

Regional Meetings Committee

In 2023, Regional Meetings Committee:

- **Chair:** Mark Dadmun
- Laura Stratton (ex-officio)
- Ying Yang (University of Nevada, Reno)
- Xiaocun Lu (Clarkson)
- Colleen Scott (MS State)

Need to replace Laura

- potential industrial/IAB members valued
- Experience running symposia or regional meeting organization

Charge: For POLY to develop a more pro-active approach to interacting with the regional ACS meetings to expand benefits for our members and continue to improve our outreach beyond the national meetings.



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Regional Meetings 2022 - Refresher

• Regional Chairs Discussion outcome:

- Many like the idea of having an activity that is run by our Student Chapters. One idea is to have Regional Student Chapters have a “Lunch and Learn” that focuses on explaining Polymer Chemistry to undergraduates.
 - Why did I choose Polymer Chemistry as the focus of my graduate research?
 - What is polymer chemistry?
- This would benefit from additional funding for “lunch” (Pizza?). Maybe support for travel of student chapter to Regional meetings?
- Discussion of other potential ways for student chapters to participate in regional meetings is ongoing.
- Many are intrigued by the idea of a networking event for industry. IAB is leading one at NERM, because there is a member in the region that is spearheading it. This is probably not scalable, but It is clear that there is an unmet need here. I’ll discuss with IAB how that need can be met, but I don’t think it is in the wheelhouse of this committee. We will try to ‘matchmake’ as much as possible, but we have our limits.
 - I discussed with IAB in Chicago.
- NERM event feedback?



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Regional Meetings Activities 2023

In 2022-3, the Regional Meetings Committee:

- Met Jan 11, April 11, Aug 14
 - Brainstorm how to engage Student chapters at Regional meetings
 - Committee members attend regional meetings?
 - Funding exists; more personal outreach
 - Discussed process of developing database of symposium organizers
 - Possible additions to the committee
 - Young Industrial Scientist -
 - Geographical distribution – Central/Midwest US missing
- **Student activity at Regional meetings:**
 - Coordinated with Kat Knauer to arrange activity at SERMACS and advertise opportunities at future activities
 - Zoom calls with Student chapter presidents and advisors
 - Support from Regional Meetings and Student chapter budgets





POLY's External Meeting Support (Regional and Other)

Reporting: Mark Dadmun

\$3500 for 2023

2023

Regional Meetings

\$1,000	POLY Graduate Meeting - Michigan
\$500	2023 SWRM (Blum)
\$500	2023 SERMACS*
\$500	2023 Joint Midwest/Great Lakes
\$500	2023 Central Regional Meeting

\$\$\$\$ for student activity and travel to regional meetings

Request for funding results from engagement with Regional Meetings Committee

2022

Regional Meetings

\$500	2022 WRM (Bhowmik)
\$500	MARM Self Assembly (NYU)
\$500	NERM (Lu)
\$500	2023 NERM

Other Meeting Support

\$1,000	Grubbs Fall ACS Symposium
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