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Message from the Chair

A good hello to all the WSCAIChE members and professional friends. Due to the economic conditions and the professional technical opportunities we have added some new faces and some old faces. I was asked to be on the slate as Chair. In my earlier career I was Program Chair for the Chicago Section. Currently, I am on the Adjunct Faculty staff teaching in the Division of Natural Sciences and Engineering at USCUpstate. I am looking forward to working with the Executive Committee and setting up this year's program schedule. Rick Vogel (Fulcrum BioEnergy) has rotated into the Former Chair position and, as a member of the Executive Committee he is actively working on our programs. Karl McCaleb (Mitsubishi Polyester Film) has joined the slate as Vice-Chair. Mike Thompson (Day & Zimmermann) and Alan Vibber (FUJIFILM) will continue in their repeat yeoman roles as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. We are still looking for two more individuals to join the Executive Committee.

One of the things we have wrestled with in planning the program is how things have changed in member interest and the evolved technology for tutorials and training for professional growth. Some of this has been in the Professional Engineer licensing area for maintaining certifiable skills through on going training. This has had an impact on attendance on our Section meetings. We do remind those meeting these requirements that on a Professional Development Hour (PDH) basis being a member of AIChE and attending our meetings is worth one (1) PDH credit per meeting. And, participation in a professional and technical society is worth two (2) PDH, credits annually.

The tentative program, which is shaping up, we feel should be of interest to you the member and professional friends of the WSCAIChE. Speaking for the Executive Committee, we look forward to seeing you at our section meetings!

Sincerely,

Donald (Don) Gurney; Sc.D., P.E.

September Meeting: Local Recruiters Talk About the Job Market and Interviewing

Please join us for a presentation that will be given by two upstate recruiters, Gary Tompkins (The Kidder Group, Inc.) and Marty Milne (PinPoint Solutions). Topics to be discussed are currently in the works. Following the presentation, there will be time for Q&A.

Gary Tompkins - Gary Tompkins is the President and CEO of the Kidder Group, Inc. He has worked in Manufacturing and Finance for many years serving as a Manufacturing Supervisor, Quality Engineer, Financial Analyst, Accounting Supervisor, and Strategic Financial Analyst with Kemet Electronics Corporation and Emergent Financial Group. Gary has a BA from Furman University in Business Administration and an MBA from Clemson University. Gary specializes in recruiting in the fields of Engineering, Quality, Management, Finance, Accounting, and Supply Chain Management.

Marty Milne - Marty has been a Senior Search Consultant with PinPoint Solutions since 2005. He graduated with a BS Science Degree from Ohio State University. After serving in the Air Force, Marty spent ten years as a salesman with Cargill. From there he transitioned into the role of Recruiter in 1986. Over the past twenty four years he has successfully filled positions ranging from Staff Engineers to a President of a major plastics corporation and everything in between.

September MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2011
TIME: 6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Presentation
LOCATION: **Hilton, Greenville**
45 West Orchard Park Drive
Greenville, SC 29615-3548
DIRECTIONS: I-385 @ Haywood Road Exit #39.
COST: \$10 for Members
\$15 for Non-members
Free to Attend Presentation Only

Please reply to Secretary Alan Vibber at sec@wscaiche.org by Friday, September 9th, 2011.

Note that the dinner portion of the meeting is not mandatory. Arrive by 7:00 pm if you want to attend the presentation without dinner.

Only RSVP if you plan to dine with us.

Clemson Scholarship Support to Continue

The Executive Committee has again agreed to support Clemson's Chemical Engineering program with a \$1,000 scholarship. Details regarding the application process will be available at our October meeting.

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
13 Sep 2011	Hilton	Marty Milne & Gary Tompkins - Local Recruiters Talk about the Job Market and Interviewing
11 Oct 2011	Clemson University Madren Center	Lewis Lee Rich - "Producing Ethanol from Garbage: Ready for Commercialization"
8 Nov 2011	Hilton	Mark Benack - Preventative Maintenance Software **Joint meeting with The Association for Operations Management (APICS)**
Dec 2011	N/A	No Meeting
10 Jan 2012	Hilton	Joe Cain - Trane Equipment
14 Feb 2012	Hilton	TBA - Clemson University Provided Speaker
13 Mar 2012	Hilton	Robbie Hilton - Solar Industry
Mar 2012	Carolina First Center	Science Fair Judging for the Greenville County Science Fair
10 Apr 2012	TBA	Plant Tour
May 2011	TBA	Social

Active participation in professional societies as well attending our professional and technical presentations count towards Continuing Professional Competency requirements for Licensed Professional Engineers. Upon request, the Section Secretary can provide attendance verifications for this purpose to our members.

2011-2012 Officers and Executive Committee

This is YOUR local section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. If you have ideas or concerns regarding operation of the WSCAICHE OR if you're a member with a desire to serve, please contact any of the Officers or Executive Committee members listed below.

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