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## Message from the Chair

May is at hand which will bring our 2022-2023 program year to a conclusion. I believe it's been a good year with good speakers and good fellowship. I've learned much from this experience and am the better and happier for it. I am grateful to all of you who entrusted me as chair, and I'm particularly grateful for the support and efforts of the other officers and the executive committee. For those of you who have participated, I hope you've found the investment of your time rewarding. As always, I encourage everyone to make suggestions if we could have done more or differently to meet your professional needs. To those of you who haven't been able to participate, I encourage you to try to find time in 2023-2024 to join us for one night a month.

The April meeting/plant tour at Birds Fly South was a hit. Thank you, Conny, for setting that up. It was an opportunity to go back to our roots, as it were, as brewing beer has to be the oldest chemical process known to mankind. It's a unique blend of science and artistry that offers as much opportunity for innovation as there are people with passion enough to try. I learned a lot more than I expected to.

Our final meeting before the summer is May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fluor Management Center in Greenville. In March we examined the current market of cultured and plant-based foods and the anticipated growth to displace the global consumption of conventional meat courtesy of Mark Mathis, a Process Engineering Director at Fluor. In May we're going to conduct a cookout to taste test some of these new products. Afterwards we'll have some fun with Trivial Pursuit chemical engineering style (who said engineers don't know how to have fun). Join us for some good food, fun, and fellowship on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet some people who can make excellent friends and be a professional resource for the future and to whom you can reciprocate. I have some great friends like that in this profession that go back over 30 years.

Best Regards,

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

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## NEXT MEETING - May 9, 2023

### Spring Social - Fluor Management Center

As a follow up to Mark Mathis' presentation in March on the synthetic meat industry, the officers will be grilling a tasting of synthetic meats.

After dinner we will enjoy Trivial Pursuit - Chemical Engineers Version.

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### May Meeting Information

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>TITLE:</b>                      | Spring Social   |
| <b>DATE:</b>                       | Tuesday, May 5, 2023  |
| <b>Event timing:</b>               | 6:00 PM Social<br>6:30 PM Dinner/Meeting (2023-2034 officer election)<br>7:00 PM Trivia   |
| <b>LOCATION (in-person event):</b> | Fluor Management Center<br>150 Fluor Daniel Drive, Greenville, 29607<br>(enter Fluor campus from Mall Connector Road, <a href="#">map available</a> on WSC AIChE website) |
| <b>COST</b>                        | No charge   |
| <b>RSVP by 5/10/23</b>             | RSVP from WSC Section <a href="#">website</a> if you plan to join us for dinner   |

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### Bylaws Update

Updated section bylaws based on the template from the national AIChE were approved at the April 11, 2023 meeting. The new bylaws are available for review on our section [website](#).

You may direct inquiries and comments to Jim Young at [vchair@wscaiche.org](mailto:vchair@wscaiche.org).

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### 2023-2024 Officer Election

Voting will take place at the May meeting/social and online prior to the May meeting.

Our recommended slate of officers is:

Chair - Bill Thompson  
Vice-chair - James Young  
Secretary - Devon Clymer  
Treasurer - Kevin Pait

## Opportunities to Assist

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

### 2022-2023 Officers and Executive Committee

| POSITION            | NAME                            | COMPANY         | E-MAIL   |
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## 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

| DATE        | LOCATION                      | TOPIC  |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| May 9, 2023 | Fluor<br>Management<br>Center | WSCAICHe Spring Social,<br>Officer elections   |
| Summer 2023 | TBD                           | Planning for 2023-2024 program<br>year (contact any officer or<br>Executive Committee member<br>if you'd like to participate or<br>contribute ideas) |

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