



# American Institute of Chemical Engineers Dallas Section

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE April 24, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee and General Meeting were held on April 24, 2018 at the Two Guys From Italy Restaurant in Dallas, TX.

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

The attendees were as follows:

Chair:	Jason Ballengee
Secretary:	Frederic S. Eisen
Director:	James K. W. McCreary
Director:	Andrew S. Moore
Director:	Julia Tossetti

Vice Chair James Muhitch gave his proxy to Director James K. W. McCreary, Treasurer Fernando J. Aguirre gave his proxy to Director Andrew Moore, and Past Chair Donald B. Miller gave his proxy to Chair Jason Ballengee. The Secretary determined a quorum was present.

- 1) June Elections – Planning for the June elections is underway. The slate is almost full but more volunteers are desired to create some healthy competition.
- 2) Member Survey – Officers are conducting a brief survey of members via telephone or email. The Chair assigned names (approximately 10) for each officer to contact. Most have been completed. Results to date were discussed.
- 3) Future Programs – The speaker for this evening will be John Spessard. He will be discussing wind and solar power. The plant trip to the Witherspoon Distillery in Lewisville will be Friday afternoon May 25th. Cost is \$20. Rob Zeller is scheduled to speak in June. His topic will be Operational Excellence in Manufacturing.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Nothing unusual to report. About \$10,846 is in the bank.
- 5) Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the March 27, 2018 General and Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

### **B) GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the General Meeting was 14.

The Chair made some brief welcoming remarks and gave the Treasurer's report. The upcoming June election was discussed. Anyone interested in running for office is requested to contact any officer.

The speaker for the evening was John Spessard, a Section member. John received his B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, his M.B.A. from Oklahoma City University and his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. He is a registered Chemical Engineer. His experience includes teaching chemistry at Texas Christian University, research work at Kerr-McGee, environmental consulting at PEDCO, and working for attorneys as an expert witness in safety, chemistry, and chemical engineering. He has published various papers on a variety of subjects. He writes for the ACS Dallas-Fort Worth Section publication "The Southwest Retort" on technical subjects of general interest.

His talk focused on the use of wind and solar power in the context of baseline and peak electricity usage. Conventional baseline and peak electric generating technologies were reviewed, the reliability of wind and solar generated electricity was discussed, and finally their suitability for different electric-use situations was explored.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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