

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE AUG. 18, 2012 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE planning meeting for Officers & Directors was held on August 18, 2012 at the home of the Chair. The attendees were as follows.

Chair: José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza  
Vice Chair: Donald Miller  
Secretary: Fred Eisen  
Director: Keith Miller  
Director: Nancy Garnett  
Director: Lacy Bishline

Absent and excused were Fernando J. Aguirre, Treasurer and Marshall W. (Neal) Abernathy, Director.

Below is a brief meeting summary.

### 1) Reports to AIChE National

The “End of Year Report” to AIChE HQ was prepared and submitted by the Chair. A copy of the Report was circulated for comments. The Chair will revise the Report as per some of the Officers comments and suggestions. The Secretary will prepare and submit the “New Officers & Directors Report”.

### 2) Section Bylaws

Some of the Officers who had not signed the newly approved bylaws did so.

### 3) Gifts for Speakers

The laser pointer pens with the Dallas AIChE logo that were purchased for speaker gifts, etc. have been received.

### 4) Young Professionals Group

We have not yet received a response from National regarding our request for a grant to have a free dinner night for young professionals. It was agreed to resubmit the grant request next quarter. Lacy Bishline was appointed the Young Professionals Coordinator and ideas for attracting young professionals to the Section were discussed.

### 5) Vice Chair

Possible program topics for the coming season were discussed. The Vice Chair is working on programs about Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel and computerized plant design. An ethics talk is planned for November. Other possible topics discussed included

air dispersion modeling. Any suggestions for additional topics and speakers would be welcome.

6) Treasurer

The Treasurer prepared a draft budget for 2012-13. This was discussed and the Treasurer will reissue another draft for further discussion.

7) Other Business

Director and colleague Neal Abernathy was absent due to illness. Unfortunately, Neal contracted West Nile virus. He spent about 3 weeks in the hospital ICU and is now in an acute rehab facility. He is facing the possibility of many months of rehabilitation. We all hope and pray for a full and swift recovery.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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