

## **EPC Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Date: 7-27-21

Location: virtual

Attendance:

Patty Summers (Zeochem)  
Vikranth Balasubramanian (Linde)  
Jenny Heinlein (DOW)  
Marty Shelton (EASTMAN)  
Miguel Maldonado (TECHNIP FMC)  
Ryan Chun (Evonik)  
Dan Euhus (Shin-Tech)  
Richard Rolke (DOW)

Agenda;

- Anti-Trust statement – Patty
- Review of 2021 conference attendance
- Review of Chair & Co-chair roles for Operations Sub-committee and EPC Session
- Update on 2022 Conference (April 10 – 14, San Antonio, TX)
- Theme or paper ideas – open discussion

Anti-Trust 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.”

**Meeting Minutes:**

2021 Conference: The attendance numbers were reviewed from the virtual conference earlier in the year. The average attendance/session was at 141 which was pretty good given the last conference where the average was greater was in 2017. For the Operations Session, our attendance ranged from 98 to 184 including those that listened at a later time. Top for attendance was “Energy Savings for Steam Cracking”.

Some other papers in the EPC benefitted from AIChE attendees listening to the presentations on waste plastics. It was noted that afternoon sessions seemed to drop off in attendance.

Roles:

The roles for chair/co-chair for both the Operations Sub-committee and Conference Session were discussed. Vik and Dan both spoke up as future volunteers. These roles will be defined prior to the next meeting.

Richard reported that the 2022 conference is planning to be in person in San Antonio.

We talked about paper/session topics but not too many ideas flowing just yet.

- Start up and commissioning (sorry my notes are unclear on this)
- TPC – Pt Arthur polymer build-up

Please get with your organizations to drum up ideas for papers!!

Membership note:

Carl Harry has indicated he will no longer be a member of our committee, we thank him for all of his years of dedication to the EPC and this committee.

Action items:

Get talking about paper topics and ideas prior to next meeting.

Remove Carl from sub-committee distribution .

Next Meeting: Sept 14, 1:00pm Central time