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Message from the Chair

Welcome to 2022-2023 fellow WSC AIChE members, professionals, and friends! I am honored to serve our local section as the Chair for 2022-2023. The Officers and Executive Committee met over the summer and put together a tentative group of speakers who will be talking on topics relevant to our work as Chemical Engineers. After the difficulties of the last two years dealing with COVID, we look forward to reinvigorating our WSC local section's tradition of providing opportunities for learning, networking and professional development. Your participation and support are vital if this local section is going to continue to provide strong professional support for chemical engineers in the Upstate. The social and plant tours for this year have not been arranged yet since it's hard to know what COVID might send our way this year, but we'll announce them as soon as possible. The officers of WSC AIChE for 2022-2023 are: Bill Thompson (Chair), James Young (Vice Chair), Conny Walker (Secretary), Jacob Lindler (Treasurer). Executive Committee Members are Don Gurney, Karl McCaleb, Anil Wagle, Bonnie McCourtie, Tasso Ghionis, Devon Clymer, and Ann Marie Jones.

Our section continues its partnership with the Clemson University AIChE section, including the traditional Fall/Spring joint meetings with Clemson Chemical Engineering students and faculty. We will again award a \$3000 and a \$2,000 scholarship to two deserving rising Seniors in the Chemical Engineering major at Clemson University.

We will also continue to provide remote access to our meetings for members who are traveling or are still concerned about COVID.

If you have ideas about meeting topics, plant tours, local section activities, or want to help, please contact one of the officers - we

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want all of us to enjoy our association and the camaraderie it offers.

One last thing, please join me in thanking Conny Walker who did so much to keep the Section alive and well through a very trying year. Many of you will never really know just how much effort she expended on all our behalf. So, when you see her, offer her your heartfelt thanks as she and her husband Ben certainly have mine.

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

NEXT MEETING - September 13, 2022

Benefits of Good Manufacturing Practices

Following Good Manufacturing Practices is required for all regulated companies, but should we implement these standards even if not required? We will discuss why Good Manufacturing Practices may just mean good business practices in some cases.

Angie Brock holds a Chemical Engineering degree from Clemson University. She has over 30 years' experience in FDA regulated companies working with both medical devices and human pharmaceuticals. Angie began her career in the industry as a process engineer. She has worked in manufacturing, validation, and quality. She now serves as the QA Director at Ortec, Inc.

TITLE:	Benefits of Good Manufacturing Practices		
DATE:	Tuesday, September 13, 2022		
Event timing:	6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Presentation		
LOCATION (in- person event):	Jacobs office 1041 E. Butler Road Greenville, SC 29607		
LOCATION (virtual event):	Zoom Connect via link on the <u>WSC AIChE website</u>		
СОЅТ	No charge		
RSVP by 9/9/22	RSVP to <u>sec@wscaiche.org</u> if you plan to join us for dinner.		

September Meeting Information

RSVP to Secretary - <u>sec@wscaiche.org</u> - by September 9 if you plan to join us for dinner.

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Opportunities to Assist

We welcome your participation on any level in this organization. Several committee positions are open, and this year's officers will gladly mentor members who would consider holding officer positions next year.

2022-2023 Officers and Executive Committee

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2022-2023 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	
September 13, 2022	Jacobs office	Benefits of Good Manufacturing Practice	
October 11, 2022	Clemson	Angie Brock, Ortec Process Safety Don Connolley, aeSolutions	
November 2022	TBD	Joint meeting with ACS	
December 2022	TBD	WSCAIChE Holiday Social	
January 10, 2023 Clemson		TBD	
February 14, 2023	Jacobs office	TBD Clemson professor	
March 14, 2023	Jacobs office	TBD	
April 2023	TBD	Plant Tour	
May 2023	TBD	WSCAIChE May Social	