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**BOP Controls Subcommittee  
IADC Advanced Rig Technology Committee  
10.00-12.00 Tuesday, 25 June 2019  
IADC Headquarters, Crown 1 Conference Room  
3657 Briarpark, Ste 200  
Houston, TX 77042**

## **Minutes**

BOP Controls Subcommittee Co-Chair Mitch Eichler, Parker Hannifin, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. IADC's Linda Hsieh gave an overview of the [IADC antitrust policy](#) and the facility.

The first agenda item was to review survey results. Only four responses were received after the survey was sent out. The results showed a balance between work areas; engineering, maintenance, operations, and management.

A discussion proceeded regarding opening up the committee to more onshore discussions/efforts, alongside offshore. However, it was noted that onshore BOPs are less complex and have fewer challenges than offshore. Ms Hsieh suggested changing the focus from BOP controls to BOP reliability in order to open it up to onshore. Ms Hsieh also mentioned inviting contractors and planning a contractor discussion meeting. In response, Robert van Kuilenburg, Noble Drilling, mentioned reaching out to IADC chapters (such as the Permian Chapter) and inviting them to participate.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss inviting guest speakers to future meetings.

Michael Estep, Noble Drilling, mentioned having a connection on the electrical connector side he could reach out to. Mr Eichler also made mention of a connection on the seals and fluid connector side to whom he could reach out to. This would be a presentation covering best practices, what's out there, what works/doesn't work, as well as general topics towards making said fields more robust.

Further discussion also led to the fact that getting anyone to talk about anything proprietary will be difficult. However, a suggestion towards this was that instead of bringing in speakers to discuss specific components, that there is potential to bring in speakers to discuss standardization.

Mr Estep noted that he had received interest from SPE DSATS to partner with ART on BOP testing. Mr van Kuilenburg mentioned that value existed in cross organizational communications and Mr Eichler stated that they would hear SPE's

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proposal. Mr Eichler also proposed that SPE could attend and speak with the committee during next month's meeting.

The next BOP Controls SC meeting will be the morning of 23 July, at IADC HQ, [3657 Briarpark Drive, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77042](https://www.iadc.org/locations/3657-Briarpark-Drive-Suite-200-Houston-TX-77042).

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

## Attendance:

First Name	Last Name	Company Name
Glenn	Chiasson	ABCO SUBSEA, LLC
Linda	Hsieh	IADC
Robert	Van Kuilenburg	NOBLE DRILLING
Mitch	Eichler	PARKER HANNIFIN
Brett	Robinson	PROSERV GILMORE VALVE