

DALLAS SECTION AIChE JAN. 24, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee meeting and general meeting was held on January 24, 2012 at Two Guys From Italy Restaurant.

A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The attendees were as follows:

Chair: José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza
Vice Chair: Donald Miller
Treasurer: Fernando J. Aguirre
Secretary: Fred Eisen
Director: M.W. (Neal) Abernathy
Director: Nancy Garnett
Director: Keith Miller

Absent was:

Director: Derek White-Stephens

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

1) General – The Chair reviewed recent events including preparations for our ChE of the year award to Nancy Garnett at the TSPE Awards Banquet on April 14. The Vice Chair discussed program plans for the rest of the season. He is still trying to find a speaker on oil & gas well fracking. Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Executive Committee meeting were approved. The Treasurer reported that we are roughly on target with our budget and have \$9770 in the bank.

2) New Bylaws – The latest version of the proposed bylaws were reviewed. Several suggested revisions were discussed. The Chair will incorporate agreed upon changes and reissue. Target date for presentation of proposed new bylaws to the membership is April.

3) Section Membership – The Section will notify National that we support the proposal that local section dues be automatically charged to all national members when they are billed for their annual national dues. If this proposal is not adopted by National, the Section will request that National continue to include local section dues on all their annual membership renewal forms (with members having the option of crossing it out) every year without regard to previous years' selections.

B) GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the general meeting was 25. We had several no-show reservations.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks and briefly discussed recent events including the redoing of the bylaws. The Vice Chair requested any suggestions for a speaker on oil and gas well fracking. The Treasurer gave a brief report which was approved. A drawing was held for those who made an advanced reservation for the meeting. Neal Abernathy won a \$40 Pappadeaux's gift card.

The speaker for the evening was Robert Tang of CEFCO Global Clean Energy, LLC. He is the CEO and co-inventor of the CEFCO process which was the topic for the evening. This process is designed for CO₂ and multipollutant capture from flue gases. These other pollutants include metals, sulfur and nitrogen. It employs a steam or air generated shockwave mechanism. It also uses chemical reagents for the selected conversion of the captured pollutants to saleable products such as concentrated forms of recovered metals, potassium sulfate and potassium nitrate fertilizers, and pure CO₂. This technology was recognized by EPA as hazardous waste combustion MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology).

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 PM.

Fred Eisen
Secretary

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