

POLY Programming Team 2021 ExComm Winter Meeting Report

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1. 2020 Review

1. Team configuration changes

- Thank you to Scott Iacono for all his support
- Welcome to Sara Orski and Levi Moore as new Program Chairs and Kathy Mitchem as Business Office Programming Contact

2. National Meeting Programming

- Spring 2020 National Meeting (HB lead) cancelled and meeting contents and theme broadly moved to Spring 2021
- Fall 2020 National Meeting (SI→HB lead) conducted entirely virtually with mixed results
 - Live Plenary (POLY-hosted) very well received (thank you Lesia, Carlee, and Kathy!)
 - ACS Broadcast and On-Demand technical presentations poorly received due to limited live options and serious technical issues
- Multiple symposia cancellations or postponements will impact Programming and Award committee business for 2021-onward

2. 2021 Items for consideration

1. Spring 2021 National Meeting (RM lead) will also be entirely virtual with symposia brought forward from Spring 2020

- Meeting both delayed and extended over 2 weeks (+ a poster week) to accommodate move to virtual arrangement
- With postponement, PMSE proposal to swap Plenary (see voting items)
- Proposal for organizer retention tactics (see voting items)

2. Fall 2021 (SO lead) listed as hybrid in-person/virtual but format still pending successful completion of Spring National Meeting

- Incredibly award heavy due to postponements

3. Team composition

- Industry Program Chair and Committee Chair (HB) term ends at the end of 2021
- Replacements will need to be named by the Chair by the Fall 2021 National Meeting

4. Future Initiatives in Programming

- Emphasis on Inclusion, Diversity, and Respect (see voting items)

3. Voting items

1. POLY (odd-year)/PMSE (even-year) Plenary Programming configuration

- POLY did not get to lead a Plenary for Spring 2020, and PMSE quite liked how we handled Fall 2020. As such, they have asked

if we could take on Spring and Fall 2021 (including the originally planned 2020 Spring Plenary Speaker Tim Lodge) and going forward we would continue to alternate Plenary Programming between the divisions.

2. Organizer recognition/retention proposals:
 - Proposal to include a Plenary slide naming and recognizing POLY and PMSE Spring 2021 meeting organizers as part of address from the Chairs
 - Proposal to produce and distribute "POLY Spring 2021 National Meeting Symposium Organizer" recognition pins to organizers as a method of recognition and retention in light of the lack of an in-person Programming National Meeting event (est. \$500 for pins and postage)
3. D, I, and R
 - Proposal for ExComm to sign and endorse a letter for programming diversity and inclusion to joint ACS Task Force on DIR (SO drafting for circulation and review)