## Industrial Sponsors' Coordinating Meeting ACS National Meeting Caesars Palace September 10, 1997, 7:00 a.m. Las Vegas, NV

## Attendees

LaMonte Adams Neta Byerly H. N. Cheng Richard Ikeda Mike Jaffee Mark Roby Bob Stackman Ed Vandenberg

The Industrial Sponsors' Coordinating Committee met at Caesars Palace on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Committee discussed the minisymposium held Tuesday on "Aspects of Graduate Education in Polymer Science - Are We Training People for Industry." The symposium was well attended with an estimate of 70 in attendance throughout the evening.

The committee discussed various topics for the next minisymposium to be held in Boston. They decided the next minisymposium topic would be "Opportunities in Industry -- A Younger Scientist Perspective". LaMonte Adams agreed to chair this session with Mark Roby as co-chair. Consideration for organizing and selecting speakers include:

- Scientist with different backgrounds -- minorities/various countries/women
- Scientist one to five years out of school
- Scientist from different size companies
- Overview suggested on the diversity of job experiences

The Boston minisymposium will begin at 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. pending the number of speakers. The committee will meet again in Dallas to review the program. The organizers will contact members of the committee for assistance.

Bob Stackman reviewed the "Public Perception" program. He has extended the deadline to the end of the years in order to receive additional proposals. Suggestions to increase the interest for participants and Industrial Sponsors include:

- Advertising in C&E News
- Listing the program on the Poly web page
- Advertising in the Poly Newsletter
- Send e-mail notes to the Poly list

Bob Stackman proposed a new industrial award program to recognize achievement for industrial polymer scientist. The award would include \$2,000 and travel expenses to an ACS meeting which will include a symposium in honor of the awardee plus a lecture (1 hr) by the awardee. Each industrial sponsor could nominate an individual. The nominees would then be evaluated by a panel. Bob Stackman and H. N. Cheng agreed to write up a proposal for this new award to be circulated to the committee before the meeting in Dallas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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