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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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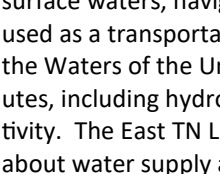
Happy Fall! I know I'm looking forward to the weather cooling off a bit and being able to enjoy some time spent by the bonfire, more bearable hikes, leaves changing color, and most importantly, celebrating Halloween (my personal favorite holiday). I've been on a horror kick lately between new and classic horror movies and novels. I'm always looking for new recommendations, so if you've seen or read something good please email them my way!

This time of year also brings us to our local section elections! I'd like to encourage everyone to consider running for a position as a way to expand your network and give back to our local community. If you're not interested in a leadership role, why not consider volunteering with one of our

committees? There are plenty of opportunities to get engaged at a volunteer level to fit your time requirements. I started off as a member of the Professional Engagement Committee (PEC), coordinated our 2019 short course, and went on to become Vice Chair and now Chair! I've thoroughly enjoyed my time being more active in this organization, and would be happy to discuss further with anyone. Additionally, you can always reach out to our current board members and committee chairs to discuss more about roles and responsibilities. Be on the lookout for an upcoming email around positions and declarations of candidacy/candidate deadlines.

PROGRAMS

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In September we welcomed Braven Beatty, *Ecologist, Virginia Business Unit, The Nature Conservancy*, for a discussion on "Water Supply & Rights". Braven spoke about the categorization of surface waters, navigable waterways – river, stream, lake, etc. and any waterway that was ever used as a transportation or trade route. In addition, the program discussed the parameters of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Lastly, Braven discussed key surface water attributes, including hydrological regime, water quality, habitat, biological composition, and connectivity. The East TN Local Section is thankful to Braven for sharing his experience and knowledge about water supply and rights.

On October 19th Geoff Kimmel, *Senior Business Development Director of Engineered Tax Services*, will present a program on "R&D Tax Credit". Engineers and engineering firms include many activities that qualify as R&D Expenses. Come and learn about potential overlooked tax credits you may have been missing out on. Additionally, AICHE Members can obtain a free E Book: AICHE Members Guide to R&D Tax Credits by filling out the form [here!](#)

The actual link is: <http://page.engineeredtaxservices.com/guide-to-tax-credits>

In November, Rusty Sells, *Director at WC/JC Emergency Management Agency*, will present a program on "Response Challenges, Mutual Aid, & Multi-Operation Period Planning regarding the Hexpol Compounding Plant incident".

If you have suggestions for future programs and/or would like to join the 2021 programming committee please contact Kelsey Niehoff at Kelsey.Niehoff@eastman.com.

AICHE FALL INTO FALL WALK-A-THON

This October, join your AICHE friends in a fun, healthy competition to see who walk the farthest! This is a team competition, so grab your friends (or you can make some new ones) – teams will have 4 members each. The walk-a-thon will run from October 4th through 31st.



To sign up, please email Erin Ekart at erinekart@eastman.com.

For team sign ups, please send a working team name, a team captain, and the remaining team members. If you would like to be placed on a team, please email just your name! Family members of AICHE members are welcome as well!

Sign-ups are open until September 30th. Team assignments will be sent out on October 1st, along with rules for tracking how far you walked and a handy conversion chart to convert other physical activities to miles. Each week there will be an opportunity to earn bonus miles, with spooky Halloween themed outdoor activities. There will be prizes for the team that walks the furthest and the team with the best name (team names are due at the end of the competition as well, so you have plenty of time to think up something clever). I hope you all join AICHE in making the most of the lovely fall weather.

Sign up today!

VOTE NOW for the AICHE[®]'s Board of Directors! Paper ballots were mailed Monday, August 23rd. This year, we will be voting on candidates for the President-Elect, Secretary, and for four Directors. In order to be eligible to vote, you must have paid your dues for 2021. **Online voting will be open Tuesday, September 7th at aiche.societyelection.com. The deadline to receive your vote is October 12th by 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

Profiles of the candidates for this year's election are available [on this page](#). Here you will find the candidates' bios and platform statements that outline their view for AICHE.

AICHE GLOBAL NEWS

	<p>Meet AICHE's 2021 Election Candidates.</p> <p>In April, AICHE announced the slate of candidates for the AICHE 2021 Election. Read more about the candidates and get ready to submit your ballots starting September 7 and ending October 12.</p> <p>Results will be announced November 8.</p> <p>Read Here: Meet AICHE's 2021 Election Candidates AICHE</p> <p>Read their Statements: 2021 Election AICHE</p>
	<p>Meet some of FOSSI's Inaugural Scholars!</p> <p>In partnership with The American Chemistry Council (ACC), Chemours, and HBCU Week Foundation, the Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) was established in November 2020 with the goal of helping to combat the lack of diversity in the STEM workforce. Recently, 151 outstanding scholars were chosen to join FOSSI's inaugural class.</p> <p>Meet a few of them now! Meet Some of FOSSI's Inaugural Scholars AICHE</p>
	<p>The Annual Meeting is right around the corner!</p> <p>This November, chemical engineering researchers, educators, and innovators worldwide will once again gather in person when AICHE conducts its 2021 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. A virtual version of the Annual Meeting will be available to all meeting registrants, including those who cannot travel to Boston.</p> <p>Learn more: 2021 AICHE Annual Meeting Preview AICHE</p>
	<p>An IDEAL path to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion</p> <p>AICHE has released a new statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion. The document, which refines a statement issued in early 2020, is the result of an Institute-wide discussion that incorporated views from members of AICHE's operating councils and the Board of Directors, and replaces an earlier statement issued in 2015. The latest statement was approved by AICHE's Board of Directors in January 2021.</p> <p>Read more here: https://www.aiche.org/chenected/2021/02/ideal-path-equity-diversity-and-inclusion</p> <p>Read the updated AICHE statement here: https://www.aiche.org/equity-diversity-inclusion/statement</p>

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