

# RACI Colloid & Surface Science Division

## Minutes

Time and Venue: 3.20 pm 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Deakin University, Warrnambool.

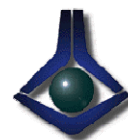
Committee: R. Crawford (chair) G. Morris (treasurer), E. Wanless (secretary), J. Schulz, B. Boyd, P. Hartley, D. Beattie, R. Horn, R. Dagastine, I. Larson, I. McKinnon, V. Craig, T. Healy, R. Hunter, B. Vincent, K. Bremmell, P. Harbour, C. Prestidge, G. Franks, G. Webber

Apologies: J. Ralston, P. Mulvaney, P. Scales

Cc: P. Fawell, I. Gentle, G. Warr, J. McQuillan

### Item

<b>1</b>	<b>Divisional Committee 2007 Report (RC)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chair's report (RC)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Division is in a very healthy scientific and financial state.</li><li>The third very successful ACIS at Coogee was held in February 2007.</li><li>A commemorative symposium celebrating 40 years of the student conference was held on 8 June 2007 at the Melbourne Museum. With ~90 delegates and 16 speakers from across the 40 years and including 5 Federation Fellows, the day was a resounding success. Many written and photographic records were collected and utilized for this occasion. A short article will appear in Chemistry in Australia in March 2008.</li><li>A significant delegation attended the Matsumoto Australia-Japan Gakkai in September.</li><li>The division website is proving to be a valuable portal and also historical record. Thanks to Jamie Schulz for his ongoing role as webmaster.</li><li>Disappointment was expressed at the value of the National Assembly, particularly in terms of working towards positive changes within the organisation: increased membership, better financial organisation.</li></ul></li><li>Treasurer's report (GM)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Division funds are in a healthy state. The full account balance is \$42499, Hunter-Healy account balance is \$19852, with a further \$23000 float paid to Tulips Meetings Management for ACIS 2009, plus \$5000 float held by 26ACSSSC committee at VCP.</li><li>2007 marked a transition to centralized accounting owing to the Electrochemistry Division making a loss at its national meeting. This has vastly increased the amount of work and complexity related to every transaction.</li></ul></li><li>Discussion (All)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>R. Dagastine queried the profit level from recent ACIS meetings. These meetings do not set out to make a large profit, but in 2007 did owing to a major sponsorship deal secured by the organizing committee. In 2006-7 some of the accumulated funds have been used to bolster the Hunter-Healy account, for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium, for the Division Plenary lecturer at ACIS and <i>for the first time</i> to partially fund registration fees of the Division conference's organizing committees by way of acknowledging the huge task involved. The committee welcomes other suggestions for activities.</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>2</b>	<b>2009 A.E. Alexander Lecturer (RC)</b>



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	<p>There were 8 nominations with Prof. Franz Grieser, University of Melbourne, the recommended candidate. RC has conveyed the recommendation to the Professor of Physical Chemistry at Sydney University, Greg Warr. Franz Grieser has accepted.</p>
3	<p><b>26ACSSSC (BB &amp; IL)</b> Deakin Campus at Warrnambool has proved to be a perfect venue apart from it's proximity to Antarctica. The lecture theatre is amongst the best ever. The student accommodation is clean and comfortable. The cafeteria and student bar provided a combination of eating and socialising with the latter open into the wee hours of the morning. All concluded that we could run a future conference at this venue. Total ~120 delegates with disappointing numbers for Universities of Queensland and Sydney compared to previous meetings. The meeting will break even or return a small profit. Congratulations to Ben &amp; Ian on behalf of the colloid and surface science community.</p> <p><b>27ACSSSC (All)</b> In the sequence of the Wark, Melbourne and Other, it was decided that the Wark will host the next student conference in February 2010 most likely in South Australia. RH to notify the Division committee of the nominated Chairperson by June 2008.</p>
4	<p><b>ACIS 2009 (DB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The deposit has been paid for the Stamford Grand at Glenelg, Adelaide for 1-5 February 2009. P. Scales is the conference chairperson, D. Beattie is the local organizer, P. Mulvaney is the secretary, G. Morris is the treasurer, P. Hartley is the poster session organizer and R. Crawford is the social convenor.</li><li>• Tulips Meetings Management has been engaged as the PCO again owing to their excellent service and competitive price.</li><li>• 3 parallel sessions will be utilised for some of the week.</li><li>• The Australia-Japan Gakkai will be incorporated during the first half of ACIS as one of two or three parallel sessions and beginning with an excursion on the Sunday. I. Gentle is the Gakkai session chair.</li><li>• DB to approach SA Branch of RACI with a request for student/ECR bursaries or keynote funding.</li></ul>
5	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D. Beattie will attend Science Meets Parliament in March 2008 on behalf of the community. Thankyou Dave.</li><li>• P. Mulvaney (in absentia) raised the issue of an offer from a Western Australian tourism organisation to help run either ACIS or ACSSSC in Perth. The travel costs are expected to be considerably higher while the conference costs are likely to be comparable. PM to confirm what level of subsidy they are offering.</li><li>• Other funding schemes to consider for conference organisation are the Oliphant?, and the White? Schemes.</li></ul>