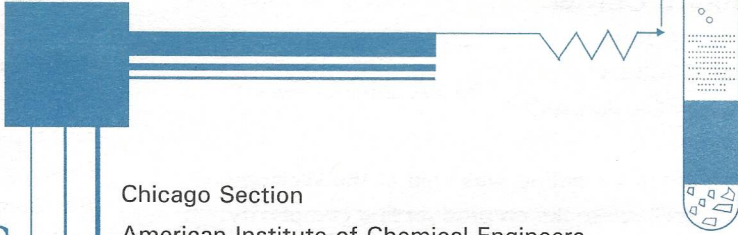


Chicago section Columns



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April Meeting Notice

April 14, 2004
University of Illinois - Chicago Campus
Cardinal Room, CCC Building
750 S. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL

Agenda

Room Opens.....6:00 pm
Judging & Job Table Opens.....6:30 pm
Buffet Opens.....7:15 pm
Panel Discussion.....8:00 pm

Cost

\$25 for members
\$35 for non-members - Join Now!
No charge for AIChE student chapter members
(see your advisor).

Menu

Seafood stir fry. Buffet includes jasmine scented rice, fried rice, asian noodle salad, mini egg rolls and fortune cookies, with an assortment of soft drinks.

Reservations

Make your reservations by calling the AIChE Reservation Hotline at 847-588-3323 or emailing evalopez@teianalytical.com. Or register online at www.aiche-chicago.org. Deadline is noon April 8, 2004.

Student Poster Competition and Local Career Panel Discussion

Come review the latest, greatest work by students at our local universities. Take time to get to know them. At dinner, enjoy a panel discussion including representatives of Abbott Laboratories, UOP, bp and Cognis to discuss what it takes to qualify and thrive in the companies they work in. Responses to questions sent prior to the meeting will be discussed first, followed by questions from the audience. Check out the openings at the jobs table.

Directions

From 90/94 exit Taylor heading west. Head North onto Halsted. Parking garage available at North-East corner of Taylor and Halsted and can be accessed from either street.

From 290 Exit Racine going South. Head East onto Harrison. Head South on Halsted. Parking garage available at North-East corner of Taylor and Halsted and can be accessed from either street.

Enter CCC through doors located off of Halsted. Follow directions to the Cardinal room provided in CCC.

Chair's Corner

Dennis O'Brien
Chair 2003-04
Chicago Section AIChE

The February meeting was held at the Wellington. George Elliott spoke on product line complexity. The talk was very interesting and there were many questions and follow-up discussions. Annette did a great job in selecting and inviting this speaker.

On Friday we had a board meeting in Mt. Prospect. At this meeting we discussed changing the newsletter frequency and content, hosting a job table at the monthly meetings, hosting a seminar next October and meetings for the next year.

Newsletter: Like many of the local sections the printed newsletter is a major cost item in the annual budget. We are planning on going to 3 newsletters next year - one in August with details on the first three meetings of 2004-2005 year. The second will be in December with the details for the next 3 meetings. The 3rd newsletter will cover the last two meetings and contain the ballot for the officer elections in May.

Between newsletters we will send out a one-page reminder about the meeting. This mailing will include the Chair's corner and the meeting announcement. We would prefer to limit the paper copies of this mailing. We will email to those for whom we have email addresses. Members without email addresses will receive paper copies.

Don Nell has done a tremendous job in preparing the monthly newsletter. His sense of humor has almost kept us sane through this year.

Job table: Jerry Bard has suggested that we start a job table at the monthly meetings. We have one or two members a month that attend who are looking for a job. At several meetings we have had several managers looking for candidates. We would like a volunteer to staff this at the April meeting. Please contact me if you are interested.

Meetings next year: A Board planning meeting was attended by Rebecca Patrick, Annette Johnston, Brian Gahan, Clint Butcher, Narayanan Sankaran, and Urmila Diwekar. We discussed meeting sites and topics for next year. Our traditional fall meeting is at Goose Island. We plan on doing that this September. We would like to hold a seminar in October. Currently we are planning it around separations. This would include membranes, adsorbents, ultra filtration and distillation. This might be done jointly with another organization. If you would like to work on this project please contact Dennis O'Brien or Urmila Diwekar.

In November we are thinking of having the meeting at the Wellington and the topics would be career improvement and stress management. This might be a panel discussion. In 2005 we would like to have a meeting on food processing and nano-technology.

George Jarvi and Dave Wishnick have been terrific at scheduling meetings and setting up to register attendees.

Finances: Brian Gahan provided a report on the state of the section's finances. We were near zero on our checking account until the final payment of dues came in from National. In late January we received the 1st payment on this year's dues that brought our balance to \$7000. There was some discussion on other sources of income-donations from companies, sale of ads in the newsletter or website, or having a seminar.

The objectives of the AIChE are to advance chemical engineering in theory and practice, to maintain a high professional standard among its members and to serve society, particularly where chemical engineering can contribute to the public interest. Whaaat? If you have any questions, comments or snide remarks regarding the newsletter, please contact the new sheriff in town at polarbear4x@yahoo.com. Whaaat?

Chicago Section Columns is published eight times a year by the Chicago Section WWE. Whaaat? Opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Baron von Raschke or Nick Bockwinkle. Whaaat? Articles for inclusion in the next Chicago Section Columns must be received no later than March 26, 2004. Whaaat?

Nominations are Open for Chicago Section Officers

The Nominating Committee of Rebecca Patrick, Dennis O'Brien, and Alan Levine is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for officers and a director-at-large for the Chicago Section AIChE for the 2004-2005 year.

The elections will be held at the section's Annual Meeting on May 12, 2004.

A nomination form and request for absentee ballot form are published in this newsletter. The winning candidates terms will start July 1, 2004. From our By-laws, to be an officer or a Director-at-Large, the candidate "must be a member of the Section in good standing (paid local dues or the ability to say "toy boat" ten times fast) for at least two successive fiscal years including the year in which the election is held. In addition, all officers and Directors-at-Large of the Section must be Fellows, Members, or Associate Members" of AIChE National. "The Chairman shall have served at least one year on the Board of Directors before he is eligible to hold the Chairmanship."

The nomination form must be returned to the Secretary, Narayanan Sankaran, or submitted in person by the close of the April 14, 2004 meeting. The final slate of candidates will be determined by the nominating committee and published in the May newsletter.

Six positions are open. The Chair will serve a one-year term. The Chair-elect will serve a one-year term followed by a one-year term as Chair. The Vice-Chair program, Secretary and Treasurer will all serve one-year terms. A Director-at-Large will be elected to a three-year term.

There are three Directors-at-Large whose terms expire on a rotating schedule.

Any member in good standing who cannot attend the Annual Meeting may request an absentee ballot. The absentee ballots will be available after the April 14th meeting. For an absentee ballot please return the form to the right to Narayanan Sankaran.

NOMINATION FORM

I suggest the following names for elective office in the Chicago Section AIChE:

Chair

Chair-Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Director-at-Large

Signature

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I cannot attend the annual meeting in May 2004. Please send me an absentee ballot.

Signature

Name

Address

Return this form to:
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