

EPC Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Time: 1:00 – 2:00pm

Date: 6-23-22

Location: virtual

Attendance:

Patty Summers (Zeochem)

Jenny Heinlein (Dow)

Richard Rolke (Dow)

Ali Abbaspour (UOP)

Dan Euhus (Dow)

Vik Balasubramanian (Linde)

Jeff Edwards (CP Chem)

Christopher Carr (ExxonMobil)

Bryan McVicker (ExxonMobil)

Others (?)

Agenda:

- Anti-Trust statement – Patty
- Membership updates
- Main Committee Updates
- Discussion of Chair/co-Chair roles for both subcommittee & Session – Volunteers?
- Review of 2022 Conference (April 10 – 14, San Antonio, TX)
- Thoughts for 2023 conference? (March 12-16, 2023, Houston)

Anti-Trust Statement:

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Meeting Minutes

Membership updates:

- Samuel Odewas, CP Chem joining
- Efrain Pena, OxyChem, joining
- Greg Baker, Ineos, replacing Tho Tran
- Ryan Chung, Evonik, stepping down
- David Dutschmann, ExxonMobil, retiring

Main Committee:

- The papers from this year’s conference have been posted to the EPC website for those of you who have a subscription

- Considering a day rate for the 2023 conference especially since it is going to be in Houston where we tend to get more day attendees

Roles for 2023 Conference

Patty led the discussion on the roles for Chair/CoChair for both the subcommittee and Session. All are requested to consider stepping up into one of the roles. She said she could still support but would like others to consider filling these 4 roles.

2022 Conference Wrap-up:

Attendance numbers reviewed (see attached). While our Operations session was well attended it was noticed that we had an opposing session and that “attendees” who viewed the on line recordings remotely were not counted in the reported numbers.

All in all, it was noted that the session went well and the papers were well done.

2023 Conference:

Given that the conference will be in Houston, we like the idea of doing tutorials.

Everyone was encouraged to go back into their organizations to see what papers/tutorials/case studies they could drum up.

Link for the call for papers is: <https://aiche.confex.com/aiche/s23/cfp.cgi>

The official end date for Abstract submittal is October 25, 2022.

Other:

It was again discussed that meeting face-to-face at a producing facility would be appreciated by committee members, getting back to a practice from years ago (certainly pre-COVID). Please consider hosting a meeting at your location.

Next meeting:

August 16, 2022 1:00pm Central time Dan to send out the meeting notice