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Dallas Section

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

A Dallas Section AIChE Executive Committee and General M

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