

**Ethylene Producers' Committee Meeting
Minutes – October 14th, 2021**

Following are the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting of the Ethylene Producers' Committee (EPC) held virtually.

Minutes prepared by Mark Whitney.

1. Attendance

Present – Richard Beleutz, Toby Darbonne, Bala Devakottai, Jeff Elam, Dan Euhus, KJ Han, Sanjeev Kapur, Aivars Krumins, Ravi Lal, Alex Michinel, Jennifer Port, Walter Postula, Richard Rolke, Mark Schmidt, Micheal Smith, Michael Tallman Yong Wang, Mark Whitney, John Zylks

Not present – Jake Berret, Daryl Bitting, Jose de Barros, Jeff Edwards, David Gent, Tim Zygula

The updated EPC member contact list appears in **Attachment A1**.

[The contact list also includes attendance records since 2008. The attendance records are utilized by the Nominating committee in accordance with Bylaw Article III, Section 6]

Members, please check your information on the Contact Info sheet in Attachment A1 and send any/all updates to Jake Berret.

2. Call To Order:

Mark Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Mark Whitney 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 an 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 A2**.

3. Five Minutes on Safety:

By A. Michinel

The safety presentation appears in **Attachment A3**.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Jake Berret sent out the “final” minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting on October 6, 2021. Aivars Krumins made a motion to approve, and Richard Rolke seconded. All approved.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Bala Devakottai presented the current EPC finances. Dissatisfaction with the bank fees were again expressed. Bala has checked with another bank (Chase) and was told fees would be charged there also.

The financial report is given in **Attachment A4**.

6. Committee Chair Report

Mark Schmidt reported that the Fuel & Petrochemical Division would like to talk to the EPC about co-sponsoring a control session. There was some skepticism about the possibility of doing anything concrete in time for the 2022 conference, except perhaps lending our name to the session. Mark will get additional information report back.

7. Nominating Committee

No new items to report. Rick Beleutz will follow-up with Sasol regarding EPC membership.

8. 2022 Program Chair Report

Mark Whitney reported that all sessions are set up in Confex, but only 2 abstracts have been submitted.

Questions were asked about the length of sessions at the 2022 EPC and the schedule of the sessions.

The AIChE has set up a separate poster session for the EPC. Previously the poster session was for the entire AIChE (but with some separation by poster topic). Now, they will separate out posters that are ethylene focused into their own session. There presently is an abstract in the EPC poster session, related to furnace refractory. There is a need for people from the ethylene industry to judge the posters during the conference.

9. 2022 Program Co-Chair Report

Micheal Smith provided an update for the April 2022 EPC Conference. See **Attachment A5** for details.

Note that the AIChE is looking for someone from the EPC to take a role in their 2022 and 2023 Spring Conventions as the co-MPC (Meeting Program Chair) and then MPC. This is a chance to help shape the AIChE Spring conference. Talk to Walter, who held this position in the past. If interested, contact Micheal Smith or Mark Whitney.

10. Subcommittee Reports

Safety – (Jake Berret)

Have 3 papers promised, but no abstracts submitted. These are for low temperature safety, furnace flooding and cycle fatigue. There is an urgent need for companies to participate in the low temperature safety task force.

Environmental – (Richard Beleutz)

Subcommittee has met and is generating ideas for papers. Rick discussed topics under consideration as well as the possibility of joint sessions (with Technology and/or Feedstocks) pertaining to eMACT, regulatory overviews, CO2 reduction, etc.

Operations – (Richard Rolke)

Subcommittee has met and is expecting 3 or 4 papers.

Maintenance & Reliability – (Sanjeev Kapur)

Has leads for 2 or 3 papers.

Technology & Fundamentals – (Michael Tallman)

Subcommittee has met and is planning 4 possible sessions including Fundamentals, a Tutorial on Distillation, a third session for decarbonization/circular economy and a session “Energy Transition & Decarbonization – ‘Big Picture View’”.

Industry 4.0 – (Richard Rolke)

No information.

Rotating Equipment – (Mike Tallman)

Has leads on 2 papers.

Feedstock – (Mark Whitney)

Subcommittee has met and has a large number of topics under consideration and expect a full session.

11. Knowledge Management

Sanjeev Kapur reported on contact with the EEPC regarding a video they prepared on popcorn polymer. The EEPC will share the video with members of the EPC, but not post it on the EPC website for viewing by EPC subscribers. Sanjeev will be continuing to talk with the EEPC about alternatives.

12. Old Business

No updates

13. New Business:

No new business

14. Review Action Items List

Action item list with new actions.

See action item summary listed on the table at the end of this document.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is December 9, 2021 (virtual).

2022 EPC Conference:

Conference: April 10-14, 2022, San Antonio, Tx.

Meeting dates for the 2021-2022 Conference Cycle:

12/9/2021	Virtual
2/10/2022	TBD

Future conferences:

2023	Houston
2024	New Orleans

15. Adjournment:

Mark Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

ACTIONS SUMMARY

ITEM	BY	WHEN
Align EPC names and addresses on file at the bank and state.	Bala Devakottai	June 2021

EPC Directors to send Mark Whitney session chair and co-chair information	All EPC Directors	Complete
Mark Whitney to report on length of 2022 EPC sessions and the EPC schedule.	Mark Whitney	October, 2021
Follow-up with Sasol regarding EPC membership.	Rick Beleutz	October 2021
Richard Rolke will follow-up with AIChE to get legal advice on how to deal with future requests from CSB or other parties outside of the EPC.	Richard Rolke	December 2021
Work with AIChE to agree upon WI-Fi sponsor clauses for 2022. (Not needed until meeting is in person)	Micheal Smith	December 2021
Bala will purchase a projector for the next in person meeting.	Bala Devakottai	December 2021
Develop recommendation to reduce bank fees.	Bala Devakottai	February 2022
Nominating committee reevaluate the need for Program Co-Chair Elect.	Richard Beleutz	February 2022
Clarify intent of F&PD request for EPC to co-sponsor F&PD process control session	Mark Schmidt	December 9, 2021
Propose (day/time) grid for EPC session layout	Mark Whitney	December 9, 2021