

THE SOCIETY FOR POLYMER SCIENCE , INDIA
Executive Council Meeting, 1st December, 2000 – Kanpur

Present

Professor (Mrs) I.K. Varma - Chairperson
Dr. S. Sivaram
Professor G.S. Mathur
Professor B. Mandal
Professor A. Mishra

Dr. S.K. Sharma
Dr. C.K.S. Pillai
Dr.(Ms) Veena Choudhari
Dr. R.P. Singh
Dr. J.P. Agrawal

Invitees

1. Professor (Ms) I.K. Varma welcomed all the members of the Executive Body of SPS as well as the invitees. She remarked that the Society has made substantial progress during the past year, in terms of organization, issue of I.D. cards, printing of the Memorandum of Association, holding of postal ballot etc. She thanked all members of the Executive Committee for their cooperation and assistance in conducting the affairs of the Society.
2. Dr. Sivaram briefed the members on various issues concerning the Society. These are
(a) Issue of permanent I.D. card to all life members
(b) Printing of the Constitution
(c) Conducting postal ballot for a new slate of office bearers for the year 2001-2003
(d) Updating of address list of all members and creation of an electronic data base of membership.
3. In the coming year, he mentioned that a membership directory of life members will be brought out.
4. He mentioned that an E-group has been set up on the web for SPS. The address is sps_india@egroup.com . Every life member is encouraged to register with the E-group by first sending a mail to Dr. R.P.Singh at NCL,Pune at the following address singh@poly.ncl.res.in. While sending the mail please quote the membership number. It

is proposed to use the E-group as a medium of effective communication amongst all members of the Society.

5. Dr. Sivaram briefed the Executive Committee of the procedures adopted for postal ballot, the chapter-wise responses received as well as the results of votes tabulation. He mentioned that being the first time, some weaknesses of the system became apparent. Efforts will be made to remove these deficiencies before the next elections, to be held sometimes in mid 2002. He also assured that wider consultation will be undertaken for choosing the slate of candidates for the next election.
6. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that although all legal formalities for registration of the Society were completed, the number has still not been received but is expected very soon. The matter is being periodically followed up with the Registrar of Societies, Govt. of Maharashtra.
7. He mentioned that as of today, the HQ of SPS (India) at Pune is a “virtual” organization. It operates through its regional chapters. The HQ has no separate source of income. It was decided that funds collected by Chapters will continue to be held by chapters and used for furthering the cause of the Society in their region. This way the Chapter will have an opportunity to grow and establish itself as a visible face of the Society.
8. There are no chapters at Baroda, Bombay and Bangalore. All of these are major centers of polymer activity and have the potential to bring in new membership. Professor Mishra agreed to have a discussion with Dr. P.C. Deb of NMRL and Professor D.D. Kale of UDCT and decide on creating a chapter at Bombay. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that with GE R&D facility coming up at Bangalore, there is a potential for organizing a Chapter at Bangalore. GE will have at its R&D Center, as many as 100-150 polymer scientists. He agreed to talk to the people at GE and explore the possibility of organizing a Chapter. Similarly, Professor (Ms.) Surekha Devi can be requested to explore the possibility of organizing a Chapter in the Gujarat region.

9. Dr. Sivaram pointed out that due to various administrative reasons, the task of selecting the Professor Santappa Silver Jubilee awardee could not be completed. This will be done shortly. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that the corpus of the Award will be increased from Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-. Professor Mathur and Professor Mandal suggested that efforts should be made to increase the Corpus to ~ 1.25 lakhs. This will ensure a reasonably attractive cash award of Rs. 20,000/- as well as ploughing back some part of the interest into the corpus, thereby ensuring that the corpus will continue to grow. This suggestion was accepted. As a first instance, efforts will be made to increase the corpus from 50,000/- to 1,00,000/-. The Chairperson suggested that we should request each chapter to make some contribution towards increasing the corpus from their chapter funds. Dr. Sivaram agreed to contact each chapter with such a request.
10. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that with the impending registration of the Society, it is necessary for the Society to submit an annual accounts/report to the Charity Commissioner. He requested all Chapters to put their accounts in order and submit an audited accounts by January 30, 2001. He commended the professional manner in which the Trivandrum Chapter has been performing this task. It is also required as per our constitution to hold all life membership fee in a fixed deposit [Rule 15(ii) pg.21], with only the interest being used for financing current expenditure. Thus the minimum amount in terms of FDR in each chapter should be NX 1050/- where N= number of life members. All chapters are requested to ensure this to be done at the very earliest. He also cautioned that as a non-profit society, money cannot be allowed to accumulate. It must be shown that the income earned by way of interest, annual membership fees etc is being expended to further the objectives of the Society. It must also be ensured that the money from Society funds should not go for the personal benefit of any individual. No salary should also be paid of Society funds to individuals.
11. Dr. Pillai made a brief presentation of the activities of Trivandrum Chapter. The Chairperson congratulated the members of the Chapter for maintaining such a vigorous activity. The Chapter has the largest number of life members and has an

enviable financial position. Dr. Pillai pointed out that there is a feeling amongst the members of the Chapter that, in spite of being the largest Chapter, it has less than adequate representation in the executive body. The Chairperson noted the feelings and said that in the future executive committees imbalance, if any, will be corrected. She also mentioned that in the next Executive Committee (2001-2003), two members from Trivandrum Chapter will have representation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks for the Chair.

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HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL BODY
OF THE SOCIETY

December 1, 2000
KANPUR

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the affairs of the Society.

The Society for Polymer Science, India has had a checkered history of about 2 decades. In 1995, at the Meeting of the Society in Baroda, it was decided that Pune be made the Headquarter of the Society. Since that time, the affairs of the Society have been managed by a group of small volunteers at Pune.

The Society functions through seven regional Chapters, namely, at Calcutta, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Pune and Thiruvananthapuram. Each Chapter functions independently in terms of collection of membership fees, accounting and auditing as well as organizing professional activities for the benefit of Chapter members.

The all India character of the Society and its widely distributed membership, makes the individual Chapters a very important and integral part of the Society. It is only through the activities of the Chapter's that we can bring the benefit of membership to its constituents. I expect the Chapters to show the necessary initiative and enthusiasm to make its services to its members visible and attractive. Unless this is done, we can not build a professionally vibrant Society. For the reason, the Society has given full freedom to the Chapters in all respects, including retention of funds collected and its manner of utilization.

We also need to strengthen the communication between Chapters. Towards this goal, we have created an E-group for the SPS. All members must register themselves for availing the benefit of this E-group. We intend to make use of this facility more frequently in the future for inter-Chapter and inter-member communication. I also urge each Chapter to create similar E-group for communication within the Chapter.

We have made available printed copies of Constitution of the Society to all members. We have also provided a permanent ID Card for all life members of the Society.

This year, for the first time, we conducted a postal ballot for the election of the office bearers. The effort has been successful. With some refinement, we feel that this

will be the best means of selecting office bearers of your Society. We plan to involve the Chapters more vigorously in the future years in the selection of the slate for the office bearers.

All the legal and other formalities for the registration of the Society in the State of Maharashtra as a non-profit organization under the Charities Act, have been completed. We are awaiting the formal letter of the registration soon. The Society for Polymer Science, India has also been included in the list of World Polymer Organizations published by the Society of Polymer Science, Japan giving us the first global visibility.

We are compiling the accounts of the Society as of Dec. 31, 2000. The audited accounts of the Society and Chapters will be circulated electronically to all members in early 2001. I urge all Chapters to close their accounts by Dec. 31, 2000, get it audited, according to statutory procedure, and send it to HQ by January 30, 2001.

The Society has an endowment of Rs 30,000/= towards an award named after the eminent Polymer scientist Prof. Santappa. For various reasons, it has not been possible to administer this award this year. Your Society is in the process of reformulating the criteria for selection of individuals for this award. These new guidelines will be widely circulated amongst the office bearers of the Society to elicit their views. After this, we propose to widely circulate, both electronically and in print, the information about the award and eliciting nominations. We hope we can have all these procedures in place and announce the awards before the next meeting of the Society. We are also taking steps to increase the cash amount available for the award by increasing the endowment at the first instance to Rs 50,000/=.

The Society has thus made good strides during the past few years, in establishing itself as a strong institution with an all India character. Its potential to grow even stronger is infinite. However, this will require keen participation from every member and initiative and leadership from every Chapters. We need to explore new ideas to ensure that in spite of distances and cost, the membership stays connected. We welcome all views and suggestions from every member to make this Society, a very vibrant one, alive to the needs of the practicing polymer science community in India.

I wish to thank the President of the Society for her steady leadership during the past few years. I also wish to thank all the office bearers of the Society as well as Chapter

Secretaries for their cooperation as well as the faith, they have shown in this Society during its early fledgling years.

A new set of office bearers will assume office for a period of 2 years with effect from January 1, 2001. I on behalf of all the members wish to place on record my deep sense of gratitude to the outgoing office bearers for their guidance and support towards the affairs of the Society.

Thank you.

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The minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Society held at Kanpur on 1 December 2000

1. Dr. Sivaram presented a report of the Society activities. A copy of the report is enclosed herewith (Annexure I).
2. The President, in her address to the members stated that the Society has made considerable progress in recent years in establishing itself as a major Society serving the professional needs of the polymer scientists in India. The membership has grown, Chapters were becoming more active and the National Conferences have attracted considerable interest. She felt that this augurs well for the growth of the Society in the future years.
3. Dr. Sivaram announced the results of the postal ballot and the names of the new office bearers who will assume office with effect from 1 January 2001 for a period of 2 years.
4. A resolution was moved by Dr. Kannan of Anna University, a member of the Chennai Chapter proposing the nomination of Dr. B.S.R. Reddy of CLRI to the Executive Committee of the Society. The nomination was seconded by Professor Ashok Mishra, Director, I.I.T., Bombay. The proposal was approved unanimously by the General body by a voice vote.
5. Professor Mathur, Director, DMSRDE, Kanpur and Present-elect, in his acceptance speech, thanked Professor I.K. Varma the outgoing President for her dedicated efforts and exemplary leadership during the formative years of the Society. He also thanked

all the outgoing members of the Executive Committee. He assured that he will do his best to further strengthen the Society, to grow the membership from the present number of 500 to 1000 and take efforts to promote greater communication within the membership.

6. Professor A. Mishra, Director, IIT, Bombay, suggested that SPS should consider increasing the life membership fees. The SPS Executive Committee will consider this suggestion at its next meeting.
7. Professor Mathur announced that Professor R.P.Singh, IIT, Kharagpur has telephonically conveyed his willingness to host the Seventh National Meeting of the SPS, in the Eastern part of India (either at Kharagpur or Calcutta). He felt that in keeping with the all India Character of the Society, it is only appropriate that the next meeting is held in the East. Two meetings each have been held in the southern, western and northern part of India, beginning with the first meeting held at Pune in January 1991. Professor Mathur will formally write to Professor Singh and seek his concurrence shortly, after which a formal announcement will be made.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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