

Canadian Valve User Group Meeting



The Canadian Valve User Group met in Calgary, Alberta on October 4th to discuss the current status of the industry in Western Canada, network and share ideas on hot topics in the valve world. The group is comprised of valve users and subject matter experts from a number of engineering and end user companies in the Canadian Western Region.

Each meeting a member company provides the meeting accommodations to help facilitate the gathering of users in the region. Valve World Americas was invited to attend the event to learn about the valve professionals in the Canadian community.

This meeting was held at Canadian Natural Resource's offices in the Home Oil Tower downtown Calgary. Current Chairman, Bob Hall of Suncor welcomed attendees and announced the appointment of new group Chairman Gobind Khiani of Fluor Canada.

Each meeting the group invites an expert or manufacturer to give a presentation on a topic of interest to the valve community. Ross Waters, CEO of CGIS, was on hand at the meeting to present on the topic of Severe



Chairman Bob Hall introduces new Valve User Group Chairman Gobind Khiani.

Service Valves (SSVs). Ross discussed defining what severe service valves are; providing objective thresholds and measurements to determine them from general purpose valves (GPVs) and why this is important. The discussion included some case studies demonstrating where and why better and deeper knowledge is necessary to prevent the misuse of GPVs when SSVs are needed and to provide some suggestions and tools on improving the communication within our industries to capture a higher rate of success in valve usage. Ross discussed the current state of the industry, where it is headed and MSS' current commitment to publish a new Standard Practice describing Severe Service Valves this year.

The next Valve User Group meeting will be held in March 2017 at Calgary Downtown. For further information contact gobindkhiani@gmail.com.

