

We would like to quickly thank everyone who made the expanded PF&C programming efforts a success at ATCE-San Antonio and then move on to some topics that we need to discuss.

First of all, we had excellent attendance at our sessions with over 150 at the *Learnings from Facilities Megaprojects Dinner* and over 90 at the Monday afternoon paper session. The other sessions were likewise well attended. We had a range of quality in the program. I received the most positive feedback for the panel sessions and dinner which many people said were excellent. Special thanks to Shasta Stephenson, Jeff Sawchuk, Wael Ellaithy, Sunil Kokal, Ken Arnold, Bob Chin, Ted Frankiewicz, Hisham Saadawi, Bob Hubbard, and Paul Jones. All of you did a great job and we could not have done it without you.

For this year's ATCE (2012), we had 5 sessions (4 daytime and a dinner event) which, to be quite frank, was pushing the limits of our resources. For next year (2013), we have requested and have been granted 3 daytime sessions and a dinner event. Jeff Sawchuk will be heading the entire program and will be chairing the paper proposal reviews. We will be looking for papers that follow two themes, one theme for each of two sessions. Suggestions for themes are welcome. We have invited the Separations Technology Technical Section, under the organization of Bob Chin, to hold a panel session again. We need a sponsor and a theme for the dinner event.

In the last year or so, the PFC membership (primary and secondary discipline) has grown by 1,021 members. At yearend 2011 there were 7,248 SPE members who declared PFC as their primary or secondary discipline. This is just under 10% of SPE's professional membership (more than 75,000), and just over 7 % of SPE's total membership (over 104,000). These numbers are roughly on track with the SPE PF&C membership goals.

We need to be mindful that membership growth for its own sake has little value. We need to translate this membership growth into more and higher quality events, more staff support from SPE, and more committee participation. We need your ideas and help. In particular, we need help in two key areas: Distinguished Lectures/Web Events and Local Study Groups.

In years past PF&C would have at least two or three DL's. Due to the high quality of speakers, PF&C subjects were among the most requested by the local sections. This is no longer the case. Lately we have run out of DL candidates and the local sections are no longer asking for PF&C topics. Please help us recruit more DL's.

Closely related to the DL Series is the Web Event Series. If you have not listened to a web event, you are really missing out. Please listen-in and consider signing up to give one yourself. We would very much like to see at least one web event on a PF&C topic per month.

We ask that you consider joining a local study group (Houston or Perth), or starting up a local Study group if none exists in your area. Study groups provide a means for PF&C

professionals to get together for networking and to give presentations to each other on projects and technical items of interest. Shasta, John and Paul are available to help.

Finally, I would like to thank again all of you who helped in major and minor ways to the PF&C program in San Antonio. We realize that not everyone has the time to help as much as they would like. We value whatever contribution you can make.

Thanks,

John Walsh