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**GRAPHITE**

MINUTES

Meeting of March 28th, 2017

Columbus, OH

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1. **Call to Order**

Subgroup Graphite Chair Mr. Ed Soltow called the meeting to order at 9:05am local time.

1. **Introduction of Members and Visitors**

Mr. Soltow invited all members and visitors to introduce themselves. The following were in attendance:

* Ed Soltow – Chair
* Brad Besserman – Secretary
* Chris Cary – Member
* Aaron Viet – Member
* Justin Clemens – Member
* Bryan Jones – Member
* Andrew Stupica – Member
* Francis Brown – Member
* Greg Becherer – Member
* Gary Scribner – Visitor

1. **Announcements**

Mr. Scribner announced that the 2017 edition of the NBIC was in the final stages of review and will be available for purchase on July 1st, 2017.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as published by a unanimous vote of SG Graphite.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of October 26th, 2016 Meeting**

The committee reviewed the minutes which were posted on the National Board website. The minutes were approved as posted by a unanimous vote of SG Graphite.

1. **Action Items**

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| **Item Number: NB15-2208** | **NBIC Location: Part 3, S3** | **No Attachment** |
| **General Description:** Investigate repair options for graphite block heat exchangers | | |
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| **Subgroup:** Graphite  **Task Group:** Greg Becherer (PM)  **Meeting Action:** Mr. Becherer reported that no progress had been made on this item. He stated that a proposal should be ready for review at the July 2017 SG Graphite meeting. | | |

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| **Item Number: NB15-2209** | **NBIC Location: Part 1** | **Attachment Pages 1-5** |
| **General Description:** Develop guidance and requirements for installation of graphite pressure equipment | | |
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| **Subgroup:** Graphite  **Task Group:** A. Stupica (PM)  **Meeting Action:** Mr. Francis Brown presented comments on the proposal that was distributed in the agenda attachments. The committee modified the proposal based on Mr. Brown’s comments, and made some additional modifications. The committee requested that the item be sent out for a review and comment ballot, and then followed by and up/down ballot. | | |

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| **Item Number: NB15-2210** | **NBIC Location: Part 3** | **Attachment Page 6** |
| **General Description:** Reduce cementing requirements for plugging of tubes | | |
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| **Subgroup:** Graphite  **Task Group:** C. Cary (PM)  **Meeting Action:** This item was previously balloted to SC Repairs and Alterations, but did not pass. SC Repairs and Alterations member Mr. Mike Webb submitted a revised proposal during the ballot period. The committee reviewed the revised proposal, and added some additional modifications. The committee requested that the item be sent out for up/down ballot. | | |

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| **Item Number: NB16-1302** | **NBIC Location: Part 3, S3.2** | **Attachment Page 7** |
| **General Description:** Pressure test requirements rewrite for graphite vessels | | |
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| **Subgroup:** Graphite  **Task Group:** None assigned  **Meeting Action:** This item was previously approved by SG Graphite at the July 2016 meeting. The proposal is awaiting action by SC Repairs and Alterations. | | |

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| **Item Number: NB16-1303** | **NBIC Location: Part 3, S3.5.1 f)** | **Attachment Page 8** |
| **General Description:** Revise wording mandating examination and evaluation for graphite vessels | | |
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| **Subgroup:** Graphite  **Task Group:** None assigned  **Meeting Action:** This item was previously approved by SG Graphite at the July 2016 meeting. The proposal is awaiting action by SC Repairs and Alterations. | | |

1. **Future Meetings**

SG Graphite will meet in conjunction with ASME SG-GPE on July 18th-19th, 2017 at the National Board Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

1. **Adjournment**

Mr. Ed Soltow adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm local time.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Besserman

NBIC Secretary