

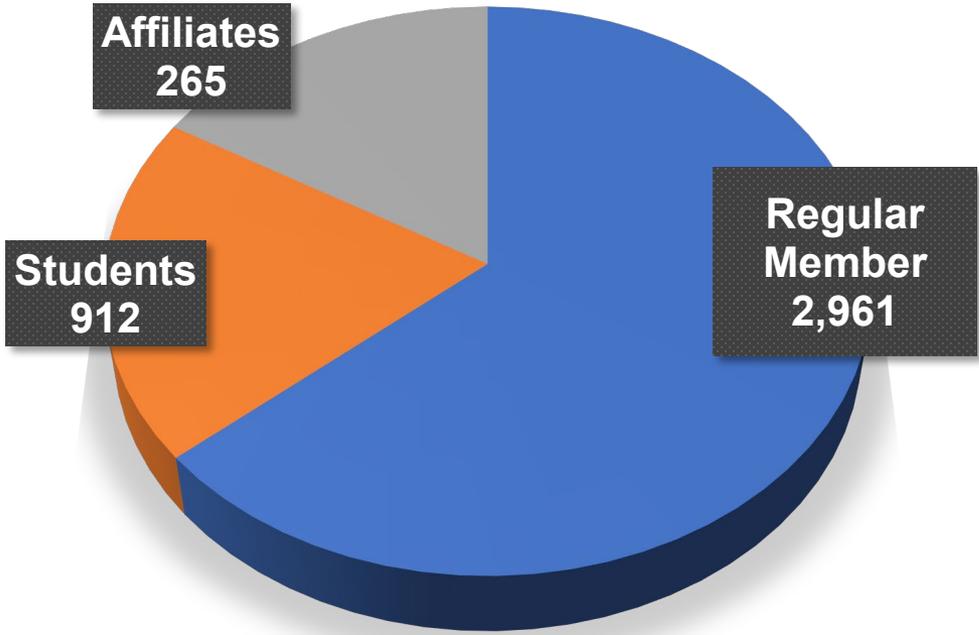
POLY Membership Update

Kat Knauer, Member-at-Large

POLY ExComm Winter Meeting
January 25, 2020
Charleston, SC

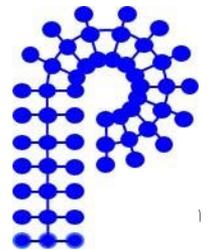


Membership Data – January 2020



History	
January 2020	4,133
January 2019	4,164
January 2018	4,641
January 2017	4,560
January 2016	4,254
January 2015	4,302
January 2014	4,489
January 2013	4,886
January 2012	4,977
January 2011	5,300
January 2010	5,677
January 2009	6,193
January 2007	6,604

Year	Affiliates	Students	Regular
2019	265	912	2,961
2018	274	860	3,030
2017	765	868	3,008



Membership Budget

2019 Expenses

Cost

- Student Chapter Awards \$1,400
- Spring and Fall Membership Social at ACS \$1,546
- Anniversary Lapel Pins \$980
- Fall SERMACS Membership Social \$498
- Promotion - Ink Pens \$627
- Posters/Publicity for ACS Meetings \$242
- ConstantContact for E-news \$200
- Survey Monkey \$136
- FedEx –Membership Packet \$27

SPONSOR

BASF – Student Social

\$1,000

2020 Budget

Income: \$1,000

Expense: \$6,000

Key Updates – Student Chapters

Current Active Chapters (Submitted Reports for 2019):

Case Western Reserve University

University of Florida → **Student chapter of the year!**

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota

University of South Carolina

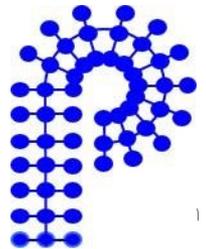
University of Southern Mississippi

Virginia Tech

Texas A&M University

New Student Chapters:

- *UMASS Amherst, Liz Stubbs*
- *UT Dallas, John Cue*

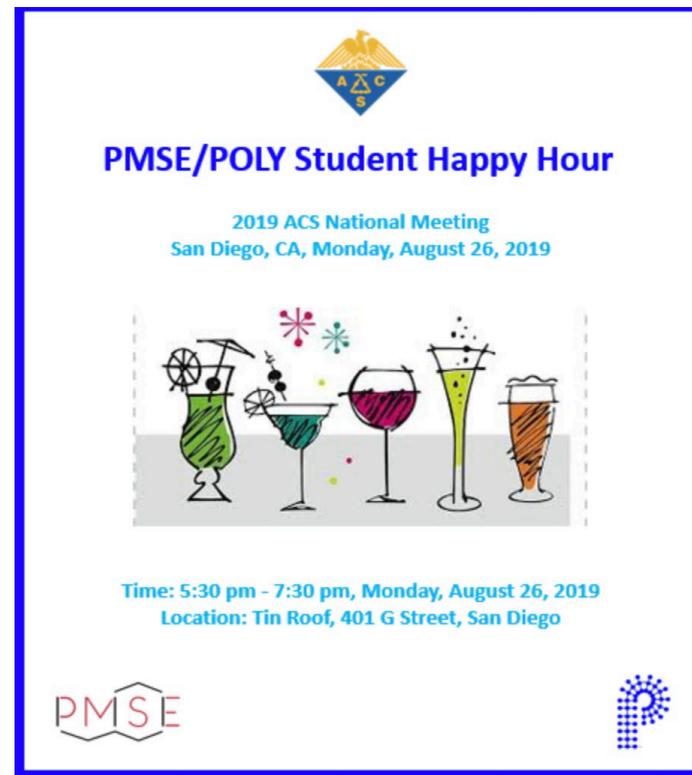


Key Updates – POLY/PMSE Student Social

- **Location:** Strangelove's, Philadelphia
- **Sponsor:** BASF
- **Organizer:** Will Gutekunst (G Tech) and Melanie Chu (Stoneybrook)

Trying some new things:

- BASF wants to lock in as a permanent sponsor for the event based on Philly outcome
- Use badgescan (BadgeID, free app) technology to track attendance and affiliations
- "Ice breaker" networking challenge, prize will be a pair of **Adidas Boost** shoes



The poster features the ACS logo at the top center. Below it, the text reads "PMSE/POLY Student Happy Hour" in blue, followed by "2019 ACS National Meeting" and "San Diego, CA, Monday, August 26, 2019" in a smaller blue font. The central illustration shows five different drinks: a green cocktail with a lime wedge and umbrella, a martini with olives, a red wine glass, a tall yellow cocktail with a lime wedge, and a beer. The bottom of the poster includes the event details: "Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Monday, August 26, 2019" and "Location: Tin Roof, 401 G Street, San Diego". Logos for PMSE and a stylized blue 'P' are at the bottom corners.

ACS

PMSE/POLY Student Happy Hour

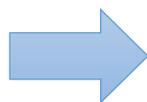
2019 ACS National Meeting
San Diego, CA, Monday, August 26, 2019

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Location: Tin Roof, 401 G Street, San Diego

PMSE

 **BASF**

We create chemistry



Official sponsor of student social!



Key Updates – POLY/PMSE Student Social

Increasing presence at local ACS meeting

Successful POLY/PMSE student social at SERMACS meeting in Savannah!

- Idea generated at Membership Committee Meeting in San Diego
- Organizers:
 - **Colleen Smith** (Mississippi State)
 - **Will Gutenkunst** (Georgia Tech)
- ~40 students attended
- ~10-15 faculty attended



Future Regional Meetings:

- **Great Lakes Regional Meeting** – June 6, Minneapolis
- **SWRM/SERMACS** – October 14, New Orleans
- Action: I will reach out to the local student chapters to organize a POLY event



Membership Benefits

Updated the POLY website – Action item from San Diego Mtg.

Membership

You can become a member of POLY through membership in the ACS, or individuals can join themselves. The first year of membership is free! [To become a member of the POLY division, click here.](#)

POLY members are encouraged to interact with the division through social media platforms for the most up-to-date information (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn).

POLY Members share an interest in polymers, and include individuals from academia, industry, the government, and more. Membership in the POLY division of ACS instantly provides a community and connection to thousands of members and access to polymer related job opportunities, programming at conferences, and outreach opportunities. Many awards managed by the POLY division are exclusive to members, and members are recognized for the 5th, 10th, 20th, and 30th membership anniversaries.

Benefits exclusive to POLY membership:

- 1st Year Free Membership!
- Eligibility for [awards](#) (including Member of the Month!)
- Alerts for academic, national lab, and industrial job opportunities shared through [the POLY list serve](#)
- Networking and professional development events at local/national ACS meetings and local POLY/PMSE chapters.
- Industrial scientist support and networking through [IAB](#) (Industrial Advisory Board)
- Polymer science-related conferences and workshops advertised through [the POLY list serve](#)
- Online educational [webinar and webshop series](#) covering cutting-edge polymer research
- Opportunity to vote for the executive committee (annually)
- Recognition for membership (5th, 10th, 20th, and 30th anniversaries)
- Student support – [student awards](#), student symposia, career panels at ACS meetings, support for [student chapters](#).
- An excellent support group for building strong networks in the polymer community!

**Other
Suggestions?**

*****Will add new benefits for symposium organizers***



Potential IPG Proposal Ideas

POLY/PMSE 3-Minute Thesis Competition (Graduate Student Conference, VT)

- Organizers: Kat Knauer and Priya Venkatraman
- Each student chapter will host local competition
- Winner will get to compete at the NGRP in July
- Tosoh will sponsor grand prize award
- **IPG: travel for students, awards, refreshments, broadcasting live**

POLY Shark Tank Competition (ACS Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting, 2021)

- Organizers: Laura Stratton, Iman Daryaei, Kat Knauer
- Shark tank style competition for entrepreneurially focused polymer research

