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American Petroleum Institute
CRE
Subcommittee on Inspection
Task Force on
Individual Certification Programs

April 29, 2009
Denver, CO

ATTENDEES – MEMBERS:

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| 1. J. O'Brien | Chevron |
| 2. J. Britton | DNV |
| 3. F. Furillo | Consultant |
| 4. J. Harville | BP |
| 5. R. Nichols (Chairman) | Roddey Engineering |
| 6. M. Nichols | Marathon Oil |
| 7. R. Nisbet | IESCO |
| 8. J. Peterson | ExxonMobil |
| 9. J. Reynolds | Pro-Inspect |
| 10. R. Schubert | Shell Canada |
| 11. P. Smith | Consultant |
| 12. K. Tam | Consultant |

API Staff: T. Briskin, S. Carson

ATTENDEES – VISITORS:

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| 1. D. Anderson | Mistras |
| 2. D. Layman | BP |
| 3. J. Brennan | PES |
| 4. N. Dagoberg | Shell |
| 5. V. Banner | Shell |
| 6. M. Poehlmann | ABSA |
| 7. D. Mears | Analytical Training |
| 8. M. Sens | Mechanical Integrity |

I. OPENING, INTRODUCTIONS & ROSTER

R. Nichols opened the meeting and circulated the sign-up sheet.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Meeting agenda was introduced and approved with the following additions under New Business:

1. Discussion on the BOK and effectivity sheet for API 653 exam

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes were circulated, reviewed and approved as is.

IV. INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION STATUS REPORT

Briskin presented the Individual Certification Programs Status Report. The only issue raised in connection with the report was on API QUTE examination: its popularity, viability, dates of testing and future prospects for the performance demonstration programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report on the pass point studies

Pass point studies were conducted over the past 6 month and all three basic exams, and new benchmarks were established for the future equating purposes. The benchmarks for API 510/570 are set at 109, and benchmark for API 653 is set at 106.

b. Examinations in foreign languages report

This is a follow up on the previously discussed potential of expanding ICP while offering it in different languages. Briskin reported that the first exam in Spanish will be administered in September 2009 in Argentina and potentially some other locations. Also preliminary work is being done to offer examinations in Chinese.

Questions and suggestions included creating a special test glossary (vocabulary) for those taking exams in foreign languages, and a request to include the 936 into foreign examination prospects.

c. TES recruiting follow-up

While ConocoPhillips is trying to provide more volunteers to work on this program, API has also started the effort of moving this program from the Fire and Safety Committee to SCAST, where it should be logically housed. This may help with soliciting more help from

SCAST members. (Update: the move has been agreed to and completed in May 2009. TES is now officially under the supervision of SCAST for technical guidance and oversight).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Effectivity sheet for the 653 examination.

P. Smith reported the major changes to the API 650 necessitated a detailed review of this document. In order to utilize the new edition in year 2010 examinations, the task force reviewed the Effectivity sheet for the 653 exam and the Body of Knowledge. Phil has presented the changes that need to be included in the Body of Knowledge for the new exams. Most changes were found to be in Appendices to 650.

P. Smith proposed that both new API 650 and new API 653, Edition 4 (just published) were included on the March 2010 examination effectivity sheet. Seconded and moved.

O'Brien reported that he had already reviewed the new API 653 and could send everyone a spreadsheet of changes he identified.

The Task Force agreed to hold an item-writing session for API 653 exam by the end of the August 2009.

b. New supplemental certification program

J. Reynolds proposed to develop a new Supplemental program, based on API 576, for pressure-relief devices. The proposal did not receive any support, with O'Brien noticing that there was no business need, and no driver for this program. Furillo noticed that he would rather see more educational programs, designed to promote knowledge rather than test it. Proposal rejected.

c. Number of calculators allowed at the exam

P. Smith raised this issue – apparently at some locations candidates are not being allowed more than one calculator. Action item for J. Brennan to look into the PES Proctor Manual and define the issue.

MEETING ADJOURNED

3:30 p.m.