

POLY BUSINESS MEETING – ACS SPRING NATIONAL MEETING 2025
IN PERSON (MARCH 23, 2025)
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Present: Total at start of meeting 32

Highlights Summary of Motions and Votes

Motion 1: Approve minutes from Fall 2024 (Denver) ACS meeting (seconded)

Vote: Unanimous Yes

Detailed Minutes and Discussions:

Start 12:15

CHAIR'S WELCOME (Laura Stratton) + quick introductions of attendees.

- Announcements: Yin Yang (new Regional meeting coordinator)
- Announcements: New committee "Sponsorship and Support" (Germack) more info in fall.

VICE CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS (Derek Patton):

National Meetings & Programming (Danniebelle Haase & Julia Kalow)

(SLIDES) See slides for - *Information and statistics on recent programming, and future of ACS meetings.*

- Programming Team: Haase, Kalow, Collier, Savage.
- Snapshots of POLY Programming and contributions in 2024 (we are ~4.7% of total ACS abstracts)
- New programs and pilots (Escape room sold out)
- KALOW: Programming at this meeting
 - o No programming on Thursday
 - o Plenary is on Tuesday
 - o A lot of joint programming – its over in the Convention Center
 - o A few virtual sessions
- COLLIER – Programming in the Fall (D.C.)
 - o ACS reducing the footprint and therefore number of ½ day sessions
 - o Sessions are limited to 4 x ½ day session max
 - o SLIDES- current programming preview
 - Discussion – What about limitations of government attendance? Will some of the programming (e.g. Polymers for Defense) be converted to virtual? A: ACS should be willing to accommodate virtual options due to these circumstances, communicate with programming and ACS will be made if needed. Has to be "virtual only" or "in person only" but not hybrid.

- Discussion – There is a symposium on Biopolymers in CELL and was wondering if we are cosponsoring it? A: Not currently, but something similar is upcoming at the spring meeting.
- o POLY and PMSE are collaborating with IUPAC to host a PFAS Townhall.
 - Development of IUPAC definitions
 - Perspectives from Federal, local, industry, etc.
- o Moving Forward: Programming will need to setup guidelines for symposium selection as the footprint reduces at ACS. These guidelines are currently under development but they would appreciate your input.
- o Lots of changes are happening, they will share information as it is presented.
 - ACS has now hired a Programming Specialist (Chiungwei Huang) for support and logistics. ACS recognizes additional support is needed to help navigate
 - New resource – Division Performance Dashboard, helps POLY know about programming attendance.
- o KALOW – Elevating Poster Sessions.
 - Posters are now co-located, viewed as a success by ACS, still has growing pains depending on locations.
 - There will likely be overflow of people who want to give talks (but can't) and may increase posters.
- o Thank you to our symposium organizers – be sure to get your token of appreciation from the desk.
 - Discussion: Will the reductions by ACS continue more and more as we go along? A: No definitive answers at this time, but they do vision finding a new format with these changes.
 - Discussion: About the potential blowback of reduction, could this affect overall attendance and other negative outcomes? A: ACS is aware this is possible, this is financially driven ultimately, but some adjustments may be needed.
 - Discussion about the RFID trackers being handed out with badges at the meeting. This came as a surprise to most.
 - Discussion about new industry initiatives from Industry. Its still a work in progress.
 - Discussion on having POLY offer an “old school” programming option (willing to pay) to go through abstracts like a catalog since the App is so awful to navigate.

IAB (Ting)

(SLIDES) General information, members, snapshot of the IAB in 2025.

- IAB is doing a lot in 2025 – many as value added opportunities for POLY + Industry with the confines of their budget
- New initiatives:
 - o Career development resources: Pivoting Careers virtual panel

- o Publicity: Spotlighting IAB Member Spotlights on social media etc.
- Future Ideas:
 - o Expanding virtual panels
 - o ACS meeting workshops
 - o IAB Company Posters at sessions
- Discussions:
 - o On helping small business visibility
 - o On having an IAB-based job listing interface for industry (great idea!)

Awards (Patton for Nelson)

(SLIDES)

- Current awards, future awards, upcoming deadlines.
- Nominate colleagues!
- Past chairs will remain on awards promotion committee.

MEETINGS WORKSHOPS, and INTERNATIONAL (Haley Brown)

Regional Meetings (Ying Yang)

- (SLIDES)
- Ying Yang (U. Nevada Reno) new chair. Vice Chair (Jody Neef-Pitt St.). Members – Mark Dadmun (UTK), Xiaocun Lu (Clarkson), James Pagaduan (Dow)
 - o Excited to engage the student chapters in the regional meetings. Want to help them and provide support for their ideas/activities.
 - o Looking for Regional Meeting Ambassadors to help represent POLY at these meetings. No hard definitions yet, but it would be nice to have these.
- Discussions:
 - o Regional meetings may see an uptick in attendance if the ACS meetings are reduced.
 - o Having a membership booth or presence (3 min pitch) at these regional meetings could help POLY a lot. The ambassador will be important.

Workshops (Beth Elacqua)

- (SLIDES) Successful workshops in 2024, upcoming workshops in 2025, future POLY approved workshops in 2026.
- Discussion:
 - o Have any discussions been poised as “International Workshops”? A: there is some precedence, e.g. CRP has an international rotation on their workshops. There is also a healthy number of international attendees at the current workshops.

Webinars (Tomonori Saito)

- (SLIDES) Webinars for 2024 – “Better Ion Transport...” was one of the most successful webshops ever by ACS.
- Webinars for 2025 – One scheduled (Flow in Polymers), new ideas welcome and speakers.

International (Rigoberto Advincula)

- (SLIDES).
- PPC in July will be in Japan.
- Pacifichem in December – POLY engagement is unsure.
- Future: MACROMEX 2026 (planning starting soon), IUPAC MACRO Malaysia 2026.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION (Allan Guymon)

- 2025 POLY Elections – slate is open. Nominations are welcomed.
 - o Upcoming – Vice Chair and Secretary (Alt Councilors)
 - Slate being solidified
- **MACRO update (Guymon for Costanzo)**
 - o The MACRO are developing nodules for various things.
 - o Focusing on outreach, want to be a central site for this

MEMBERSHIP (NO REPORT)

TREASURERS REPORT (John Matson)

(SLIDES) Budgets, income sources, expenses, investments, etc.

- Thanks to POLY Business office for all they do.
- 2024 positives and negatives.
- Red Herrings: POLY is a parking spot for various pots of money that makes any one year look artificially good or bad. (e.g. POLY received 42K in ACS grants in 2024 that will be spent in 2025).
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DISCUSSION:

- On membership decline, ACS is seeing the same trend.

SECRETARY (Justin Kennemur)

- **Move to approve Minutes from ACS Denver (Fall 2024) (seconded)**

- **Vote: Unanimous Yes**

Website/Publicity (skipped by accident – will provide email report later)

Councilors Reports

- **Mary Ann Meador (MnE)**
 - o Things going on at this meeting, including puppies.
 - o **Coltrain:** Additional report on Micro-volunteer program at ACS. Worth checking out if you want to get involved.
 - o More grants are available than we might know.

FINAL ADDRESS (Stratton)

Meeting Adjourned 2:10 pm