

The Chemical Institute of Canada
Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2005
Chateau Cartier
Alymer Québec

In attendance: Alex Adronov, Chris Barrett, Géraldine Bazuin, Josée Brisson, Jianfu Ding, Derek Gates, Mario Gauthier, Julien Gautrot, Derek Gray, Steve Holdcroft (Treasurer), Even Lemieux, Guijun Liu, Karen Moffat (Vice-president), Christian Pellerin, Robert Prud'homme, Anna Ritcey (Secretary), Harald Stöver (President), Wayne Wang, Mitch Winnik, Yue Zhao, Julian Zhu, Shiping Zhu

The meeting opened at 15:35.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Last MSED Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the last general meeting, held on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 in London Ontario were presented by Harald Stöver. A motion to adopt the minutes was proposed by Harald Stöver, seconded by Karen Moffat and unanimously accepted.

2. Director's report

Géraldine Bazuin presented the annual CSC Director's report. No report was available from the CSC Directors' meeting that took place in Saskatoon in June 2005 as no MSED member was able to attend.

3. President's report

Wayne Wang, the outgoing MSED president presented his annual report.

The president reported that the division currently has 350 members. The new MSED executive includes Harald Stöver, chair (mandate of 2 years), Karen Moffat, vice-chair (mandate of 2 years) and Anna Ritcey, secretary (mandate of 2 years). Steven Holdcroft and Géraldine Bazuin will continue as treasurer and CSC director, respectively, for the upcoming year.

Wayne Wang will represent the MSED at this year's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Polymer Society.

Wayne Wang acknowledged the regrettable passing of several members of the division during his mandate, making mention of Almeria Natansohn, Ron Brown and Stan Bywater.

4. Membership

Nominations were solicited for new members at large to join the executive. Derek Gates, Christian Pellerin, Julian Zhu and Shiping Zhu were nominated and unanimously accepted as members at large.

5. Treasurer's Report

Steven Holdcroft presented the financial report for 2004.

The special purpose investments are held as GIC's and at the beginning of the 2004 fiscal year totaled \$26,000. The GICs matured on July 30, 2004 and were reinvested. At the recommendation of the MSED Board an additional \$4000 was transferred into the GICs bring the total to \$30,000. Interest from these GICs is used toward funding the travel costs of the MSED/Lanxess Graduate Student Awards (formerly the MSED/Bayer Graduate Student Awards), as well as the MSED Undergraduate Thesis Awards. The interest from these GIC's was \$975.00. Two 2003/04 MSED/Bayer Graduate awards (\$1,000 each) were presented. Reimbursement for travel related to the 2003/04 awards (\$989.18) was also provided. Three CSC poster prizes were awarded for the combined amount of \$1000. The sum total of award expenses for 2004 was \$3989.18. The difference between interest income accrued from GICs and the award expenses (-\$3014.18) was counted as an expense against the operating budget

MSED's community account received bank interest of \$3.31 in 2004. Expenses of \$550.78 related to MSED meetings were incurred this year. As of the end of 2004 MSED had not yet received its societal grant from CIC Head Office. The Division received \$2,000 from Bayer Inc. towards the 2003/04 MSED/ Bayer Graduate Awards. The equity in MSED's community account decreased from \$9260.64 (Jan 1, 2004) to \$2598.99 (Dec. 31, 2004) largely due to the transfer of funds (\$4000.00) to interest-bearing GICs, and the un-received societal grant (estimated at \$1400.00).

6. Report from the annual CSC conference

Harald Stöver reported on the division related activities at the 88th Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition held in Saskatoon from May 28 to June 1, 2005. The conference included five polymer related symposia. Eugenia Kumacheva presented the MSED award lecture, "*Continuous Microfluidic Reactors for Polymer Particles: Control over Size, Shape, Morphology, and Composition*", which was well attended and well received. Naiheng Song from Carleton University (group of Wayne Wang) presented his MSED/LANXESS award lecture. A MSED student poster prize was awarded to R.B. Cheyne from the University of Victoria (group of Mathew Moffitt).

7. High Polymer Forum

In the absence of the 2005 High Polymer Chair, Ian Manners, Yue Zhao presented the conference report. He noted the very successful attendance, with 94 registered attendees. The next HPF will be chaired by Yue Zhao. Jianfu Ding will be program chair and Tim Bender will be asked to occupy the position of Secretary-Treasurer

8. Future conferences

Pacificchem 2005, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, Dec. 15-20, including 20 symposia in macromolecular science. Steven Holdcroft is the MSED representative.

89th CSC Conference, Halifax, 2006 (MSED Rep.: Tim Bender, XRCC)

9. HPF-MSED Relationship

Wayne Wang asks that the polymer community considered making the High Polymer Forum an activity of the MSED. A discussion of the financial implication follows. The historical separation of the two is also mentioned. No clear consensus is reached and no formal proposition is adopted.

10. Polymers in Organic Chemistry (POC)

Julian Zhu reports on an IUPAC sponsored meeting on "Polymers and Organic Chemistry", POC'06. <http://www.tutms.tut.ac.jp/POC06/> He has been approached regarding the possibility of holding the next meeting in Canada. The discussion that follows indicates that the community would support this initiative.

11. Awards

The division supports 4 student poster awards, two awarded at the annual CSC conference and two at the annual CSChE meeting.

Alex Adronov will continue to coordinate the MSED/LANXESS Graduate Student Awards. This year's winners are Kejian Bian, Queen's University (group of Mike Cunningham) and Naiheng Song, Carleton University (group of Wayne Wang). They presented their award's lectures at the 2005 HPF and 2005 CSC meetings, respectively.

Chris Barrett will continue to coordinate the MSED Undergraduate Thesis Competition.

12. Division Website

As Division Secretary, Anna Ritcey will be responsible for maintenance of the MSED website. All relevant news can be forwarded to her.

The meeting adjourned at 16:15.