

DALLAS SECTION AIChE OCTOBER 23, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting were held on October 23, 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, by proxy
Secretary: Fred Eisen
Director: Keith Miller
Director: Lacy Bishline

Absent and excused were: Treasurer Fernando J. Aguirre and Directors Nancy Garnett, Keith Miller, and Neal Abernathy. The Treasurer had given his proxy vote to the Chair.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

- 1) ChE of the Year – We will need to select the ChE of the Year by end of year. The award will be given at the TSPE Engineering Banquet in February during Engineers week.
- 2) Young Professionals Group – Director Lacy Bishline, who is the Group's Coordinator, discussed ideas, such as sending out a questionnaire, and possible events, etc. The Chair said he would send her a listing of the under 35 professionals in the jurisdiction.
- 3) Christmas/Holiday Party – The party will be held at the Two Guys From Italy Restaurant. The preferred date is Tuesday December 11. Tuesday December 18 is an alternate day.
- 4) 2012-2013 Programs – Ideas for meeting programs were discussed. The Vice Chair reviewed the results of the questionnaire/survey on possible topic preferences. Ethics will be the topic for the November meeting. Dr. James Montgomery will be the speaker.
- 5) Prior Meeting Minutes – The September 25, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.
- 6) Treasurer's Report – The treasurer provided his report to the Chair who will present it during the general meeting.

B) GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the general meeting was 15.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks. He asked for members to submit nominations for the ChE of the Year award to be presented at the February 2013 Engineers Week Banquet and alerted attendees about the upcoming Christmas/Holiday party in December. The Chair also gave a brief Treasurer's Report, which was approved. Currently, we have \$9,646 in the bank. The Vice Chair reported on the topic questionnaire results.

The speaker for the evening was John R. Auers, Senior VP with Turner Mason and Company. The topic was "The Impact of the Recent American Continent Energy Finds and Production Rate Increases upon the Energy Industries".

The energy news is good! Turner Mason estimates that the recent increases in U.S. crude production will continue and grow larger. By 2020, they forecast that the U.S. will be independent of crude imports from the Eastern Hemisphere and will be exporting crude. Crude prices are expected to be in the \$90 to \$120 range (in 2012 US dollars). This, along with the large amounts of natural gas being produced, will make US energy relatively cheap and spur growth in chemicals and many other energy dependent industries.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 PM.

Fred Eisen
Secretary

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