

**The Chemical Institute of Canada
Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, August 19, 2005
Chateau Cartier, Alymer Québec

Agenda

1. Approval of Last Executive Meeting Minutes
2. Director's Report
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. MSED Executive Role Rotation
6. Conference Report(s)
7. Future Conferences
8. MSED Awards
9. MSED Website Updates
10. Adjournment

Attendees: Géraldine Bazuin, Harald Stöver, Alex Adronov, Karen Moffat, Steven Holdcroft, Wayne Wang, Anna Ritcey.

Approval of Last Executive Meeting Minutes:

Harald Stöver presented the executive meeting minutes from May 30, 2004 meeting held in London Ontario. The minutes was approved by Alex Adronov and seconded by Anna Ritcey.

Director's Report: Géraldine Bazuin

Geraldine's report to the CSC Board on May 28th 2005 highlighted the following activities of the MSED division. Four symposia were organized by the MSED for the 88th CSC Conference in Saskatoon. The MSED representative was Prof. Alaa S. Abd-El-Aziz from the University of Winnipeg.

The MSED sponsored awards presented at the CSC conference were:

1. 2005 MSED/Lanxess Graduate Awards in Polymer Science: Two awards given worth \$1,000/award plus \$500.00 for travel expenses. The awards were given to **Naiheng Song**, Ph.D. student with Prof. Wayne Wang (Chemistry, Carleton University) and **Kejian Bian**, Ph.D. student with Prof. Michael Cunningham (Chemical Engineering / Chemistry, Queen's University). Naiheng gave his award winning presentation at the CSC conference in Saskatoon whereas Kejian gave his award winning presentation at the High Polymer Forum.

2. MSED/Bayer Poster Awards: Two awards were selected at the CSC conference and then two more awards will be selected at the CSCChE conference in October. Each award is worth \$250.00.

3. MSED Award: **Prof. Eugenia Kumacheva** (University of Toronto) is this year's recipient of the MSED award. She gave her award lecture at the Saskatoon CSC conference on Monday, May 30th at 4:20PM.

Other MSED activities reported included the High Polymer Forum scheduled to take place in August 2005 in Aylmer QC, after a 3-year lapse instead of the regular 2-year

period. Prof. Ian Manners is the Conference Chair, Prof. Yue Zhao is the Program Chair and Dr. Jianfu Ding is the Conference Secretary / Treasurer. The next MSED meeting will take place then and a new executive will be elected.

There is extensive MSED activity for the Pacificchem 2005 conference, with Prof. Steven Holdcroft coordinating 21 symposia in the Macromolecular area.

Chair's Report: Wayne Wang

Wayne provided a summary of the MSED division activities to the World Polymer Organization. The Japanese Polymer Society is the largest polymer organization in the world. There is also a Japanese rubber and fibers division in addition to the Polymer division. Wang had a chance to meet with the various chairs in November 2004. The purpose of the World Polymer Organization is to promote world wide polymer activities such as at the IUPAC meeting. Each countries polymer division provided a status of their country's polymer organization including activities, membership and how they promote collaboration with other polymer organizations. In comparison to other countries like Japan and Korea (high number of industrial members), Canada's MSED polymer division is small with a membership of 350. China's polymer organization is more virtual forum, but still they have many polymer meeting. As chair of the Canadian Polymer division, Wayne and other Polymer division chairs were invited to speak at the Chinese Annual Polymer meeting in October to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. A report on this conference will be given at the next MSED meeting in 2006.

Treasurer's Report: Steven Holdcroft

Steve presented the treasurers report that was issued April 6th 2005.

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 MSED/LANXESS Graduate Student Awards (formerly the MSED/Bayer Graduate Student Awards) and 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 \$989.18. 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).

Steven is waiting for the money (\$2,000) for the 2004/2005 MSED/Lanxess Awards and \$500.00 for the Xerox award for 2004/2005.

MSED Executive Role Rotation: Led by Wayne Wang

The executive discussed the next succession sequence now that Wayne has completed his term as Chair. Prof. Harald Stöver as Vice-Chair will succeed Wayne as the next MSED Chair and Dr. Karen Moffat currently as secretary was nominated for the position of Vic-Chair. Prof. Anna Ritcey was also nominated as the new division secretary. Both

nominations will be brought forward at the MSED Annual General meeting for approval. Prof. Steven Holdcroft currently as treasurer is willing to continue in that capability provided there is no time restriction on his term as outlined in the CSC by-laws.

Action Item: Harald to review the CSC by-laws as to maximum length of service eligible to hold an office on the executive.

CSC Conference Report: Harald Stöver

Harald Stover reported on the MSED activities at the 88th Canadian Chemical Society Conference and Exhibition held in Saskatoon from May 28th to June 1, 2005. The MSED division held 5 polymer symposia. Eugenia Kumacheva presented her MSED Award lecturer. Naiheng Song from Carleton University, a Ph.D. student of Prof. Wayne Wang gave his MSED/LANXESS award lecture and 1 MSED poster award (\$250.00) was given to Rob Cheyne from the University of Victoria (Mathew Moffitt's group).

High Polymer Forum Report: Yue Zhao

In the absence of HPF chair Prof. Ian Manners, Prof. Yue Zhao presented the conference report. This year's conference was very successful with an increase in attendance close to 100. The next HPF planned for 2007 will be chaired by Prof. Yue Zhao, Dr. Jianfu Ding will be the program chair and Dr. Tim Bender has agreed to be the Secretary-Treasurer.

Future Conferences:

Other conference planned for the near future include the Pacifchem 2005, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, Dec. 15-20 with Steven Holdcroft as the MSED representative; the 89th CSC Conference, Halifax, 2006 with Tim Bender as the MSED representative; the 90th CSC Conference in Winnipeg in 2007; the 91st CSC Conference in Toronto in 2008; 92nd CSC Conference in Hamilton in 2009; and the Pacifichem 2010 with Canada as the organizing country.

MSED Awards – Alex Adronov, Chris Barrett

The division supports 4 student poster awards (\$250.00/award) with 2 given out each at the annual CSC conference and CSChE conference. Members of the executive in attendance at these conferences identify the award winners. Alex Adronov will continue to coordinate the MSED / LANXESS student thesis awards and Prof. Chris Barrett will continue to coordinate the undergraduate thesis awards. In addition there is a MSED/Xerox poster award valued at \$500.00. The funds that support this award were generated by the profit made when Xerox ran and hosted the CSC conference in Toronto, 1998. This year's winner is Kimberly Mehta.

MSED Website:

Anna Ritcey as the new MSED secretary will take over the responsibility of sending updated information to the CIC webmaster, Pierre Lemasson e-mail address is plemasson@cheminst.ca to update the MSED website.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.