

Fellows Council Virtual Meeting, May 27, 2025

12:00 AM PT – Los Angeles/1:00 PM MT – Salt Lake City/2:00 PM CT – New Orleans/3:00 PM ET – New York/10:00 PM AT - Saudi Arabia

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Bryan Deschamps (BD), Fernando Aguirre (FA), Anthony Fregosi (AFF), Ahmed Khogeer (AK), Harold Conner (HC), Mark Swientoniewski (MS), Raymond Rooks (RR), Dan Lambert (DL), Ray Cocco (RC), Ann Fornof (AF), Nimir Elbashir (NE), Jessica Winter (JW), Victor Breedveld (VB)

Action Item

1. AK - "Safety Moment" – "Fire From the Storm: Chemical Release at Bio-Lab" – 2020 Incident following Hurricane Laura
 - a. Link to CSB Video of the Incident (17.58 minutes)-
<https://youtu.be/sqqIxWICfd0>
 - b. VB – Provided a link to another incident (09/29/2024) at a Bio-Lab facility - [U.S. Chemical Safety Board Issues Second Update on Investigation of 2024 Bio-Lab Fire in Conyers, Georgia - General News - News | CSB](#)
2. AK – Approval of FC Meeting Minutes:
 - a. 04_22_25 - Approved
3. GG – Annual Meeting Update – Boston, MA.
 - a. Fellows breakfast on Tuesday, November 4th – 6:30 am ET – Location TBD
 - b. Spring Meeting New Fellows Video link is posted on the Fellows Website
 - c. HC - Management Division working on sessions with ECC.
4. Ann Fornof - Report from CEOC Liaison to the Fellows Council – Reminder – requests for <\$10,000 can be consider by CEOC.
5. AFF - Fellows Newsletter
 - a. 2025 2nd Q Newsletter Deadline – May 30th.
 - Content will be accepted after this date – trying to get "back on schedule" for Newsletter publication (disrupted by Spring Meeting).

6. AK - On Going Activities for 2025

- a. HC/MS - 2023 Fellows Survey Actions
 - MS - The 'Fellows Opportunities' team is working through the content options of the first edition web posting.
- b. AK - Posts on LinkedIn to promote AIChE in the Saudi Arabia Region.
 - AK - Has been getting positive reactions to posts.
 - AH - has received photos from recent breakfast.
- c. FA - "Testimonials" - has been advertised in the newsletter and that resulted in a submission.
- d. FA - Speakers Corner - Was "promoted" at recent AIChE Local Section Leadership Virtual Meeting.
 - Another volunteer has stepped up to "join" the Speakers corner.
- e. Gayle Gibson - as part of the SHI project - More to come soon, but two upcoming events that may be of particular interest are:
 - History of "Gatorade" & Energy Transition

7. AK - Fellows Council Governance

- a. LHB - Bylaws "review team" (LD, DS, LHB).
 - Executive Committee Reviewing Proposed Update Draft
 - Comments are coming in.
- b. AFF - Documentation Updates
 - AIChE_FellowsCouncil_Roster_2025 is under review by the FC Executive Committee.

8. ALL - New Business

- a. RR - Regarding "Speed Networking/Dating" - email sent out promoting the event - responses are coming in.
- b. NE - Do we have information regarding fellows "activities" - part of the "opportunities" is working to address.
- c. DL - praised the current process of welcoming new fellows (videos, personal letter, etc.)

AFF - Supporting documentation sent to FC Committee Members.

- a) FC Meeting Minutes_04_22_25
- b) FC Meeting Agenda_05_27_25

Submitted by: Anthony Fregosi, 2025 Fellows Council Secretary