

**Industrial Sponsors Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**ACS National Meeting**  
**Philadelphia Marriott**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**August 23, 2004**

Industrial Sponsors Coordinating Committee (ISCC)  
Robert S. Moore, Chair, Kodak (retired)  
William Daly, Louisiana State University  
Alan English, DuPont Co.  
Richard Ikeda, DuPont Co. (retired)  
Kathleen Havelka, Lubrizol Corp.  
Ray Ottenbrite, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Industrial Sponsors Coordinating Committee (ISCC) met in Room 308 of the Philadelphia Marriott on August 23, 2004 at 10:30 A.M.

First: Robert S. Moore, Chair, opened the meeting and provided those in attendance with minutes from the New York (Fall, 2003) meeting.

The Minutes were accepted.

Second: Moore displayed the updated 2004 Industrial Sponsors Members list of approximately 30 members. H. N. Cheng, Jim DiBattista, and Kathleen Havelka have been active in contacting current Industrial Sponsors for renewal and for recruiting new members.

Third: Moore announced that the 2003 Industrial Sponsors Notebook and appropriate invoices were mailed during 2003 to the Industrial Sponsors and to the Coordinating Committee members, and that invoices were mailed later for 2004.

Fourth: At the previous meeting, the ISG program on "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers" was discussed. The ISCC felt that with over \$55,000 having been distributed for this program its objectives had been accomplished, and that it was now complete and should be closed. In its stead, the ISG has agreed to fund a new program of travel grants to enable students to present papers on polymer science in POLY at national ACS meetings. This program will be administered through a committee of the POLY Member-at-Large, and awards will commence with the spring 2005 meeting. It was agreed that grants up to \$1,000 each for lodging and transportation expenses could be given for up to three awardees. (Details will be worked out with the award committee. This program may evolve into four awardees at less than \$1,000 each.) It was recommended that the awardees be invited to lunch with members of the ISCC.

Fifth: Moore reviewed the "Industrial Polymer Scientist Award". Based on discussions with T. Pacansky (the POLY Awards Chairman), Moore indicated that that the award and the field of candidates are "doing well", and that with changing the format to an every-other-year cycle, the field will be even stronger. UPDATE: Due to the strong field of candidates, two awards are being given at the Fall, 2004 ACS Meeting in Philadelphia. The recipients are: William Culbertson and Craig Hawker, each of whom will be recognized with a symposium and a joint reception.

Sixth: Moore spoke about the highly successful POLY Fall, 2004 program entitled "The Polymer Science of Everyday Things". Information was presented to K-12 science teachers during a half-day workshop (Saturday afternoon) which was followed by a two-day complementary symposium (Sunday and Monday) designed for professional scientists. The presenters for the Saturday workshop were drawn, in part, by careful selection from those presenting in the POLY symposium on Sunday and Monday.

The two-day symposium included industrial professionals speaking on topics concerned with "Musical Instruments" or with "Polymers in Communications and Entertainment". A reception on Saturday night featured music by polymer science musicians. In addition to the Industrial Sponsors Group (ISG) as an entity, a number of ISG members also provided financial support. Further details on this outstanding event are available in the Industrial Sponsors Report for Fall, 2004. The Industrial Sponsors Group plans to continue its financial support of such future events.

Seventh: Based on discussions, the ISCC decided to initiate a program to provide certificates honoring ISG members for 25, 15, and 10 year sponsorship of the ISG. UPDATE: Member data is being collected for this program.

Eighth: It was agreed that a new project of the Industrial Sponsors Group should be editing and distribution of the K-12 Polymer Educational Materials Kits developed by Dr. Melvin I. Kohan and the Science Alliance in Delaware. This project was supported via an ISG \$10,000 three-year grant for 1994 through 1996 as part of the "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers" program. UPDATE: A copy of the Materials was sent to Ray Ottenbrite to initiate the editing process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Moore

Chair, Industrial Sponsors Group, Division of Polymer Chemistry