

## **EPC Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**

Time: 10 -11:30 am

### **Agenda:**

Review anti-trust statement  
Introduce new joint C-Chairs  
Review survey results last Operations session  
Discuss possible papers for 2015 Operations Session  
Discuss location and timing for next meeting

### **Attendees:**

Richard Rolke - Dow  
Patty Summers - SpectraSensors  
Jeff Nichols – Sasol  
Andy Miller - BASF  
Bala Devakottai – Shell

Did I miss some late joiners?

Anti trust statement was reviewed.

Richard and Patty introduced themselves as the new Co-chairs of the sub-committee.

Review of feedback from 2014 Spring Conference. Negative comments centered around the fact that some papers were felt to be a bit too commercial. Perhaps our deadlines need to be moved and/or our process changed to help address this.

### **Proposed New Committee Members:**

From the Spring Conference, 5 people requested to be added to the sub-committee. Nicholas Graham - CP Chem, Sridhar Prasad - Reliance Industries, Kultar Nangiana - Technip, Justin Westmoreland – CPChem, and John Weikel – BASF. Patty informed the committee that Claire Cagnolatti of Solomon is also interested to join. The team discussed and voted on Claire. It was decided to send her an invite and add her to the committee. Nick Graham at CPChem has been in numerous operational roles at CPChem and was approved. John Weikel has been involved in the ethylene industry for less than a year. His involvement could be a bit redundant as we already have a member from BASF. He will be advised that we already have a participating member from BASF. A representative from Reliance could be challenging from the standpoint of time zones and joining meeting. Richard will contact Nicholas Graham and invite him to join. Patty will reach out to Claire.

The student plant tour at the Spring Conference hosted at Dow was very well received and provided an excellent view of the ethylene industry to the students. The team leading the student events greatly appreciated the help of this committee and the EPC overall to help find professionals to support their efforts. Many long standing EPC members also attended the various networking events. The 2015 Spring Conference will be in Austin, Texas so a plant tour would not be easy to execute but there may be other ways to volunteer for the student and young adult programs. Patty will reach out and inform the committee.

Meeting format:

We discussed a face to face meeting and the benefits, however, most attendees admitted they are busy and a virtual meeting is much more practical. We will plan the next meeting for mid-August as a virtual meeting and decide which of the meetings in the fall may be beneficial to be in person at a plant site.

Other comments:

Bala suggested that we consider holding a dry run of presentations like the Feedstock Committee has historically done. This could help improve the quality of the presentations by allowing the subcommittee to provide feedback prior to the conference. Patty added that this also prevents overlap in similar papers and can even tie two together if on related topics.