

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE MARCH 26, 2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting were held on March 26, 2013 at Two Guys from Italy Restaurant.

### **A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The attendees were as follows:

Vice Chair: Donald B. Miller  
Secretary: Fred Eisen  
Director: Lacy Bishline

Absent and excused were: Chair José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza; Treasurer Fernando J. Aguirre; and Directors Nancy Garnett, Keith Miller, and Neal Abernathy. All but Director Abernathy provided their proxy votes.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

- 1) Grants from National – We will resubmit our revised request for a grant to reach out to the young professionals by inviting them to a meeting with the Section buying their meal. More details of our plan for this activity were included in the write-up. The proposal was approved in principle. Director Lacy had a few editorial comments to pass on to the Chair.
- 2) Officer Succession – We still need to identify possible candidates for the 2013-2014 Chair and other officer positions. Anyone interested in running or who wants to nominate someone else, please contact the Chair or one of the other officers.
- 3) Local Sections Leadership Workshop – This year's LSLW will be held on April 27 and 28 in San Antonio. Director Lacy Bishline and Vice Chair Don Miller are planning to attend.
- 4) 2012-2013 Programs – The topic for next month's meeting will be debottlenecking of a natural gas processing plant. Also, the Vice chair is still working on a possible plant trip on a Saturday this spring. If anyone wants to volunteer to give a talk, has a suggestion for a speaker or topic, or plant to visit, etc., please contact the Vice Chair or one of the other officers.
- 5) Prior Meeting Minutes – The February 26, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.
- 6) Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided his report to the Executive Committee and it was later presented at the general meeting by the Vice Chair.

### **B) GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the general meeting was 24.

The Vice Chair made some welcoming remarks and gave a brief financial report. The budget is roughly on track and we now have \$10,686 in the bank. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Ken Morgan, TCU geology professor and Director of the TCU Energy Institute. The topic was "NGV's (Natural Gas Vehicles): Who's in the Driver's Seat".

The speaker discussed the current landscape for developing U.S. shale gas markets especially for U.S. transportation needs. He focused on new technologies, infrastructure advances and the future of natural gas as a viable and sustainable fuel source. U.S. natural gas reserves are very large. U.S. natural gas prices are cheap compared to oil and to foreign gas. Natural gas can be used in vehicles displacing imported oil. U.S. natural gas can be exported at very competitive global gas prices. Higher demand for natural gas vehicles, bringing on assembly line type production, will significantly lower the cost of such vehicles. All of this has the potential to make the U.S. energy independent.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:05 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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