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## Message from the Chair

A warm welcome to my all fellow WSC AIChE members, professionals, and friends! It is my pleasure to serve our local section as the Chair for 2020-2021. The Officers met over the summer and put together a tentative group of speakers that will be talking on topics relevant to our work as Chemical Engineers. Our WSC local section's tradition of providing opportunities for learning, networking and professional development will continue. The social and plant tours for this year has not been arranged yet given the COVID alarms and concerns.

The officers of for WSC AIChE for 2020-2021 are: myself, Anil Wagle (Chairman), Ashley Sapyta (Vice Chair), Conny Walker (Secretary), Rick Vogel (Treasurer). Executive Committee Members: Don Gurney, Karl McCaleb, Jacob Lindler, Bonnie McCourtie, Rajiv Nair

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 have a joint meeting scheduled for October 13. The details of the video conference style meeting are listed elsewhere in the flyer.

We will again award a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving rising Senior in the Chemical Engineering major at Clemson University.

We will be holding video meetings till we are confirmed that all of us safe are and secure from the menace of the Covid 19 virus. Review the schedule below for details. 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.

Anil Wagle, Chair, WSC AIChE

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## September Meeting was a Success!

28 people were in attendance on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Runway Café to hear Will case of the American Chemical Society give a presentation on the chemistry of wine-making. We began the evening with wine sampling and socialization in keeping with the CDC standards. The dinner line was opened and then Will gave a concise and very informative overview on the fermentation chemistry in making primarily white wines.

Thank-you very much to Will for taking the time to make this presentation!

The airport hangar afforded an unusual and exciting atmosphere after all these months of cancelled activities.

We look forward to a reprise at the same venue, the Runway Café in Greenville, SC on Wednesday November 11, 2020.

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## **NEXT MEETING - October 13, 2020**

### **Effective Networking in a Virtual Business World**

[Join Zoom Meeting 10/13/2020 6:30PM](#)

Meeting ID: 922 8961 7943

Passcode: 631190

The purpose of this meeting is to connect working engineers and students in the area while augmenting our virtual networking skills. Devon Clymer, a 2013 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology in chemical engineering, will be presenting on how to stay connected in the industry during this internet-driven era, effective networking methods for both students and professionals, and tools being used in the industry to adapt to the rapid changes caused by the pandemic. Devon has a 7-1/2 year career with CH2M/Jacobs providing engineering solutions to clients in diverse industries, including specialty chemicals, life sciences, and microelectronics.

Alton O'Neal, a senior chemical engineering student and WSC scholarship recipient, will be organizing and hosting the scheduled Zoom meeting from the Clemson side.

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## October Meeting Information

<b>TITLE:</b>	Effective Networking in a Virtual World
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, October 13, 2020
<b>Event timing:</b>	6:30 PM Socializing via chat and conversation 7:00 PM Presentation 8:00 PM Q&A, more socializing as desired
<b>LOCATION</b>	No on-site meeting room has been reserved. Satellite locations may be used by local members, Contact <a href="mailto:sec@wscaiche.org">sec@wscaiche.org</a> if you would like to be attend an in-person viewing and discussion event.
<b>COST</b>	No charge
<b>RSVP by 10/12/20</b>	RSVP to <a href="mailto:sec@wscaiche.org">sec@wscaiche.org</a> for updated meeting information, presentation materials & links.

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## Opportunities to Assist

We welcome your participation on any level in this organization. All officer positions have been filled, but our leadership has been rotated many times and we will gladly step down to hone new members for the upcoming year.

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## 2020-2021 Officers and Executive Committee

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## November MEETING - Joint with ACS

### WEDNESDAY November 11, 2020

### In-Person and ZOOM Simulcast

American Chemistry Society presents Jeff DiMaio, CEO Tetramer Technologies This company is navigating the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic by shifting manufacturing focus on hand sanitizer. Jeff DiMaio will speak on this topic in-person on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Runway Cafe in Greenville, SC.

Members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and other interested engineers and professionals are invited to attend in-person or virtually with a link on the ZOOM platform.

Attendance will be limited for the in-person meeting in keeping with the most current standards in place for the pandemic. Menu and cost for dinner (not expected to exceed \$25) will be posted at a later date.

RSVP's will be required for dinner and for the link to the ZOOM meeting.

More details forthcoming mid-October!

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Scholarship applications for rising seniors in chemical engineering will be distributed in December. Please contact us if your company has internship opportunities for ChemE or Chemistry students for the summer of 2021.

Pictures from our September Event:

