

# The V-letter

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

Announcements

9:00 pm EST, 8:00 pm CST, 7:00 pm MST, 6:00 pm PST

Speaker Presentation

9:10 pm EST, 8:15 pm CST, 7:15 pm MST, 6:00 pm PST

# CANCELED DUE TO THE FLU

This year's flu has hit our speaker's family and caused him to cancel his presentation on recycling Styrofoam waste stream from manufacturing facilities and post consumer collection points.

This year's flu has hit longer and harder since 2014. Several school districts in Tennessee and other southern states have closed schools for a week or more due to lack of staff to cover classes. In addition, a large percentage of students have missed school due to the flu and other viral infections.

Even though the vaccine is only 35% effective against the H3 strain, those that received the vaccine are more likely to have a milder reaction and less likely to be hospitalized than those who were not vaccinated.

If you haven't been vaccinated, please get vaccinated especially if your local health department is holding free vaccination health fairs.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEIL YEOMAN

### 2018 Shining Star Receipt



Our section treasurer, Neil Yeoman, was awarded the Shining Star for his long-term volunteerism at the section, divisional and national level. He is the fourth member of the Virtual Local Section to receive this award.

Neil received this award for his years of service to AIChE and this section. He is the founding and current treasurer of four not-for-profit organizations.

Neil just finished a 12 year stint on AIChE's Admissions Committee (2005-2017), including two years as vice chair (2012 & 2013) and two years as chair (2014 & 2015). He is currently a member of AIChE's Equipment Testing Procedures Committee and its Licensure and Professional Development Committee. He served a three year term on AIChE's Career and Education Operating Council (2008-2010) and two terms on the AIChE Board of Directors (2005-2007 & 2009-2011). Neil is the only person ever elected to and served two full terms on the Board. Neil has also served on about a half dozen AIChE task force teams whose work is finished.

Congratulations to our newly elected Vice Chair, Arian Aghajanzadeh.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Each year more than 70 United States engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies celebrate being an engineer during week of George Washington's birthday. This year the week of February 18 – 24 had been declared "National Engineers Week" (Eweek) in the United States.

Ireland (<http://www.engineersweek.ie/>) will celebrate Eweek the week of February 24 – March 2, 2018.

Canada will honor engineers and engineering during the entire month of March (<https://nem-mng.ca/>).

The goal of National Engineers Week (Eweek) is to promote engineering and the positive contributions engineers make to our lives especially at local schools and to the public.

My favorite event has been the "Take your Daughter to Work" day. Using the process of baking cookies, I explain how engineers create the process, equipment and instructions to make millions of cookies each year. Even the safety department joins in by conducting a safety briefing on how to prevent burns, spills and fires when baking cookies at home. At the end of the day, most of the attendees including the chaperones and teachers understand engineering is more than building roads or power plants.

Check the following websites for information on local events at <https://www.nspe.org>, <https://www.discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week>, [www.futurecity.org](http://www.futurecity.org), [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org), and <https://www.facebook.com/EngineersWeek>

## National News

The AIChE hosts and co hosts technical conferences around the world. Check [www.aiche.org/conferences](http://www.aiche.org/conferences) for registration and presentation information for this year’s events.

Dates	Host School & Contacts
March 20-23	Offshore Technology Conference, Asia Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
April 22-26	AIChE Spring National Conference Orlando, Florida
Apr 30 – May 3	Offshore Technology Conference Houston, Texas
June 5-7	2018 Process Development Symposium Oak Brook, Illinois
June 24-28	Metabolic Engineering 12 (SBE) Munich, Germany
Sep 16-20	63th Ammonia Plant Safety Symposium Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Oct 26-29	Annual AIChE Student Conference Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Oct 28 – Nov 2	2018 AIChE Annual Meeting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

## Future Meetings

Thursday, March 22, 2018: Open

Thursday, April 19, 2018: Water Treatment

Thursday, May 24, 2011: Open

## Section Information

If you received an award as part of the National Engineers Week activities, please forward the citation and a picture for publication in the V-letter.

Submittals of short articles, help wanted ads, member awards, promotions and paid advertisement and sponsor copy are due to the editor, [virtualexecutive@aiche.org](mailto:virtualexecutive@aiche.org), by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month of publication. Please submit

articles and announcements as doc files and pictures in jpeg format.

We are currently looking for Meeting, Web Site and Newsletter Sponsors. Please contact Laura Gimpelson at [lg\\_environmental@bellsouth.net](mailto:lg_environmental@bellsouth.net) or Sabine Brueske at [virtualchair@aiche.org](mailto:virtualchair@aiche.org) for more information.

Volunteers are needed to help run the section. You can exercise your current skills or learn new skills. You can ask for and choose a job you want or would enjoy doing.

Custom-Designed Opportunities: If you would like to get involved, but none of these opportunities is close enough to what you want, contact the VLS Volunteer Recruiter at [virtualchair@aiche.org](mailto:virtualchair@aiche.org), and we will try to design an opportunity to meet your individual needs. It has been done successfully in the past.

## JOB OPENINGS

From Kelly Recruiters at [kelly@kellymitchell.net](mailto:kelly@kellymitchell.net)

### Civil/Structural PE – East Atlanta, GA.

1. 5-10 years experience in building assessments or roofing and waterproofing.
2. Licensed Professional Engineer in the state of operations or the ability to be licensed through comity.
3. Registered Roof Consultant or Registered Waterproofing Consultant certifications a plus, or willing to obtain these certifications
4. History in the development of plans and specifications, with experience preference in building envelopes

From Arthrex Manufacturing Inc. at

[Arthrex.jobsgalore.com](http://Arthrex.jobsgalore.com)

Product Engineer with Distal Extremities Div.

Location: Naples, FL

Responsible for full life cycle development of Class I and II medical devices, which includes initiation, design, development, execution, and product maintenance.



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to receive the login link and password.

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