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Updates from the AIChE Management Division



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## Recognition and Award

### **Member Spotlight: Harold Conner's Alumni Work**

We invite you to read the full article, which sheds light on Conner's outstanding achievements as an Alumni Board of Directors member at the University of Tennessee. Let us applaud Conner's success, both within our organization and beyond, as he continues to be an inspiration! Read the article [here](#).

### **2023 Management Award Winner: Shawn Feist**

Shawn Feist was selected as the recipient of this year's Management Award. The award will be presented at the AIChE Annual Meeting to be held in November 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

Shawn graduated with a bachelor's in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota and has spent his career in roles of increasing responsibility with Dow, Inc. where he currently is Senior TS&D/R&D Director for Dow Polyurethanes. In this role he leads a global team of 250 employees responsible for technical and customer innovation across markets.

Feist joined Dow in 2002 on the Research Assignment Program (RAP) before joining Engineering Sciences, Core R&D where he led numerous technology development, piloting, implementation, and project management activities across several businesses including Dow Agro Sciences, Coatings, Performance Materials, and Consumer Solutions. In 2008, he was part of the team that led the R&D integration efforts related to the Rohm and Haas acquisition. Feist then joined the New Business Development function of Dow Water and Process Solutions where he was responsible for several projects related to front end technology and market evaluation, new application development, merger and acquisition option analysis, and financial modeling. Next, Feist served as Sr. Technical Leader in Core R&D's Engineering and Process



Science organization where he drove project execution, commercialization, employee development, safety, capital, talent management, and the University Partnership Initiative efforts across the organization. Immediately prior to his current role, he was the R&D Director for Growth Innovation, External Technology, and R&D Statistics in Core R&D, responsible for the pipeline of programs in disruptive technologies and new business development related to Dow's internal growth innovation and external university and government portfolios.

Shawn has proved to be a leader not only at work but has also been an active volunteer with AIChE throughout his career, most recently as Chair of the Career and Education Operating Council (CEOC). Shawn also is an active volunteer within the Midland, Michigan community where he resides.

## Live Webinar Alert

### Discover the World of Plastic Law and Policy!



Join an engaging session by presenter Mary Ellen Ternes, Partner, Earth & Water Law, LLC, and an AIChE Fellow in this live webinar organized by Chemical Engineering & the Law Forum. With a wealth of experience from her role at the EPA, industry, and private law firms, she will be discussing topics such as

- A recent history of global plastic waste policy
- Global Efforts in plastic waste management

What: Plastic Law and Policy - What Chemical Engineers Need to Know

When: Wednesday, Aug 23, 2023, 07:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Where: Online ([Register here](#))

## Call for MGMT Division Officer positions

The Management Division is looking for individuals to volunteer for leadership positions in the organization. Nominate yourself or someone you believe is up for the role of Vice Chair or Director.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Management Division.

If interested contact the nominating committee: Gayle Gibson ([gibeck@comcast.net](mailto:gibeck@comcast.net)), Cristina Thomas ([cuthomas@comcast.net](mailto:cuthomas@comcast.net)), Aditi Khadilkar ([adusci@gmail.com](mailto:adusci@gmail.com)), or Fernando J. Aguirre ([fja@aguivel.com](mailto:fja@aguivel.com)) by October 2023.

## 2023 AIChE Annual Program Updates

Join us at the 2023 AIChE Annual Meeting and connect with the division members. The technical program for the management division is now available. The sessions begin on November 4 till November 9, 2023.

### 2023 AIChE Annual Meeting Sessions!

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**Nov 4** - Annual Student Conference

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**Nov 6** - Leading and Managing Industry-Academia Collaborations and Partnerships  
- Leadership and Management of Sustainable Solutions in Industry  
- Dinner (ticketed: MGMT, ENV, ChE&L)

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**Nov 7** - Non-Traditional Career Opportunities in Chemical Engineering for MBA's, Legal Practitioners and Ph.D.'s  
- MGMT Board Meeting  
- Management Award: Leading and persevering through failure  
- Young Leader Award: Connecting innovation and sustainability for positive impacts and value creation

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**Nov 8** - Entrepreneurial Mindset and Chemical Engineering (Invited talks)  
- Innovation and entrepreneurship in Chemical Engineering

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**Nov 9** - Extreme weather and natural disasters: An environmental and legal perspective

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