Site Leader Eduardo Do Val opened the meeting with company and site news. He told the CAP members that Dow has a target to achieve EBITDA of $8.3 million for 2013. The first quarter goal of $2.2 million was reached. The company did well and is cautious but optimistic about the global economy. Do Val further stated that Louisiana Operations continues to compete for new investments, including the announced polyethylene plants for the Gulf Coast. The site is on target to also achieve its environmental, health and safety goals for 2013.

Responsible Care Leader Scott White provided the CAP members with updates on environmental, health and safety news and metrics for Louisiana Operations. He told the CAP members that the cooperative agreement for the implementation of monitored natural attenuation has now been in place for a year. Going forward, updates on the implementation will be mailed to each CAP member instead of handing these out at the CAP meeting. White reiterated that reports that are submitted to the regulatory agencies can also be viewed at the Iberville Parish Library or online through the LDEQ website.

White reported to the CAP members that Louisiana Operations had another best year ever safety performance in 2012. White told the CAP that “safety first” is not just a slogan, it is the culture at Louisiana Operations. Louisiana Operations is proud to have the best record in Dow among large sites in illness and injury rates.
Public Affairs Leader Stacey Chiasson told CAP members that applications were being accepted for operators until May 15, 2013 and that the job posting had been emailed to each of them. On the topic of the Technical College, Chiasson shared that Martha Sealy has been selected to serve as Acting Dean of the College. Chiasson also told the CAP that the Industry Advisory Committee is working very well, and they are engaged in the curriculum and lab studies. The first classes will begin in a few weeks for contractors. The ribbon cutting will be this fall. The website for the Technical College is www.catc.edu. Two full time people have been hired and are in place to advise and assist prospective students through the enrollment process. The next CAP meeting will take place in August 2013. Members will be informed of the date when set.