



## WCI Board of Directors Conference Call - 14 April 2015

### Participants:

Moe Plaisance, Chairman  
Gary Jones, BP  
David Williams, Noble Corporation  
Dawood Al-Dawood, Saudi Aramco  
Don Jacobsen, Shell  
Roger Jenkins, Murphy  
Gene Stahl for Kevin Neveu, Precision Drilling  
Jeff Flaherty for John Lindsay, Helmerich & Payne Inc.  
Lyndol Dew, Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.  
Simon Drew, KCA Deutag  
Gary Halverson, Cameron  
Joe Rovig, NOV  
Steve Colville, IADC  
Steve Kropla, IADC  
Taf Powell, IADC

### 1. Introductions and Anti-Trust Statement

Moe Plaisance welcomed those on the call. Steve Kropla noted that the call was subject to the [IADC Anti-Trust Policy and Guidelines](#).

Following a roll call of participants, Mr. Plaisance announced that a quorum was present and the meeting would commence.

### 2. Discussion – Priority Topics Ranking

Moe reviewed the list of priority topics originally identified by the Board and consolidated at the November meeting. He and IADC had since proposed they be ranked, in order: Competency; Safety Management; BOP reliability; High-Reliability Systems; Reporting; and Kick Detection Automation.

David Williams asked about non-technical skills for well control. Mr. Kropla responded that recent IOGP documents promoted skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication, situational awareness and decision-making under the term of Well Operations Crew Resource Management. He said though the concepts would be introduced in stand-alone courses, the hope is those skills can eventually be integrated into regular well control technical training. Gary Jones talked about Human Factors session at SPE/IADC Drilling Conference in London where this had been the topic of some presentations. He mentioned that a number of companies doing CRM training now. Mr. Williams proposed that WCI should endorse that type of training without being specific about providers or content. Mr. Jones agreed that the WCI should encourage it.

Discussing well control technical training, Mr. Williams asked if WCI should evaluate both IWCF and WellCAP, and make recommendations for improvements or enhancements. Stephen Colville noted that IADC's WellCAP system is being rebuilt and rebranded as WellSharp. Don Jacobsen asked if the WellCAP Advisory Panel is now the WCI Advisory Panel. Mr. Colville stated that under the current structure WCI does not have an Advisory Panel. However, he said that in addition to the Wellsharp delivery system, IADC could develop a separate generic industry standard that could be reviewed and endorsed by WCI. WCI could recommend industry should adopt standard itself, as well as any training/certification systems that complied with that standard.

Steve Kropla discussed current efforts to develop an industry-wide BOP performance database, merging a joint JIP between IOGP and IADC with a system previously developed by a group of contractors to report BOP failure data to OEMs. Roger Jenkins supported this effort, especially if it would identify common failures, and bring about improvements in maintenance procedures. It was agreed there is a need to get better data from a broader universe to support changes to regulatory requirements that could result in different maintenance approaches and operational practices. Taf Powell said he has been working with an attorney for IADC and IOGP to ensure the legal agreement for the JIP addresses the security of data. Mr. Powell also mentioned that the IRF to be present at OTC in May and will likely expect both IOGP and IADC to discuss the JIP, as IRF has been following industry develops in BOP reliability as well as well control competency.

Regarding the other topics on the priority items list, Mr. Williams stressed that one of the primary roles of the WCI should be to keep abreast of what is going on in the industry. Rather than defer any of the lower-ranking items on the list, he stated that WCI should continue to catalog what other industry groups or regulators are doing in regards to those items as well as the higher-ranked items.

### **3. Discussion – Review of WCI preview web site**

Those who had reviewed the preview web stated that it was nicely laid out and attractive, representing a good start. It was agreed that more information, especially on the priority topic areas and other industry efforts, should be added before making the site public. The Board will reconsider making it public at the June meeting.

Gary Jones said he felt the site should strive to be one-stop place for all information and data related to well control, such as well control incidents, sharing of lessons learned, and BOP reliability data. Taf Powell suggested linking from WCI web site to other industry resources within IADC or IOGP. Jeff Flaherty said it would be important to know that links on the site have been vetted, if not endorsed, by WCI. He stated it is also important to consider whether the site is targeted mostly for use by regulators, rig personnel, or industry in general – in any case, it has the potential to be the primary information source for younger people in the industry.

Mr. Plaisance said he will have additional recommendations for content and functionality to present at the June meeting. He encouraged Board members to provide any additional suggestions and comments they may have regarding content or features to add to the site.

#### **4. Legal/Administrative Update**

Mr. Kropla thanked the Board members for responding promptly to the bylaws ballot which was sent out in January. As a result, IADC has been able to proceed with its filing for determination by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) 6 non-profit corporation.

Dawood Al-Dawood commented on Article II, sections 2 & 3 in the bylaws describing WCI Officers. To be more accurate, he proposed the word “elected” in Section 2 be changed to appointed, and the words “elected or appointed” in Section 3 be changed to “nominated.” Mr. Kropla said would review with counsel so the bylaws can be amended at the meeting in June.

Mr. Jacobsen said he would like to see a better agenda fleshed out in advance of the June meeting in order to make the best use of the time available. Mr. Kropla said he and Mr. Plaisance will consult with Board members individually in order to provide a review agenda in advance.

#### **5. Need for Follow-Up Conference Call?**

Steve Kropla noted that 27<sup>th</sup> April had been proposed as the date for a possible second Board phone call. This had been set since two calls were required last year in order to include most of the Board members. Due to the number of Board members or their representatives on this call, it was agreed there was no need to conduct a second call.

#### **6. Date and Venue of next full Board meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 13:00 CET at the Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria in Rome, Italy. Audio and/or web teleconferencing will be available. The meeting date is two days prior to the IADC World Drilling Conference. Reservations must be made online to obtain the IADC conference rate. [Reservations can be made at this web link.](#)

#### **7. Any Other Business**

The Board expressed general concern over the the BSEE well control rule, which had been published the prior day. Mr. Williams said there is a need to consolidate industry comments. Mr. Jacobsen said it seems important that WCI should have a position on the rule. Lyndol Dew said he believes whatever comes out of BSEE rule will bleed over to rest of world quickly. Mr. Kropla noted that API, IADC and OCC have been organizing workgroups since last year to review and provide consolidated comments to the proposed rule. The allied trade group coordinated efforts to arrange a meeting with OMB shortly after it received the rule to voice industry concerns over potential effects of the regulations. As published, comments will be due in 60 days; however, plans are under way by the allied trade groups to request that this be extended to 120 days.

Mr. Plaisance noted that there were still four vacancies on the Board, one for an operator, one for a drilling contractor, and two for service companies. He encouraged Board members to provide any nominations they may have to fill these positions.

Mr. Plaisance also noted that revision of the IADC Deepwater Well Control Guidelines was complete. The new edition is now available from the IADC Bookstore..

## **8. Adjournment**

The call was adjourned at 08:16 CDT.