

# **DALLAS SECTION AIChE NOV. 15, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee meeting and general meeting was held on November 15, 2011 at Two Guys From Italy Restaurant.

## **1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The attendees were as follows:

Chair: José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza  
Secretary: Fred Eisen  
Director: M.W. (Neal) Abernathy  
Director: Derek White-Stephens

Excused for being away on business travel:

Vice Chair: Donald Miller  
Treasurer: Fernando J. Aguirre  
Director: Nancy Garnett  
Director: Keith Miller

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting at about 6 PM. The meeting was brief since a quorum (5) was not present. Updating of the bylaws was discussed including adding a provision to allow proxy voting at Executive Committee meetings. The Chair is contemplating calling a special Executive Committee meeting in January to do a final review of the proposed bylaws.

## **2) GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the general meeting was 16. We had 4 no-show reservations.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks and briefly discussed recent events and coming programs including the holiday party to be held 12/15 at Pappadeaux's (NW Highway & US Highway 35). The Chair also gave the Treasurer's report. Expenditures thus far are at about 35% of the annual \$2,600 budget. Checking account total is \$10,545. Questions were answered and the report was approved.

The speaker for the evening was J. Ramiro Rodriguez, our Chair. The general topic was engineering ethics. He gave a stimulating talk on "Subsidiarity: Socio-Political or ethical concept? The indirect –but Moral- Responsibility of the Engineer towards the public". The concept is about the engineer's responsibility for the common good as well

as to the employer/client. There was a lot of interaction with the audience. Meeting attendees can obtain a certificate of attendance by emailing the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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