



Goals, Structure and Operating Guidelines



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CCQTA History

- In 1995 an ad hoc project group was formed to work on a Phosphorus tower fouling problem affecting three Canadian refineries
- Project group participants included a number of additive suppliers, crude producers, pipeliners and refiners.
- In 1996 the CCQTA was formed to provide structure, guidelines and a vehicle for completing future multi sector projects.



CCQTA Goals

- The CCQTA was established with the following educational and scientific objectives:
 - ◆ Facilitate the resolution of common crude oil quality issues by establishing direct lines of communications among crude oil stakeholders
 - Provide a forum for the presentation and consideration of proposals for industry projects related to any aspect of crude oil quality
 - Improve industry knowledge and awareness of crude oil quality through the cooperative exchange of technical information among industry sectors



CCQTA Structure

- A non-profit organization, registered under the Societies Act of Alberta.
- No permanent employees
- Volunteer Board of Directors of five to fifteen members
- Directors are from member companies and represent:
 - Producers, Refiners, Pipeliners. Additive suppliers, Other industry services, such as commercial labs, service companies, etc
- Membership is open to anyone engaged in any commercial activity of the petroleum industry and who pays the initial and subsequent annual fees.
- Membership is corporate, no individual memberships are available
- Currently there are 59 members. These are identified in the public area of the Association website.



Fee Structure

- Enrollment fee for large companies \$2,000 CAN, plus 6% GST (includes first year membership fee)
- Enrollment fee for small companies (<5 employees) is \$200 CAN plus GST
- Subsequent annual fees are typically set at less than \$1000 for large companies, and substantially lower for small companies
- The fees are used primarily for:
 - Part-time legal counsel
 - Bookkeeping and office supplies
 - Directors' travel expenses
 - Meeting costs, such as room rentals, phone and web conferencing



CCQTA Operating Guidelines

Operation dictated by Association by-laws

• The Association meets at least once a year (AGM) to elect directors, set annual budgets, update members on project activities and hear proposals for new projects. A General Meeting is also held once a year.

All Association meetings, including projects are directed to steer clear of financial discussions in order to avoid competition issues.

 All meetings (Project & Association) are required to issue and post meeting minutes on the website.



CCQTA Projects Initiation

Projects can be proposed by any member of the CCQTA

The Board of Directors may also request the development of a project proposal

Funding is available to assist in project scoping and development start-up costs

 If a proposal achieves project status, start-up costs are rolled into the project cost



CCQTA Projects Funding

- Projects funded entirely by the project members, except for administrative support provided by the CCQTA
- Non-members may join projects for 6 months. At that time a decision must be made to join the CCQTA or withdraw from the project group.
- Normally costs are shared on an equal basis amongst participants. Occasionally, the project group may agree to reduce share costs for participants with a low stake in success.
- Invoices are issued to project members by the CCQTA, and payable to the specific project. Separate bank accounts are maintained for each project by the CCQTA treasurer.
- All invoices must be approved by the project manager prior to payment by the CCQTA treasurer



CCQTA Projects Project Manager

 Each project has its own project manager (PM). This may be the original project sponsor, or it may be another individual from a participating company.

Projects may also have an alternate manager, to assist the PM

A practice and guide for PM's is available and is presently being updated



CCQTA Projects Project Manager Role

 Provides direction to project consultant regarding project scope and budget

Runs project meetings and issues meeting minutes

 Reviews all project invoices and approves payment as appropriate



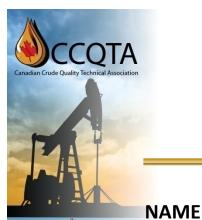
CCQTA Projects Confidentiality

Sensitive data (deemed confidential by a participant) is handled by third party consultant

Individual projects set their rules for "project confidentiality" (ownership of data/results)

Some projects are intended to be public and do release information on a regular basis

 CCQTA has established a default five year sunset clause on confidentiality, unless otherwise directed by the project manager



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