

DALLAS SECTION AIChE FEB. 28, 2012 EXECUTIVE

The Chair made some welcoming remarks and briefly discussed recent events including the redoing of the bylaws. The Vice Chair pointed out that several firms were hiring ChEs and introduced their representatives. He also announced that next month's meeting will be about the new NESHAP and MACT regulations for oil & gas. The Treasurer gave a brief report which was approved. Currently we have \$10,643 in the bank. A drawing was held for those who made an advanced reservation for the meeting. ??? won a \$40 Pappadeaux's gift card.

The speaker for the evening was Frank Prokop of Lexington Group International. His topic was "Plant Uptime Improvements Are Possible Via Advanced Diagnostics Instruments". He discussed the newest evolution of smart valves and transmitters and how they can play a key role all the way up to top management where device