



# THE PIPELINE

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

ERIN EKART

The weather is getting colder, the leaves are starting to change colours, and it's getting dark earlier and earlier. This can mean only two things. Pumpkin spice lattes are back and it's once again time for the AIChE officer elections!

I hope you all have had a chance to look over the email concerning this year's elections, as it contained a great summary of all of our positions. I can't wait to see all of the leaders in the section come forward to help out on the board next year. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the fantastic community we have here in East Tennessee and to network and meet other like-minded chemical engineers.

I myself have been on the leadership team for the local section for the past three and a half years, serving first as the Professional Engagement Committee Chair, then as Vice Chair/Programs Committee Chair and then finally as Chair. I have really grown as a leader and had just the best time over the past 3.5 years organizing fun events, like Salsa Nights and Christmas parties, inviting interesting speakers to give programs, and getting involved in the rollout of SACHe to further the safety training of undergraduate students. I know that the local section will continue to host great events and outreach after this year and I can't wait to see what they are!

All of the information on our positions can be found below and of course, our current board is more than happy to talk about their roles if you are interested. The deadline for nominations is October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to send us the names of people you think would be great leaders or to nominate yourself!

If interested, please send a short paragraph stating your interest in any of the roles to me (<mailto:erinekart@eastman.com>). This paragraph will be included in the ballot to allow voters a chance to get to know a little more about you.

**Vice Chair\*** – Assists in key leadership duties and fills in as Chair of the chapter when necessary. Serves as Chair of the programs committee. Serves as Chair for the section the following year (after completing the Vice Chair term).

**Treasurer\*** – Prepares the annual budget and administrates all chapter finances: handles dues, manages bank account(s) and chapter checkbook(s). This is a 1 year term.

**Secretary\*** – Handles media correspondence for the chapter, keeps meeting minutes for leadership meetings, and maintains important chapter documents. This is a 1 year term.

**Director\*** – Provides input about section activities and organizational practices. Audits section financial report. Serves as member of the executive committee with full voting rights. This is a 3 year term.

**Professional Engagement Committee (PEC) Chair\*\*** – The PEC Chair assists our local section in hosting quarterly events designed to help our members network across all demographics of our membership base.

**Outreach Chair\*\*** – The Outreach Chair assists our local section in hosting quarterly events focused on STEM enrichment or service in the community. The chair is also responsible for charitable donations on behalf of the section.

**Membership Chair\*\*** – The Membership Chair assists our local section by building a clear value proposition for AIChE membership and facilitates sponsorship of eligible members for AIChE awards.

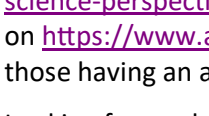
**Fundraising Chair\*\*** – The Fundraising Chair assists our local section by organizing and facilitating short courses to reach the fundraising goals for the year.

\*Note that, in accordance with our bylaws, all elected officers must be members of the local section in good standing to run for and be elected to office.

\*\*Note that, in accordance with our bylaws, all committee chairs (with the exception of the programs chair) are appointed by the section Chair and are not voted on by the broader membership base.

## PROGRAMS

SAL ARENA



Thank you to everyone that called in for the post program discussion! It was great to catch up and discuss Covid-19 from a chemical engineering perspective. If you missed it, you can view the webinar at <https://www.aiche.org/academy/webinars/aerosol-science-perspective-on-sars-cov-2> or you can watch webinars like this one, any time, on <https://www.aiche.org/academy>. Many of these also come with PDH credits for those having an account with aiche.org including the September program.

Looking forward, our October program will be done in conjunction with our peers in our local section of Engineers Without Borders! Richard Bonner, VP, Worldwide Engineering & Construction will be providing a basic introduction to general project management practices and the key foundations for project planning that lead to success. Stay on the lookout for a meeting notice with further information to come soon!

If you are considering running for Vice Chair in the upcoming election, feel free to reach out if you have any questions. [Salvatore.Arena@eastman.com](mailto:Salvatore.Arena@eastman.com)

**↑ V I R T U A L**  
**HAPPY HOUR** *raise the bar*

The AIChE Professional Engagement Committee invites you to a:  
**Virtual Happy Hour**  
**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

We hope you will join us over on Microsoft Teams!

We will be making some fun cocktails:

- Tinto de Verano (Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!)
- Classic Mojito (alcoholic/non-alcoholic options)

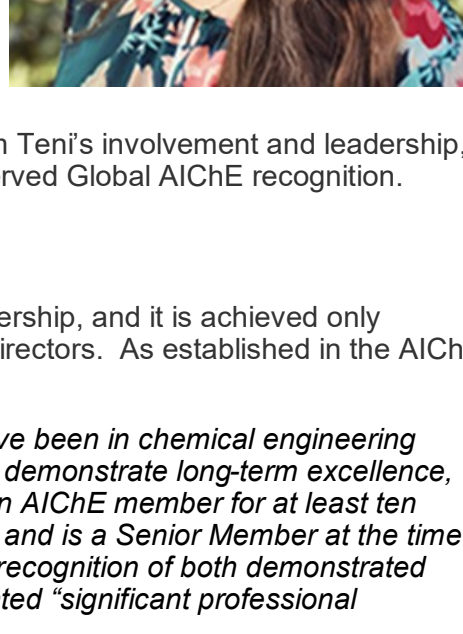
Along with Tri-Cities/AIChE trivia and ice-breakers!

## TENI BUTLER MEMBER OF 2020 CLASS OF 35 UNDER 35 AWARD WINNERS

STEVE MILLER

AIChE's 35 Under 35 Award was established as a mechanism by which to identify and recognized the achievement and contributions of some of the best and brightest young chemical engineers in our field. The AIChE Foundation, AIChE, and the Young Professionals Committee recently selected award winners for outstanding achievement in one of seven categories – bioengineering, chemicals & materials, education, energy & environment, innovation & entrepreneurship, leadership, and safety. Each honoree will be celebrated at the 2020 AIChE Annual Meeting and will receive \$500 and complimentary registration for the meeting.

As featured in the September edition of *Chemical Engineering Progress*, East Tennessee Section's Teni Butler is a member of the impressive 2020 class of 35 Under 35 award winners. Teni has gained experience in process improvement engineering, customer-facing technical roles, and sustainable innovation at Eastman Chemical Company. She leverages her strengths to make a positive difference in AIChE, our local section, and charitable organizations and efforts in our community. Teni consistently demonstrates excellence in collaboratively developing an ambitious organizational vision and inspiring others to live into that vision, guided by a drive to include and to serve others.



Our local section continues to benefit from Teni's involvement and leadership, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved Global AIChE recognition.

### Seeking AIChE Fellow Candidates

Fellow is AIChE's highest grade of membership, and it is achieved only through election by the AIChE Board of Directors. As established in the AIChE bylaws,

*A nominee for election as Fellow shall have been in chemical engineering practice for an adequate period of time to demonstrate long-term excellence, normally 25 years, and shall have been an AIChE member for at least ten years (exclusive of student membership), and is a Senior Member at the time of election. Election as Fellow shall be in recognition of both demonstrated "service to the profession" and demonstrated "significant professional accomplishment".*

*"Service to the profession" means efforts done for reasons other than financial compensation for AIChE, other technical societies, or other not-for-profit entities whose efforts benefit chemical engineers or the advancement of the engineering profession.*

*"Significant professional accomplishments" shall be based on success in process, product or theoretical developments, project leadership, managerial achievement, the educating of engineers, or other activities related to chemical engineering.*

In keeping with the high bar that is set for the membership grade of Fellow, each nominee must have five sponsors (willing to provide a supporting letter of recommendation), and all of the sponsors must:

- currently be Senior Members or Fellows of AIChE,
- at least two sponsors must be Fellows,
- no more than two of the sponsors can be in the same company or organization (except for extenuating circumstances discussed with the Admissions Committee).

One of the functions of the Membership Committee of the East Tennessee Section is to support the Fellow nomination process. **If you or someone you know meets the qualifications for Fellow and would be willing to work with our committee to develop a nomination package, we would love to hear from you.** Please don't hesitate to reach out to someone on our committee to discuss. Our contact information is listed below.

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## AICHE GLOBAL NEWS

	<p><b>It's time to vote for the 2021 AIChE Board of Directors!</b></p> <p>Voting by paper and electronic proxy ballot will begin on <b>September 14 and end on October 19</b>. The election results will be announced on <b>November 16</b>, during the Annual Business Meeting.</p> <p>Learn more, meet the nominees, and cast your ballot here: <a href="https://www.aiche.org/about/governance/elections/2020-board-directors-election">https://www.aiche.org/about/governance/elections/2020-board-directors-election</a></p>
	<p><b>AIChE Announces First Virtual Annual Meeting, Nov. 16-20, 2020.</b></p> <p>Join in November for AIChE's 2020 Annual Meeting. AIChE looks forward to providing you with a unique, virtual experience that will enhance your career development and professional growth and to sharing quality time and great programming.</p> <p>Learn more: <a href="https://www.aiche.org/conferences/aiche-annual-meeting/2020">https://www.aiche.org/conferences/aiche-annual-meeting/2020</a></p>
	<p><b>Meet some of AIChE's 2020 Fellows!</b></p> <p>The rank of Fellow is AIChE's highest grade of membership and is achieved only through election by the Board of Directors. Candidates for AIChE Fellow are nominated by their peers and must have significant chemical engineering experience (generally 25 years), must have demonstrated significant service to the profession, and must have been a member of AIChE for at least 10 years. More fellows will be introduced in future issues of CEP and on ChEnected.</p> <p>Meet these fellows: <a href="https://www.aiche.org/chenedted/2020/08/introducing-some-aiches-new-fellows">https://www.aiche.org/chenedted/2020/08/introducing-some-aiches-new-fellows</a></p>

IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR GLOBAL AIChE NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL TENI BUTLER [TRBUTLER@EASTMAN.COM](mailto:TRBUTLER@EASTMAN.COM).

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