

EPC Technology Subcommittee Meeting  
June 6, 2013

**Minutes of Meeting**

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Houston, TX

Present: In Person: Robert Krinock, Aivars Krumins, Ravi Lal, Mike Tallman, Greg Yeo, Tim Zygula, Darren Le Geyt, Sanjeev Kapur, Brian Bahr

Via conference call: Jack Buehler

Absent: Greg Dunnells, Alberto Morales, Alain Chepda, Chell Chellappan, Rick Prickett

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Agenda:

- 1) Reading of the Anti-Trust Statement
- 2) Safety Topic –
- 3) 2013 EPC Conference Program Review –
  - Each session chair/co-chair should review their sessions, what went well, what didn't go well, suggestions for improvements.
  - The summary of the session's feedback should be available before the meeting for your review.
- 4) 2014 EPC Conference Planning
  - Key Dates per AIChE
  - Themes
  - Paper ideas (leftovers from this year, ideas from feedback forms, etc.)
  - Joint sessions with other subcommittees
  - Number of sessions
  - Session chairs/co-chairs
- 5) TSC - New Business
- 6) 2013-2014 Subcommittee Leadership
- 7) Calendar for 2013 – 2014 - Upcoming Meeting Date Reminders:  
2014 AIChE Spring Meeting / EPC Conference: March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
2014 – New Orleans, LA
- 8) Review Action Items
- 9) Adjournment / Next Meeting

**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

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limitations, on either the timing, or volume of production, or sales, or allocation of territories or customers.

**2. Safety Topic**

The group discussed the need to use Protection from overexposure to the summer sun.

**3. 2013 EPC Conference Review**

The “Fundamentals Session” was well attended and most of the comments received were very positive. The most negative complaint received was that the session was held on Thursday. The session did experience some problems with the audio/visual equipment. Overall, most people liked the quality of the papers presented.

The Joint Distillation Session was well attended. Most comments received were very positive. The biggest negative comment received was the last minute replacement of papers. Overall, most people liked the quality of the papers presented.

The exploring constraints/restrictions within the industry session was well attended and most of the comments received were very positive.

The following are learning's from the conference:

1. The EPC guidelines – Make sure all authors understand the rules and they are prepared to abide by them. Don't assume that the author's understand the rules because you have worked with them before.
2. Why are we having a Thursday session – Tim will bring this up in the main committee meeting.
3. Joint session collaborations need to follow EPC guidelines.

**4. 2014 EPC Conference**

The “Fundamentals Session” is off to a good start. There is a good backlog of papers available for this session. Jack has agreed to chair this session. Brian has agreed to co-chair the session.

The technology session is considering a Joint Session with the rotating group/environmental group. The other option is to have a tutorial on some aspect of ethylene plant operation (Reactors, etc.). We will lock this down at the next meeting.

**5. 2013-2014 Subcommittee Leadership**

There is a proposal for Tim Zygula to serve one more year as committee chair and Darren Le Geyt to serve as co-chair. After this year new leadership will be elected. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

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**6. Review Action Items**

Jack/Brian – Put together a list of papers from last year. This list needs to be available by the next meeting.

Tim – Bring up at the next EPC main committee meeting “Why are we having Thursday sessions”?

Tim – Update members contact list.

Group – If there is another proposal for the sub-committee leadership be prepared to present it at the next meeting.

**7. Adjournment / Next Meeting**

The next formal group meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel(Old Renaissance Hotel Houston) : August 22, 2013 in Houston, TX.