

ETHYLENE PRODUCERS' TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday: August 9, 2018

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 PM CDT

Agenda

Members: VK Arora, Jack Buehler, Jeff Elam, Bala Devakottai, Rob Fox, Sanjeev Kapur, Robert Krinock, Aivars Krumins, Ravi Lal, Darren Le Geyt, Krishna Merchant, Humera Rafique, Mike Tallman, Mark Whitney, Greg Yeo, Tim Zygula, Thomas Wieslaw, Tiong-Ee Ting

1. Welcome New Members – Jeff Elam, Ineos and Tiong-Ee Ting, Westlake
2. Reading of the anti-trust statement
2. Five Minutes on Safety
3. Approval of June 14, 2018 minutes
4. Formal vote on new member – Dr. Hannah Murnen, CMS.
 - Discussion on if TSC sees need for live attendance requirement for future members
5. Discussion on potential sessions for 2019 Conference
6. TSC – Other New Business

Preliminary Schedule for the coming cycle:

October 11, 2018

December 6, 2018

January 31, 2019

Conference: March 31 – April 4, 2019, in New Orleans

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DRAFT Minutes

Action items denoted in **bold underline**.

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Present: VK Arora, Jack Buehler, Tiong-Ee Ting, Bala Devakottai, Rob Fox, Sanjeev Kapur, Robert Krinock, Ravi Lal, Darren Le Geyt, Humera Rafique , Mike Tallman, Mark Whitney

Absent: Aivars Krumins, Krishna Merchant Greg Yeo, Tim Zygula, Thomas Wieslaw; Jeff Elam

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AGENDA

1. Reading of the Anti-Trust Statement :

No activity of the Committee shall involve the exchange, collection or dissemination among competitors of information, or be used for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied, among competitors with regard to costs, prices or pricing methods, terms or conditions of sale, distribution, production quotas or other limitations, on either the timing, or volume of production, or sales, or allocation of territories or customers.

2. Five Minutes on Safety

School starting soon – watch out for kids, school zones. Don't walk and talk on cell phone.

3. February 1st minutes were approved by the committee.

4. Official vote held on inviting Hannan Murnen to join TSC, subcommittee votes to approve.
 - a. Subcommittee discussion on if there is a need for participation rules for all members (attendance in person, etc.)
 - b. Subcommittee determined that there is no need for anything formal, online attendance is acceptable if in-person attendance isn't possible.
 - i. It is a strong preference of the TSC to have all members present at the conference, but not a requirement

5. Potential sessions for 2019
 - a. Bob & Jack to chair fundamentals again
 - i. Reviewed and updated Fundamentals paper log from last year
 - ii. Humera mentioned Siluria has potential interest in a paper
 - iii. **Bob & Jack to reach out to Kevin Van Gheem for possible Ghent papers**
 - iv. **Bala to look at A&M / Lamar / others**
 - v. **Bob & Jack to reach out to authors of two abstracts TSC has received**

 - b. Discussion on other possible sessions:
 - i. Kister proposing a possible joint distillation session with TSC?
 - ii. Sanjeev mentioned Maintenance Subcommittee may be interested in shared session with TSC
 1. **Sanjeev to discuss further with Maintenance Subcommittee**
 - iii. Idea proposed: Lessons learned from startup of Megacrackers.
 1. Likely to have a difficult time getting papers
 - iv. Bala received an abstract, IR measurement of small leaks from PSVs, etc. **Bala to distribute**
 - v. Discussion on possible tutorials. Acetylene Converter (was done by Ed in San Antonio), consider doing tutorial every other year?,
 1. Bala proposed possible tutorial session on chemical treatments
 - a. There is concern on potential for sales pitches from vendors, will have to be carefully controlled.
 - b. **Bala to investigate interest from vendors, Rob to potentially co-chair**

Mike has forwarded the tentative schedule from main committee:

June 29	Call for Abstracts Opens
October 11, 2018	Subcommittee Meeting
November 12	Call for Abstracts Closes
December 6, 2018	Subcommittee Meeting
December 14	Papers Accepted / Rejected
January 9	Draft Schedule Available
January 31, 2019	Subcommittee Meeting
March 31-April 4	Conference in New Orleans