

## Industrial Sponsors' Coordinating Meeting

ACS National Meeting  
Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, TX  
Wednesday, 1 April 1998, 7:00 a.m.

### Attendees:

J. LaMonte Adams  
Neta L. Byerly  
H. N. Cheng  
Ray Ottenbrite  
Bob Stackman  
Ed Vandenberg

The next Minisymposium to be held at the Fall ACS (Boston) meeting was discussed. Using the Poly Web site was recommended for advertisement. It was decided that the Minisymposium, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon (August 25, 1998), will be on "Opportunities in Industry - A Younger Scientist Perspective". LaMonte will turn in the final program to Warren Ford by 1 May. The panel consists of individuals who have completed their terminal degrees within the past five years and will facilitate discussions concerning the transition process from graduate school to industry. LaMonte will serve as chair of the symposium and will ask Kathleen Havelka to serve as co-chair. Ed will discuss publicity for the symposium with Carrington Smith.

The committee discussed a proposed "Industrial Polymer Scientist Award". The purpose of the award would be to recognize outstanding research in Polymer Chemistry, conducted by an individual industrial scientist or research teams. The award would include \$2,000 and travel expenses to an ACS meeting. It would also include a symposium in honor of the awardee plus a 1 hr. lecture by the awardee. The committee requested the award be presented at the Awards Banquet. The committee suggested the Polymer Division Executive Committee consider moving the banquet to Sunday evening after the poster session. The committee approved the "Industrial Polymer Award". The following changes were recommended to the detailed description of the award:

- **Purpose:** "To recognize outstanding research in Polymer Chemistry, conducted by an individual industrial scientist or research teams."

- **Evaluation:** "Nominations will be evaluated and the winner(s) chosen by a panel of three industrial polymer scientists, selected by the Industrial Sponsors Steering Committee with the chairperson serving as the non-voting participant. Evaluations will be on the basis of the criteria listed above."

Ed will contact Tom Pacansky regarding the Industrial Polymer Award.

The committee agreed to meet again in Boston for a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, 26 August 1998.

Topics for a Minisymposium and Panel Discussion for the Fall 1999 ACS meeting in New Orleans (August 22-26) were discussed. The committee decided to focus on the following topic:

“Does the Future of Industrial Polymer Research and Development Depend on Entrepreneurship?”

Ed agreed to ask Joe Salamone to organize the symposium. Potential participants could include:

Gary Wenek  
Sam Milstein  
Mike Jaffee

The Public Perception Program was reviewed. Inquiries on the program have been declining. Bob suggested the committee either consider a new chair that would devote more time to this activity or table the program. The committee decided to table the Public Perception Program until the Boston ACS meeting.

A proposal to support the archives for the Polymer Division was discussed as an alternative to the Public Perception Program. Ray Ottenbrite will request Mary Baker to submit a 1 to 2 page proposal with a budget for the archive activity.

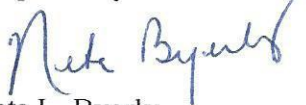
Additional industrial sponsored were discussed. Potential companies included:

Wyatt Technologies  
Disco Tech  
PhaseX

Bob agreed to send LaMonte a list of companies who have contributed support to the Polymer Division over the past few years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



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