

GCPTA MEETING MINUTES

Isle of Capri, Westlake (Lake Charles), LA

Date: Friday, April 20, 2007

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Steve Ames opened the business meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. There were 42 members and guests in attendance. Introductions were given by all in attendance.

Introduction of New Executive Director

J P Gonzalez was introduced as the new Executive Director by Steve Ames. His first day at work was April 2, 2007. JP comes to us as a recent retiree of ExxonMobil. A hardy welcome is extended to him and we all look forward to getting to know and working with him.

Introduction of New Public Affairs Director

Harry Wood was introduced as the new PA Director by Eric Newby. His first day at work will be June 4, 2007. Harry comes to us as a recent retiree of LIT. We extend a hardy welcome to him and we all look forward in getting to know and working with him.

Approval of Last Meeting Minute and New Members-Eric Newby,BASF/GCPTA Secretary

Minutes of the January 27, 2007 meeting were approved as written on April 20, 2007.

The following were approved by the steering committee to become members of the GCPTA:

In-Region Voting Endorsed College Membership

NONE

In-Region Non-Voting Associate College Membership

1. Jackie Johnson - LA Delta

In-Region Non-Voting Associate Membership

1. Michelle Payne - ABS
2. Louis Poore – Shell Oil Co.
3. Will Winguard – Shell Oil Co.
4. David Thompson – ISB Technologies

Out-of-Region Associate Membership

NONE

Recognition of Endorsed Colleges Dorothy Ortego/Ed Stiles, Co-Chairs of S&Q Committee

Gary Hicks from Brazosport College was able to attend today and receive their plate of recognition for re-endorsement that took place in November, 2006.

Incumbent Assessment and Training – Model/ Merv Treigle /Assistant Director of CAPT

Merv gave a very informative presentation on Incumbent Assessment and Training to learn more of the Incumbent Assessment and Training – Model contact Merv Treigle by email

MTreigle@com.edu

PTEC™ Song and Sowela Teacher/Counselor Open House, Clarence Hughes (Sowela) & David Conrad (Sasol)

Clarence Hughes from Sowela and David Conrad presented a very informative presentation of their NSF sub – award, Teacher/Counselor Open House for spring of 2007. See the GCPTA web site www.gcpta.org to read the presentation in its entirety.

CAPT Report - Merv Treigle/Assistant Director of CAPT

The Equipment text book is finished and being reviewed now for errors, it should be sent to publisher sometime this summer and ready to use for the fall semester. CAPT will be going right into Systems text books; if you need a desk copy they are available from CAPT contact Merv by email MTreigle@com.edu . The CIBP Conference save the date card should be in the mail this month, on the back is a request for proposals to present workshops. Go to CAPT web site at www.capttech.org then follow the links to fill out the application and send to Merv.

Faculty scholarships will be continued, CAPT will have 15 full and 20 partial scholarships for educators to attend the conference. If you want to help with CIBP Conference contact Merv by email MTreigle@com.edu .

The CAPT Program survey in January has been completed and out of the 47 colleges reporting there were 4806 students in the pipeline and 1192 graduated in 2006.

Merv stressed to the colleges that have CAPT Sub awards thru GCPTA that they must file all required paperwork including receipts to be reimbursed.

Middle school kits funded by Shell Oil will be available in June. Contact Joanna Perkins by email JPerkins@com.edu if interested in using this material.

Merv recommended that reservations be made at South Shore Harbour as soon as possible if you want to stay on site. Last year several people did not get rooms on site because of none being available.

Curriculum & Education Committee Report-Don Parsley/Gary Hicks, Committee Co-Chairs

The C&E Committee is currently working on Equipment Objectives in the text book being worked on now. If you would like to participate in the development of the curriculum contact Don Parsley Don.Parsley@valero.com or Gary Hicks Gary.Hicks@brazosport.edu . Steve Ames stated that it is very important for our members to participate in getting the text books done. Industry is especially important because they are the subject matter experts. Curriculum is developed via teleconference and it is not necessary for our members to work on the whole book one can work a chapter at a time.

Standards & Quality Committee Report-Dorothy Ortego and Ed Stiles/Committee Co-Chairs

Dorothy reported that the newest requirement for Endorsed Colleges to have a member of the EXCO committee member or the Executive Director participate in your audit.

Public Affairs Committee Report-Mike Kukuk/Committee Co-Chair

Mike reported that the Industry Co-Chair has been vacated and the process of filling this position was underway. If you are interested in this position please contact him mkukuk@com.edu . Mike also stated that probably less than 50% of the Industry advisory committee members at the individual schools were members of the GCPTA. Mike asked all college members to please carry the information gained from the Quarterly Steering meetings back to the advisory committee members and let them know of their opportunity of membership to participate in the GCPTA and make a contribution in PTEC™ education.

AD HOC Sustainability Committee Report – Eric Newby/Committee Co-Chair

The committee met for the first time at LIT on April 9th. The mission of this committee is to look at the long term sustainability and the growth of GCPTA. At this meeting a dozen or more ideas were generated and will be considered in future meetings. If any of our members come up with ideas please contact Eric Newby by email walter.newby@basf.com .

New Business-Steve Ames, ExxonMobil/GCPTA President, All

GCPTA treasurer Ronnie Baker reviewed the Subscriptions paid as of April 19, 2007. Ronnie encouraged the Company/member that has not paid to seriously consider paying.

Johnny Payne invited GCPTA members to attend the up coming IICTA meeting on May 11 in Lake Charles. If interested in more information of this Alliance contact Johnny Payne by email johnny.payne@bp.com .

Steve Ames reviewed the College Advisory Reports process. It has been decided that the April report would no longer be required due to the fact that little information changes from the January reports. This is being done in an attempt to save the colleges' time and effort in making this report. In the future College Advisory Reports will only be reported in January for the spring semester, July for the summer semester and November for the fall semester.

Merv Treigle from CAPT stated they were looking for SMEs in LNG and pharmaceuticals to identify studies and objectives in those two fields. If you know someone that could help out please contact Merv by email MTreigle@com.edu or Joanna Kile by email jkile@com.edu .

The next meeting is July 27, 2007 at the South Shore Harbour, League City, Texas
Steve encouraged all the members to attend all future meetings.

Alliance Website

Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance Website <http://www.gcpta.org/>

Center for the Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT) Website <http://www.capt.org/>

Contact the GCPTA at admin.gcpta@hughes.net

Future GCPTA Meetings

Friday, July 27, 2007 South Shore Harbour, League City, Texas

Friday, November 9, 2007 Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, Lake Charles, Louisiana

Friday, January TBA, 2008 Texas

Friday, April TBA, 2008 Louisiana (Baton Rouge if can find a place within cost)

****** Other Events******

(CAPT) Critical Issues & Best Practices Conference
South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center
October 3, 4, & 5, 2007

October 3 Training and Development Pre-Conference

October 4 & October 5 Critical Issues and Best Practices Conference

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Newby, Secretary
Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance

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