

Industrial Sponsors' Coordinating Committee Meeting  
ACS National Meeting  
J. W. Marriott, Allies American Grill  
23 August 2000, 12:00 Noon

Committee Members/Attendees

N. L. Byerly  
H. N. Cheng  
R. Clough  
W. Daly  
M. Jaffe  
I. Kahn  
R. S. Moore  
T. J. Pacansky  
E. Vandenberg

The Industrial Sponsors' Coordinating Committee met at the J. W. Marriott on Wednesday, 23 August at 12:00 noon.

The mini symposium, "**Polymer Materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**" held in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, 22 August, was discussed. The symposium, organized by Ray Ottenbrite and Mike Jaffe, had a good combination of topics and speakers. The committee recommended eliminating the panel discussions on future mini symposiums.

The first **Industrial Polymer Scientist Award** was presented at the Washington National ACS meeting to Dr. Harry Mandeville and Dr. Randall Holmes-Farley, of Geltex Pharmaceutical, Inc. The award was created by POLY to "recognize outstanding industrial innovation and creativity by individual scientists and research teams" and is sponsored by POLY's Industrial Sponsors Group. The awardees were honored by a special symposium at the meeting, followed by a reception and award presentation at the J. W. Marriott on Tuesday, 22 August. Each Awardee received a \$2,000 honorarium, a plaque, and travel expenses to the meeting. Both symposium and reception were well attended and afforded POLY members a chance to congratulate the award winners in person.

Vandenberg informed the committee that five nominations for the **2001 Industrial Polymer Scientist Award** have been received. Packets will be sent out to the reviewers for their recommendations. The committee discussed the possibility of changing the Industrial Sponsors' Symposium to Monday followed by the Reception and Award presentation on Monday evening. The committee limited the cash award to \$2,000 per Awardee with a maximum total of \$4,000. The committee agreed that the awards should be given annually.

The committee discussed topics for the next **Mini Symposium** for the ACS Meeting to be held 28 August in Chicago. Moore agreed to contact Dominic McGrath, a member of the Younger Chemist Society Committee to solicit their input. The committee recommended the topic of "Career Development in Polymer Industry, Fact versus Fiction". Bill Daly volunteered to see if Jeff Labadie would be willing to chair the mini symposium.

Cheng updated the committee on the **Industrial Sponsor Membership**. Chen and Moore agreed to compile a packet of material to give to the Sponsors once they sign up as a member. They will also solicit a one-paragraph summary from each Sponsor to be published in the

Polymer Preprints. Chen and Kahn agreed to look into expanding the current POLY web page on the Industrial Sponsors.

Kahn updated the committee on the grant program, "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers". The program was developed to encourage projects aimed at the improvement of the image of polymers in the eyes of the general public. Over the past years grants have been made to groups for innovative approaches to this objective. Successful proposals in this competitive process will receive a grant of up to \$10,000, generally over a three-year period. Project proposals are evaluated by a panel selected by the Industrial Sponsors Coordinating Committee. Cheng agreed to serve on this panel for 2001. Kahn will contact Ottenbrite and Stackman and see if they are willing to serve again. Kahn will advertise the proposal in the Fall '00 POLY Newsletter.

The committee thanked Ed Vandenberg for his work as Chair of the Industrial Sponsors Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Neta L. Byerly.