videos.

Also discussed was inviting the 2020 honorees to the 2021 awards dinner.

Newsletter Update

The 2019 newsletter has been published on the Division's website. The production of the 2020 newsletter is in progress and will be finished soon.

Website Update

Division's planning meeting minutes are published on the Division's web site but there have been no updates since 2016.

Action Item: Atanas to send all planning meeting minutes since 2016 to Steve Thiele. Steve to add them to the web site.

The Division's website has membership list maintained by AIChE. It seems that the list might be out of date.

Action Item: Steve Thiele to contact AIChE and find out the process for keeping the membership list up to date.

2020 Annual Planning Meeting

In view of the fact that the 2020 annual AIChE meeting will be virtual, two options for a planning meeting were proposed:

1. Two 1-hour meetings; one in October and one in November
2. No meeting in October and a 2-hour meeting in November

A vote was taken via online poll. Majority vote is for two 1-hour meetings.

Action Item: Ranil to set up the meeting dates and times.