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Message from the Chair

For those of you who missed our tour of Soteria's labs in ICAR, my condolences. Their work and technology are quite fascinating, and we can't thank them enough for their hospitality. Rebekah Weaver, Dan Garrison, Ashwin Pitts, Lochan Chitnis, and Devarsh Kachalia were all very gracious to extend their day for us. We learned a great deal regarding their technology to improve the safety of lithium-ion batteries. Their developments are going to be vital if we're going to recharge larger batteries like E-bikes and EV's without worrying about burning something down. If you've never seen a lithium-ion battery nail penetration test, the one they did for us was very impressive.

I haven't the slightest idea where April disappeared to, but it's gone. May is time for the section to have a social event and the leadership has decided to have our event at a Greenville Drive game on Thursday May 16th. The section is purchasing the tickets and there are numerous food choices at your disposal. The Drive is off to a rough start, but they play better at home and the visiting Winston-Salem Dash doesn't play that well on the road. That gives the Drive a better chance at a win, and everyone knows that chemical engineers bring good luck with them wherever they go.

Voting is now open for next year's officers; so, make sure you vote! Just like government elections, if you don't vote you can't complain about the results (wink, wink). Also, as we go into the summer break, I have a question for you who receive the newsletter, but don't attend. What could we provide you that would create enough interest to participate next year at least

virtually? The section is stable, but it isn't rebounding from the Covid years like we'd like. You are key to fixing that problem.

Thank you for your attention and let's end the year with some fun and set the stage for a good 2024-2025.

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

May Social Information

TITLE:	Thursday Evening at the Greenville Drive
DATE:	Thursday, May 16th, 2024
Event timing:	Game starts at 7:05
LOCATION (in-person event):	Fluor Field 945 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601
LOCATION (virtual event):	There is no virtual event for this meeting.
COST	There is No Charge for This event, though please RSVP to reserve your ticket! Dinner and drinks are on the attendee.
RSVP by 5/12/24	RSVP HERE if you plan to join us for the baseball game.

RSVP [\[HERE\]](#) - by May 12th if you plan to join us for the baseball game.

2024-2025 WSC AIChE Elections - Vote Now!

It is time to vote for next year's WSC Officers! To submit your vote for the 2024-2025 Officers, please submit this form: [2024-2025 WSC Officer Election Form](#).

If you have any questions or technical issues, please email sec@wscaiche.org

Local Section Feedback

As described by Bill in his Message From the Chair, if you have any feedback on what this section can do better in the coming year, recommendations on events you would like to see, or topics for presentations, please let us know!

If you have any feedback, please send an email to sec@wscaiche.org. Any feedback is appreciated. We want to grow and make this section better, and we need your help with that!

Opportunities to Assist

We welcome your participation on any level in this organization. Please reach out to Devon Clymer, sec@wscaiche.org, if you have any feedback on any of the following:

- You or someone you know would like to give a technical presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- Provide meeting topic or location recommendations to the leadership team.
- Provide recommendation or access for a plant tour (usually in the spring).
- You have interest in joining our Officers or Executive Committee.
- Any general question or comments on meeting times, locations, and topics

2023-2024 Officers and Executive Committee

POSITION	NAME	COMPANY	E-MAIL
Chair	Bill Thompson	Ortec	bthompson@ortecinc.com chair@wscaiche.org
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Executive Committee	Karl McCaleb		kmccaleb2@bellsouth.net
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POSITION	NAME	COMPANY	E-MAIL
	Anastase (Tasso) Ghionis	Omega Chemicals	

2023-2024 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
October 11, 2023	Clemson	Tolling Manufacturing
November 2023	Spartanburg Community College	Complexes with M-M bonds. Joint meeting with ACS
December 13 th 2023	Think Tank Brew Lab	WSCAICHe Holiday Social
January 7, 2024	Jacobs Office	Compressed Air Systems
February 13, 2024	Clemson	Engineering Preclinical Tumor Models to Study Cancer Drug Resistance and Metastatic Spread Clemson professor
March 12, 2024	Jacobs office	The Circular Economy And Plastics Recycling by Jim Young
April 2024	Soteria	Plant Tour
May 16 2024	Greenville Drive	WSCAICHe May Social
