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**IADC Well Servicing Committee**  
**10 am Tuesday, 28 October, 2008**  
**IADC Headquarters**

Attending:

Joseph Eustace, Pioneer Production Services  
Billy E Taylor, Occidental Oil & Gas  
Ernie Massengill, Rapad Drilling & Well Services  
Patty Jordan, AESC/Well Servicing Magazine  
Nick Petronio, Nabors Well Services Ltd  
Donald Wilson, Rapad Drilling & Well Services  
Charlie Swift, Basic Energy Services  
Steve Richards, Key Energy Services  
Mike Killalea, IADC

## **Minutes**

Chairman Joseph Eustace called the meeting to order and welcome the attendees.

Mr Eustace stressed that he became involved in this new committee to truly make a difference. He encouraged the committee members to send him any ideas.

The next order of business was to approve the minutes of the last meeting, held 19 June, 2008. The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed API RPs, Specs & Standards relevant to well servicing. The principal ones identified were RP 49 (H<sub>2</sub>S), RP 54 (occupational safety, and discussion of well servicing BOP equipment, stripping & snubbing & placement of spark arrestors), Spec 4F (Structures), RP 76 (safety management systems for oil & gas drilling & production operations), and Spec 4G (anchoring).

4G, which came out in 1989-90, was of high interest to the group. Mr Petronio observed that only Wyoming requires permanent anchors. He added that OSHA worked with a consultant to develop its own guidelines. These included requiring the customer to installed and biannually inspect the

anchors. However, there was resistance due to cost. 4G was adopted by OSHA in parallel with their regulations.

Some companies include requirements for permanent anchors in their master service agreements.

Then the group discussed mast inspections. Inspections re required every two years. However, masts can only be certified by the manufacturer who built them, and, many of these firms no longer exist, Mr Richards pointed out.

Mr Eustace asked for ideas on generating interest and encouraging more mast inspections.

Ms Jordan suggested that *Well Servicing* and *Drilling Contractor* could run articles, and Mr Killalea agreed.

Mr Killalea suggested that Mr Eustace could write an editorial that would appear in *DC*. Mr Richards said the message should be revising the importance of API RPs and urging service contractors to perform our work according to industry standards.

Mr Richards added that education is important, and that IADC's contracts conferences, for example, have been great in that regard. Mr Eustace said that contracts and master service agreements were very important to him.

Mr Eustace said that his first editorial would be on mast inspections, noting that the industry's iron is not getting any younger.

Mr Petronio agreed that, while these issues are not new, it is appropriate to revisit them. He observed that IADC's global reach would be important in getting this word out. Mr Richards also added that IADC has good recognition by operators and suggested the editorial be sent to all consultants.

Mr Killalea suggested that a workshop on this topic down the road could be helpful.

Mr Eustace set for himself an action item to do an editorial on mast safety. He asked the committee to write three bullet items, or any other comments, and provide them to him.

Mr Killalea said that DC would publish the editorial, as well as promote it and the message in DC's electronic newsletter, on [DrillingContractor.org](http://DrillingContractor.org) & [iadc.org](http://iadc.org), and create an on-line forum on the topic on [DrillingContractor.org](http://DrillingContractor.org). In addition, we could perhaps create posters that could be distributed free as PDFs.

Then the discussion turned to well control. Several committee members indicated that this is a critical issue for the well servicing industry. Well control is a bigger problem for well servicing than for drilling.

Mr Petronio said Nabors uses 100% fire-resistant clothing and has developed a well-control training program specifically for well servicing.

He added that the well-control issue is not regional, and that at least one major operator in California does not require a BOP.

Mr Swift added that well servicing has additional problems not usually faced in drilling, such as working around pipelines. Also, kicks are not circulated in service work, unlike in drilling.

Mr Petronio said the industry needs to undergo a culture change, and move to where all supervisors and crew chiefs are certified, as well as building awareness at the crew level.

Mr Killalea noted that the IADC Well Control Committee will meet on November 12, and promised to find the location.

→ NOTE: The meeting will begin at 9 am, and be held at Cudd Energy Service's office on 15015 Vickery Drive (near Bush IAH Airport).

Mr Killalea suggested that a well-servicing subcommittee be formed to develop well-control guidelines, particularly as they differ from drilling procedures.

The committee tabled a discussion regarding CARB.

The next meeting was set for 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 13, at IADC headquarters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.