

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE MAY 22, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee meeting and general meeting was held on May 22, 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

Excused absence for business reasons was Director Keith Miller. Director Derek White-Stephens was also absent.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

- 1) New Officers – A slate of officers for the next year were discussed. The current officers were all nominated for the same positions now held except for Director Derek White-Stephens. Latricia (Lacy) Bishline was nominated to fill this Director slot.
- 2) Future Seminars – The possibility of conducting a one half day or a one day seminar next year was discussed,
- 3) Next Month's Topic – The vice Chair has set the June meeting topic as Oil & Gas Well Fracking. This will be presented by Halliburton Energy Services employees.
- 4) Next Year's Budget - A draft 2012-2013 budget was presented and will be voted on at the next meeting.
- 5) Prior Meeting Minutes – The April 27, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

### **B) GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the general meeting was 28.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks. A vote on the new proposed bylaws was taken. They were approved by acclamation and will be effective immediately. Next month's officer election was discussed. Anyone interested in nominating someone

contact the Chair or one of the other officers. The Vice Chair announced the next meeting topic as “Oil & Gas Well Fracking”. The Treasurer gave a brief report which was approved. Currently we have \$10,509 in the bank.

The speaker for the evening was Patrick Crawford, Principal Technical Professional, Halliburton Energy Services. His talk was “Horizontal Drilling-What it is and why the public is hearing so much about it lately”.

Advances in drilling technology over the past decade have allowed operators to drill oil & gas wells horizontally and maximize contact with the producing reservoir. Horizontal lengths up to about 20,000 feet have been accomplished. Recent advances in bit technology, drilling fluids, top drives, and directional tools have allowed operators to drill these wells in a fraction of the time compared to early on. Some of the components used to drill today’s horizontal wells and recent technology advances that have helped reduce overall drilling time were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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