



# Central States Section

## The Combustion Institute

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### Spring 2024 Business Meeting

Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12:30 to 1:30 PM (EDT)\*

In person: Second-floor Grand Ballroom, Tinkham Veale University Center, Cleveland, OH

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1. Meeting started at 12:47 pm EDT.
2. Waruna Kulatilaka presented the corporate report and introduced the current officers. Waruna Kulatilaka is the Chair, Ramanan Sankaran is the Chair-Elect, Patrick Lynch is the Treasurer, Monique McClain is the Secretary, and Robert Tranter is the Past Chair. It was noted that the state annual report and the federal tax form 990N were submitted in February 2024.
3. The secretary's report was presented. The board met on 11/12/2023 and 5/12/2024. They discussed regular business, future technical meetings, establishment of a new early career award, new board member nominees, and budgets (e.g. student travel awards, art competition, and undergraduate research competition). The minutes from the last Section Business Meeting held at Texas A&M on 3/20/2023 were presented (which have also been posted on the CSSCI website earlier). David Rothamer moves to approve the Business Meeting minutes. Steve Son seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. None opposed. The business meeting minutes from 3/20/2023 are approved.
4. The treasurer's report was presented and covered a period from 1/1/2023-5/12/2024. The starting balance was \$65,392 and the ending balance was \$91,158. Most of the expenses were for student travel support and awards from competitions. The expenditures and revenue from the current 2024 CSSCI meeting were not included. \$35,916 income came from the distributions of USNCM meeting held at Texas A&M in 2023. David Urban moves to approve the business meeting minutes. Jim T'ien seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. None opposed. The treasurer's report is approved.
5. CSSCI technical meetings schedule was discussed.
6. Acknowledgment was given to Prof. Eric Petersen and the team for hosting a successful 13<sup>th</sup> US National Combustion Meeting at Texas A&M from 3/19/2023 to 3/22/2023.
7. Every 2 years, the board appoints nominees to serve on the board. The current list of board members was shared. It was noted that Albert Ratner, Eric Petersen, and Steve Son are

outgoing board members this year and were acknowledged for their 12 years (two terms, each) of service. In 2022, 6 new board members were appointed.

8. The requirements and expectations for serving as a board member were discussed. The following nominees selected by the nominations subcommittee were presented: Drs. Patton Allison, Chong Cha, Daniel Guildenbecher, Canan Karakaya, James Michael, and Pinaki Pal. A voice vote was held to approve all 6 nominees to join the board. None opposed. All 6 members were approved to serve on the board. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Monique McClain moves to nominate Erik Braun to the board. Steve Son seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. None opposed. Erik Braun was approved to serve on the board.
9. Several announcements were made. CSSCI announced travel support for students traveling to the 40<sup>th</sup> International Combustion Symposium. In addition, the application process for the Peter's travel award of \$2,500 (single award for one student presenter at the International Symposium) was announced. The 14<sup>th</sup> national meeting will be hosted by ESSCI from 3/16/2025 – 3/19/2025 in Boston, Massachusetts. The 2026 CSSCI meeting is being planned and the location and dates will be announced later.
10. Acknowledgment was given to Ya-Ting Liao and supporting co-hosts for organizing the 2024 CSSCI technical meeting.
11. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm EDT.