

EPC Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Date: 9-14-21

Location: virtual

Attendance:

Patty Summers (Zeochem)
Jenny Heinlein (DOW)
Miguel Maldonado (TECHNIP FMC)
Dan Euhus (Shin-Tech)
David Dutschmann (ExxonMobil)

Agenda;

- Anti-Trust statement – Patty
- 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:

Roles:

Following the last meeting it was confirmed that Dan will be the 2022 Session Chair for the main operations session. Patty Summers will be the co-chair unless another person steps up to volunteer. As for the Sub-committee, Vik had agreed to be the session co-chair, however, due to a special assignment, he is unable to commit to this role for more than a few months. Again without other volunteers, Patty Summers was to remain in the Committee Chair role.

PLEASE consider stepping up into one of the co-chair roles to help support the committee’s work.

Update from the Main committee is that no final decision has been made as to whether the 2022 conference will be virtual or in person. If in person, it will be in San Antonio.

We had a small group and had the following discussions regarding papers:

Miguel had a topic which his company is interested in presenting which includes both the licensor and an end user. The group got a little sidetracked, but they will put together an abstract and Miguel will then share with the committee.

David said ExxonMobil is considering a paper talking about using dynamic simulators to help with start-ups. It would include the perspectives from 3 different types of people; process engineers who use the tools for start up, engineering coordinators who run it as a simulator, and external simulators. Dan said they have used simulators to help with a successful start up as well. We chatted about whether or not this might be a good round table. It is a possibility and may depend on whether or not we meet in person.

Dan said he has feelers out internally but to date no real feedback.

We have been approached by the Technology sub-committee to consider a joint session on the “circularity” in the industry which was introduced during the key note speech at this year’s conference. During the discussion, and in email communication between a few members prior to the meeting, the two concerns are:

1. Is this a topic for current producers and how they are practicing today? If not, and it revolves around new technology, then perhaps our committee doesn’t really have a role to play
2. Given this is such a new topic, will companies be willing to disclose what they are thinking about regarding circularity.

Sustainability is a topic which may be of interest and companies may be willing to talk about, but sustainability is not the same as circularity. Patty will check with Solomon to see if they have any information they would like to share on sustainability.

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

Action items:

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

Patty to contact Solomon about potential papers on sustainability (or other ideas)

Vik to update the sub-committee roster before stepping down from co-chair role

Next Meeting: Thursday Oct 7, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm VIRTUAL