

## **DALLAS SECTION AIChE FEBRUARY 26, 2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting were held on February 26, 2013 at Two Guys from Italy Restaurant.

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

The attendees were as follows:

Chair: José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza  
Vice Chair: Donald B. Miller  
Treasurer: Fernando J. Aguirre  
Secretary: Fred Eisen  
Director: Lacy Bishline

Absent and excused were: Directors Nancy Garnett, Keith Miller, and Neal Abernathy.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting.

- 1) ChE of the Year – The TSPE Engineering Awards Banquet was held on February 21 during Engineers Week. Fernando J. Aguirre, PhD, P.E., our Treasurer, was awarded the ChE of the Year.
- 2) Young Professionals Group – Director Lacy Bishline, who is the Group's Coordinator, sent out a questionnaire to the target 35 years and under group. Thus far she has had 7 responses.
- 3) Grants from National – We will resubmit our request for a grant to reach out to the young professionals by inviting them to a meeting with the Section buying their meal. This time the Chair will include more details of our plan for this activity.
- 4) Officer Succession – We need to identify possible candidates for the 2013-2014 Chair and other officer positions. Anyone interested in running or who wants to nominate someone else, please contact the Chair or one of the other officers.
- 5) Local Sections Leadership Workshop – This year's LSLW will be held on April 27 and 28 in San Antonio. Director Lacy Bishline and possibly Vice Chair Don Miller are planning to attend. The Chair will confirm National's expense reimbursement policy.
- 6) 2012-2013 Programs – Dr. Morgan will speak on compressed natural gas at next month's meeting (March 26). Also, the Vice chair is working on a possible plant trip on a Saturday this spring. If anyone wants to volunteer to give a talk, has a suggestion for a speaker or topic, or plant to visit, etc., please contact the Vice Chair or one of the other officers.

7) Prior Meeting Minutes – The January 22, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

8) Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided his report to the Executive Committee and later presented it during the general meeting.

## B) **GENERAL MEETING**

Attendance at the general meeting was 13.

The Chair made some welcoming remarks. He announced that Fernando J. Aguirre was the ChE of the Year awardee at the February 2013 Engineers Week Banquet. The Treasurer gave a brief financial report. The budget is roughly on track and we now have \$9,998 in the bank. Additional funds shall be received as dues are collected from Section Members and remitted by the Institute. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Chair reiterated the need for speakers and suggestions for topics for our monthly talks.

The speaker for the evening was our Chair, José Ramiro Rodríguez Perazza. The topic was "How to be an Effective and Still Appreciated Leader".

The speaker discussed leadership with influence. He also reviewed leadership traits theory and behavioral leadership theories. Leadership styles and how to apply them to particular situations was also covered. In addition, brief overview of motivational theories and generally used motivational practices was offered. One of the main points of the talk was that, although many leaders may develop naturally, good leaders could develop from the learning of the necessary skills. The presentation will be posted on our website.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:05 PM.

Fred Eisen  
Secretary

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