



American Institute of Chemical Engineers Dallas Section

DALLAS SECTION AIChE MARCH 27, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee and General Meeting were held on March 27, 2018 at the Two Guys From Italy Restaurant in Dallas, TX.

A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The attendees were as follows:

Chair:	Jason Ballengee
Vice Chair:	James W. Muhitch
Secretary:	Frederic S. Eisen
Treasurer:	Fernando J. Aguirre
Director:	James K. W. McCreary
Director:	Andrew S. Moore
Director:	Julia Tossetti
Past Chair:	Donald B. Miller

The Secretary determined a quorum was present.

- 1) June Elections – Planning for the June elections is underway. The current officers indicated their intentions to run for office so a list of candidates for each position can be determined.
- 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. Results to date were discussed. Further results will be reported at our next meeting.
- 3) Future Programs – The speaker for April is scheduled to 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.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Home Office is catching up with sending us dues revenue. About \$11,196 is in the bank.
- 5) Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the February 27, 2018 General and Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

B) GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the General Meeting was 21.

The Chair made some brief welcoming remarks. The upcoming June election was discussed. Anyone interested in running for office is requested to contact any officer. The Treasurer **gave** his report as discussed above.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Jim Muhitch who is our Vice Chair. Jim is currently a Senior External Development Manager at Nestle Skin Health in Fort Worth. He started his presentation by informing us that the 2017-18 flu season has claimed more than 130 lives across the Dallas-Fort Worth region alone. Hand washing with ordinary bar soap significantly reduces the spread of the flu and decreases the transmission of the infectious diarrheal disease, which is one of the top worldwide causes of death in children under 5 years old. He then went on to investigate various aspects of soap such as:

- Underutilization/proper handwashing
- The history, who discovered it, how did it evolve?
- The basic chemistry, involving saponification
- Modern commercial soap manufacturing
- Recycling efforts by the Clean the World Foundation

He gave several prizes (soap bars and bottles, of course) to those correctly answering questions posed during the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Fred Eisen
Secretary

4/22/18