

**EPC – EEPCC Meeting
Minutes – April 2nd, 2014
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Following are the minutes of the April 2nd, 2014 meeting of the Ethylene Producers' Committee (EPC) held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

Minutes prepared by Paul van Helmond.

1. Attendance

Present :

Jos Vankevelaer	– Member Executive Committee EEPCC
Michael Tallman	– 2014-2015 EPC Chairman (outgoing)
Paul van Helmond	– 2014-2015 EPC Chairman (incoming)
Walter Postula	– 2014-2015 EPC Vice Chairman (incoming)
Michael Moran	– 2014-2015 EPC Program Chairman (incoming)
Tim Zygula	– 2014-2015 EPC Program Vice Chairman (incoming)
Thomas Pickett	– EPC Treasurer
Sasha Vragolic	– candidate to replace Michael Moran as Program Chairman
– Michael had advised that he would have to retire from the committee.	

2. Welcome / Introductions / Review Agenda

Attendees introduced themselves and explained their roles in the EPC. Jos has been to several EPC conferences is familiar with EPC mission, work methods and conference.

The agenda for the meeting is reviewed.

3. Reading of the EPC Anti Trust statement

Chairman Michael Tallman called the meeting to order at Noon. Paul van Helmond read the Antitrust Statement:

“No activity of the Committee shall involve the exchange, collection or dissemination of information among competitors for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied, among competitors with regard to costs, prices or pricing methods, terms or conditions of sale, distribution, production quotas or other limitations, on either the timing, or volume of production, or sales, or allocation of territories or customers.”

The meeting agenda was published in advance and appears in **Attachment 1**.

4. Five Minutes on Safety:

Michael explained the EPC committee's involvement in a brittle fracture incident in Louisiana. EPC complied with a request from the CSB for information included our past proceedings related to brittle fracture.

Michael also explained the activities of the knowledge management s/c in preparing training modules on brittle fracture and later other topics.

5. Exchange EPC / EEPC Officers Names & Contact Information

Paul van Helmond is to send Jos van Kevelaer contact information of the EPC officers. Post meeting note: Contact information of complete EPC committee was sent for purpose of invitation to the EEPC annual conference in October 2014.

6. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (May 1, 2013)

The minutes of our meeting from last year were reviewed. They had been sent out to all attendees a year earlier. No comments.

7. EEPC Activities

Prior to meeting Jos van Kevelaer shared a presentation that describes EEPC Activities. This presentation is included in **Attachment 2**.

EEPC has three issue groups that have logical EPC counterpart sub-committees, plant maintenance, turbo machinery and learning from incidents (safety). Direct exchanges between the issue groups of the EEPC and sub-committees in the EPC have occurred and are encouraged by both EEPC and EPC.

8. Exchange Locations and Dates for Future Conferences and exchange of papers between EEPC and EPC

The next EEPC conference will take place on Oct 22-24 in Warsaw, Poland. Jos has seen several papers at the 2014 EPC conference that are of interest to be presented at the EEPC conference. EPC will share contact information of specific presenters and encourage them to also present at EEPC. Post-meeting note: Jos made specific requests and EPC shared contact info.

The next EPC conference will take place April 26-30 in Austin, TX. Jos was asked to recommend one paper in general from their 2014 conference and one specific to process safety.

9. Adjournment:

Michael Tallman adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.