



# American Institute of Chemical Engineers Dallas Section

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee and General Meeting were held on September 26, 2017 at the Two Guys From Italy Restaurant in Dallas, TX.

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

The attendees were as follows:

Chair:	Jason Ballengee
Vice Chair:	James W. Muhitch
Secretary:	Frederic S. Eisen
Treasurer:	Fernando J. Aguirre
Past Chair:	Donald B. Miller
Director:	Andrew S. Moore
Director:	James K. W. McCreary
Director:	Julia Tossetti

The Secretary determined a quorum was present.

- 1) Spring 2018 Symposium – The Board continued discussion regarding the Friday afternoon October 27, 2017 environmental theme symposium at the Richardson Civic Center. Individual assignments for the symposium were discussed.
- 2) Future Programs – Ethics will be the topic for the November 14 meeting presented by Ramiro Rodriguez Perazza. In December we will have the holiday party at Two Guys From Italy restaurant. Target date is December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) TSPE Annual Awards Banquet – This event represents about 30% of our annual budget. Discussions are underway with the Treasurer and TSPE to see if we can negotiate a lower cost. Also, we need to be thinking about possible candidates for ChE of the Year.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer had submitted his report to the Chair. Receivables from home office are getting back on track. About \$11,208 is in the bank.

5) Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the August 21, 2017 Executive Committee Planning Meeting were approved.

**B) GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the General Meeting was 24.

The Chair made some brief welcoming remarks and reminded attendees of the Environmental Symposium coming up this October 27. The Treasurer gave a brief report. Nothing unusual occurred. About \$11,208 is in the bank.

The speaker for the evening was our own Andy Moore, founder and principal of Windward Engineering. Andy pointed out that in the last decade, there has been significant discussion and effort expended in the area of climate science. Discussions in the technical blogs are on fire as we collectively decide if climate change should be an immediate and focused endeavor with a tremendous resource cost. Are you a "warmist," a "denier," or somewhere in between? Is this the apocalypse or simply practitioners of climate science in a veiled grab for grant money? He reviewed history, reviewed positions, and discussed what we know, what we believe, possible outcomes, and possible remediation. The question then was can we come to a consensus as a local section on the topic of climate change?

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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