



The Western Palmetto Informer

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May 2022 Election Outcome

On-line voting ballots using google forms registered 10 votes for the slate and no write in options. Five additional votes for the slate were added at the meeting on Thursday, May 12! There were no requests for write in candidates throughout the two-month process of selecting and electing officers as required by the by-laws. Thank you to all who voted on-line or in-person.

Please welcome your new officers:



Left to right: Jacob Lindler (treasurer), CM Walker (secretary), James Young (Vice-chairman), William Thompson (Chairman)

Officers will be meeting over the summer to schedule events and handle the transition of financial accounts. They welcome ideas and input from the section membership. Their contact can be found later in this newsletter. We expect that the board will be presenting changes to the by-laws before the end of the year. This is needed to clarify roles and responsibilities of elected officers as well as the election process. A few other updates are also needed to bring us into the 21st century.



Message from the Incoming Chair:

Greetings from the AIChE Western South Carolina Chair for 2022-2023. As we go into the summer lull, the executive committee of your local AIChE will be making preparations for a new year with our meetings restarting in September 2022. What I'd like to emphasize is that this is YOUR local section. This section is meant to provide encouragement, support, fellowship and other resources to help you in your profession. Anyone on the Executive Committee as well as the officers are ready and willing to listen to your needs and ideas to help you in the coming year. Wherever you are in your professional journey can be exciting. I've been a practicing chemical engineer for 42 years and still find it an exciting profession constantly renewing itself. To the students in Clemson's Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Department--we want you to be a vital part of this section as you embark on your professional adventure. Tell us what your wants and needs are. I for one thoroughly enjoyed our joint meeting back in October. Regardless of where you are in life you have something to learn and something to give, and all of us can contribute to making the profession better. Have a great summer and be ready for September!

Bill Thompson, 2022-2023 Chair

Message from the Outgoing Chair

What a year! Despite the uncertainty of venue and speaker availability due to multiple COVID outbreaks and changes in protocols, we held five in-person/virtual hybrid meetings with highly qualified speakers. We also added a December social to boost morale and then finished up with a carbon fiber plant tour! We celebrate a successful year as Anil & Tasso step back from elected officer roles and two new people, William Thompson (Bill, our October speaker) and James Young, step up to the chair and vice chair positions.

Conny Marlene Walker, Chair, 2021-2022, Secretary 2022-2023



April Solvay TouR - L TO r David Day (tour guide) R.Hammond, D. Hine, B. Walker (TG), J. Young, J. Blackburn, A. Ghionis, C. Walker

2022-2023 Officers and Executive Committee

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Octogenarians: D Gurney, A Wagle, with C. Walker Officers recognized: J. Lindler, A, Ghionis, B. McCourtie