

DALLAS SECTION AIChE MAY 28, 2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting were held on May 28, 2013 at Two Guys from Italy Restaurant.

A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The attendees were as follows:

Chair: José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza
Vice Chair: Donald B. Miller
Treasurer: Fernando J. Aguirre
Secretary: Fred Eisen
Director: Lacy Bishline
Director: Nancy Garnett

Absent and excused were: Directors Keith Miller and Neal Abernathy. The Secretary determined a quorum was present.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

1) Grants from National – We have not heard back from National about our request for a grant to reach out to the young professionals by inviting them to outreach activities such as happy hours and meal invitations. The Chair will contact National about its status.

2) Young Professionals Group – Lacy is planning a happy hour for mid-June. She was authorized to spend up to \$200 for finger food, etc. as needed.

3) Officer Succession – We still need to identify possible candidates for the 2013-2014 Chair and other officer/director positions. Anyone interested in running or who wants to nominate someone else, please contact the Chair or one of the other officers. Election of new officers is scheduled for the June meeting. Nominations can be made at the meeting.

4) Local Sections Leadership Workshop – This year's LSLW was held on April 27 and 28 in San Antonio. Director Lacy Bishline and Vice Chair Don Miller attended. We have received grants from National to cover their trip expenses, up to \$500 each. Both gave a brief review of what they obtained from the meeting.

5) Prior Meeting Minutes – The April 23, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

6) Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer gave his report to the Executive Committee and it was later presented at the general meeting. The Treasurer also presented a proposed budget for 2012-2014 totaling \$3,600. After discussion and some minor adjustments, it was agreed to in principle.

B) GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the general meeting was 13.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks. He talked about next month's elections and the need for candidates. The Treasurer gave his report. Currently, the budget is roughly on track and we now have \$10,543 in the bank. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The presentation for the evening was an AIChE webinar titled "Critical Thinking About Critical Thinking". The speakers were Greg Shaffer and Melissa Collins of TDS. Mr. Shaffer was available by telephone to answer questions after the 58 minute prerecorded presentation.

The Vice Chair explained how AIChE makes these webinars available and that 6 each year are free to members. There are over 1600 titles available.

In this webinar, the problem was first defined and then why critical thinking skills are so important in the workplace was discussed. Characteristics of critical and non-critical thinkers and how this impacts employers were described. The speakers then focused on how attendees can improve their critical thinking skills and how they can help others do the same.

There was an exercise on critical thinking to illustrate how prone we can be to make assumptions, even in interpreting what we read, without critically evaluating their validity.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:10 PM.

Fred Eisen
Secretary

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