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Message from the Chair

Thank you to all who came to the September meeting to hear Angie Brock, QA Manager for Ortec, Inc., tell us about “Current Good Manufacturing Practices” (cGMP). Angie did an excellent job describing cGMP and how it can help even in a non-pharmaceutical environment. Working in the cGMP environment has been an eye-opening experience for me and her guidance indispensable in my work. Thank you, Angie.

Welcome to October, and I trust you will make an extra effort to join us for our fall joint meeting with the Chemical and Biological Engineering students at Clemson. It will be a great opportunity for the experienced engineers in our section to talk to our future colleagues and to learn from one another. As a practicing engineer I enjoy getting a chance to teach those following behind me. It’s also true that I have yet to fail to learn something from the younger who tend to ask questions that I’ve forgotten to ask anymore.

Our speaker, Don Connolley, will be presenting on the 14 elements of “process safety management” (PSM). It sounds like a dry topic, but it really isn’t. Many of us remember the Bhopal tragedy that was the catalyst for PSM and a greater focus on process safety. Anyone who has worked in chemical engineering for long has seen an incident that led to property damage, chemical release, injury, or loss of life. Having seen all of these things personally, I spend much of my time thinking about process safety. So, come out, support the students, contribute to the discussion, and take back ideas to make the Upstate a safer place for our coworkers, friends, and family live and work.

We will also continue to provide remote access to our meetings for members who are traveling or 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 want all of us to enjoy our association and the camaraderie it offers.

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

NEXT MEETING - October 11, 2022

The OSHA Model of Process Safety Management

Don Connolley has spent the bulk of his career as a Process Safety professional, devoting the last 40 of his 43 years in the “working world” in Process Safety in the chemical/petrochemical/petroleum industries. He cut his teeth in Process Safety at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, VA, as a member of the Hazards Analysis team. He was then in the American Cyanamid Corporate Loss Prevention group as a Process Safety Engineer. His next stop was with Akzo Nobel Chemicals Americas, where he was first the Process Safety Specialist and then the Manager of Safety Health. His final operating company experience was with BP as first a Refining Process Safety Advisor, and then a Downstream Process Safety Technical Authority. He has been a Process Safety consultant for the past four years, currently with aeSolutions. He has a BS Chemistry from the University of Miami and a MS Chemical Engineering from Clemson University. He has been a member of AIChE since 1986 and a Certified Safety Professional since 1988. He has participated in CCPS since 1988 as a representative to the Technical Steering Committee, served on numerous CCPS subcommittees, and has served as a session chair or conference chair for the CCPS Conference of the Global Congress on Process Safety for the past 15 years (currently is the 2023 CCPS Conference Vice-Chair and will be the 2024 CCPS Conference Chair). He served on the American Chemistry Council Process Safety Committee while with Akzo Nobel, and has been a member of the API Facility Siting Committee since 2009.

October Meeting Information

TITLE:	The OSHA Model of Process Safety Management
DATE:	Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Event timing:	6:00 PM Social 6:15 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Presentation

LOCATION (in-person event):	Clemson University, Earle Hall, Room 100 -We will follow Covid protocols as required -RSVP to facilitate distribution of parking passes
LOCATION (virtual event):	Zoom - link and passcode provided after RSVP Or connect via link on the WSC AIChE website
COST	No charge
RSVP by 10/7/22	RSVP from WSC Section website

RSVP by October 7 if you plan to join us for dinner.

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	TOPIC
October 11, 2022	Clemson	Process Safety Management Don Connolley, CPS, aeSolutions
November 10, 2022	Fluor office	Joint meeting with ACS, Lithium ion battery technology
December 2022	TBD	WSC AIChE Holiday Social
January 10, 2023	Jacobs office	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
