



American Institute of Chemical Engineers Dallas Section

AIChE Dallas Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (September 25, 2018)

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held at Two Guys from Italy, 11637 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, Texas, starting at 6:00 pm.

The following officers and directors attended:

Chair: Andrew S. Moore
 Vice Chair: Julia Tossetti
 Secretary: Fernando J. Aguirre
 Treasurer: David Brower
 Director: Jim Clay
 Director: Richard Thut

Past Chair Ballengee and Director Muhitch were not able to attend. A quorum was present. Muhitch delegated his proxy to Moore.

The following topics were discussed:

1) Chair's Report

- YP award: The chair plans to ask a few volunteers whether they can assist with developing criteria and guidelines for such an award.
- STEM scholarship: Muhitch submitted an idea for consideration; Moore asked for other suggestions to be submitted.
- Engaging community: Local member Streblow is willing to lead this activity, which may include participation in science fairs and other related activities.
- Interacting with other societies: Moore reported that the American Association of Cost Estimators also has an annual ethics presentation. We will invite them to join our November 2018 meeting.

2) Vice Chair's Report

The current plan for upcoming speakers is the following:

Date	Speaker	Topic
October 23, 2018	Bob Stevens	Wine making
November 27, 2018	Lance Kinney	TBPE: Ethics
December 2018	N/A	Christmas Party
January 22, 2019	Steve Streblow	Process safety

3) Treasurer's Report

- Bank account: The treasurer and chair were added as signatories to the Chase bank account just before this meeting, although it was learned that a new business account will be required. The treasurer will coordinate completing this process as soon as possible.
- Brower submitted a proposed budget for 2018-2019 that will be presented for approval by the section at the October 2018 meeting, after discussion and vote on possible changes to our participation in the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) annual event.

4) Secretary's Report

The July 31, 2018 EC meeting minutes were approved by email on September 17, 2018 and posted in the local section website.

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/dallas/meeting-presentations-minutes>

**AICHE Dallas Section
Meeting Minutes (September 26, 2018)**

A Dallas Section meeting followed immediately after the EC meeting, with 17 participants. The list of attendees is attached.

Chair Moore opened the meeting by sharing recent job postings from indeed.com. In addition to reports by each of the officers on topics discussed at the EC meeting, the following topic was discussed:

- TSPE luncheon
Moore explained that this event currently consumes about 30% of our annual budget, recognizes a Chemical Engineer of the Year with no selection criteria, treats about 10 local members to lunch, and the host donates about US\$500 to a TSPE selected scholarship fund. He requested the section to consider the alternative of identifying our own scholarship (e.g., STEM program) and developing criteria to honor one of the section's Young Professional (YP) members. This will be presented for a vote by the section at the October 2018 meeting.

Vice Chair Tossetti introduced the evening's speaker, Max Fleming, who gave a presentation titled "Sortlogic: A Startup's Story". The presentation is available in the following link of the section website:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/dallas/meeting-presentations-minutes>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Fernando J. Aguirre
Secretary
September 30, 2018

Meeting Attendees

- 1) Andrew Moore
- 2) Bob Stevens
- 3) Jose Rodriguez
- 4) Fernando J. Aguirre
- 5) Probir Shah
- 6) James Talavera
- 7) David Dickey
- 8) Fred Eisen
- 9) Jim Clay
- 10) John Spessard
- 11) Joe Barth
- 12) Richard Thut
- 13) Julia Tossetti
- 14) Steve Strebblow
- 15) John Klim
- 16) Ken Konvicka
- 17) David Brower