

DROPS Chapter Steering Committee – Meeting 8

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Time – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Hosted by: Oilfield Inspection Services LLC

Location – Ibis Hotel, Al Khuwair, Muscat

Minutes of Meeting

1. Apologies:

Hilal Al Ambioali (Ministry of Manpower) sent Zakariya Al Sadi as replacement
Arun Abraham (PDO) sent Ahmed Al Masrooi as replacement
Trent Adcock (Oxy)
Scott Murray (Shell)

Absent:

Nabil Al Afifi (BP)
Nasser Al Qasabi (PDO)
Yousuf Al Battashi (Daleel)

The group discussed the importance of having maximum possible attendance for this meeting as it helps in an inclusive decision-making process. The group also felt that it is vital to include other Operators for increased outreach and collaborative working. John offered to follow up with Nabil and Yousuf for their active and continued support. Dr. Ramesh will help with contacts at a senior level for other operators.

2. Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves.

3. Review of current Action Tracker:

Current agreed tracker (14th November 2018) sent by email along with minutes of meeting. Some minor changes and date extensions were agreed during the meeting.

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4. Starting to Undertake Specific Chapter Roles (All):

As decided in the last meeting, following members continue to undertake agreed chapter roles on an interim basis (Until DROPS Chapter meeting on 13th March 2019).

DROPS Regional Coordinator – John Punter (already completed 13 months)

DROPS Deputy Regional Coordinator – Arun Abraham

Secretary / Scribe – Avinash B

Media / Communication Coordinator – Sulaiman Al Sulaimani

Event Coordinator – To be done jointly by Sulaiman / Arun / John

Learning From Incidents Coordinator – Nabil Al Afifi

5. Scenarios for Ministry of Manpower DROPS Video:

Ministry of Manpower came forward with a proposal to sponsor a DROPS video for creating widespread awareness on the subject. Anas offered to work closely with Hilal on ideas to develop this Video. Anas will contact Hilal and work jointly for developing the proposed video.

6. Contractor Nominations to Join Steering Committee:

In the last meeting, Operators agreed to offer two contractor nominations for wider inclusion on the steering committee. John informed that Arun offered nominations of two contractors which are under consideration. Other Operators did not send any nominations so far. John reminded operators of the importance of sharing contact details of potential contractors.

7. Nominate Speaker for OGCC Conference:

The group discussed to nominate Scott as a speaker for the upcoming OGCC conference. The speech on **DROPS Oman Chapter - Role in Oman and OPAL's DROPS standard** is scheduled on 4th December at 09.00 hrs. Dr. Ramesh will contact Scott Murray to formalise the nomination.

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8. Update on Oman DROPS Chapter Banners:

Sulaiman brought the banner and displayed it for review and comments by the members. He also informed the group of recent development regarding restrictions imposed on use of Oman map by private bodies. The group discussed on some of the ideas for making appropriate changes to the logo. Dr. Ramesh offered to work on this with OPAL designer on receipt of soft copy of the banner from Sulaiman. John suggested to have Arabic text for DROPS as well.

9. 2019 Forum Update:

White Paper Summit is the agency under consideration for organising two day DROPS Forum in Q2 2019. Sulaiman informed the group how White Paper Summit successfully organised the Oman Road Safety Forum this year. Modalities of who would lead the forum – WPS, DROPS Oman Chapter or Joint – were discussed. John suggested that we should prefer the joint option. John also informed that Allen Smith will be visiting Muscat in February 2019. Sulaiman suggested to schedule Allen's meeting with the CEO of WPS to discuss and finalise the program. John and Dr. Ramesh indicated to have about 5 speakers for Day 1 of the forum including panel discussion and workshop in the afternoon. Day 2 may hopefully be used for Train the Trainer.

10. Feedback from rollout of OPAL DROPS Standard

Dr Ramesh gave an update that the OPAL DROPS standard has been formally rolled out. OPAL is looking forward to publicly ratify this in the upcoming OGCC conference. John sought clarification regarding open sharing of the DROPS standard document, Dr. Ramesh responded that OPAL would like to keep the sharing authority with themselves. John suggested to host an OPAL standard sharing link on DROPS Oman Chapter website.

11. DROPS Train the Trainer

John updated that Allen Smith is scheduled to visit Oman in 2nd / 3rd week of February. Steering committee members may have the opportunity to attend TTT training during his visit. Dr. Ramesh apprised of the OPAL's quality assurance process for training providers / institute. John suggested that Allen can review the process during his visit in order to decide a way forward for consideration of approving local training agencies for DROPS training.

12. AOB

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Suggestions came forward to come up with a monthly newsletter by DROPS Oman Chapter. Dr. Ramesh and Avinash suggested to rather include an article / news in the OPAL's monthly newsletter.

Additionally, the group felt that Operators can use their monthly / periodic safety meetings to promote DROPS Oman Chapter.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 9th January 2019 from 2pm to 4pm. STS have kindly offered to host the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Avinash B (STS)

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