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Elections for Executive Committee 2024-2025

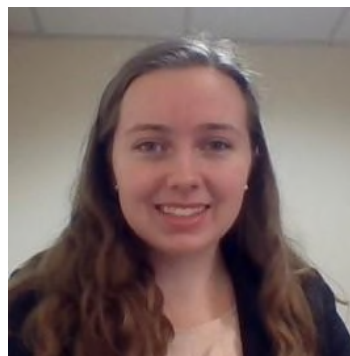
Candidates

You can find bios of candidates running for positions on the Executive Committee for fiscal year 2024-2025 below. We are sending this only to Dallas Local Section members eligible to vote. You should receive a ballot by email shortly and we strongly request that you cast your vote.

Candidate for Chair

Jennifer LaCour

Jennifer LaCour received her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in May of 2022. She was active in the OU student section of AIChE, and she is Vice Chair of the Dallas local section for 2023-2024. She currently works at Texas Instruments as a manufacturing process engineer working in the area of thin film deposition of metals and dielectrics using physical and chemical vapor deposition.



Candidate for Secretary

Aaron Hanks

Aaron Hanks is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a BS in Chemical engineering. He is originally from Lufkin, TX and interned at the paper mill there in the summers during college. Aaron has spent the majority of his career working as a process engineer at engineering consulting firms – Mustang Engineering, and Freese & Nichols – focused on the traditional oil and gas industry. More recently, Aaron and three business partners have launched Creo Engineering which is a consulting firm focused on balance of plant engineering for dairy biogas facilities. He currently serves as Vice President, Engineering, for Creo Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer (PE). Aaron currently lives in Dallas, TX with his wife Ashley and two children, ages 9 and 11. In his spare time, he enjoys trying to catch fish from his kayak and cycling.



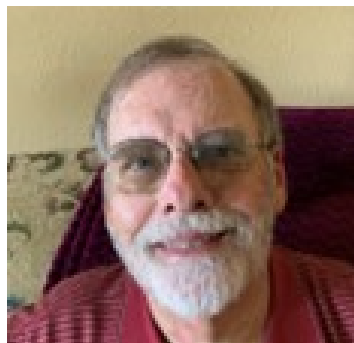
Candidate for Treasurer

Billy Jack Riddle

I received my Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1978. I had gone through the chemical engineering program while in the U.S. Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps; thus, receiving a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy upon graduation. I served four years on active duty in the U.S. Navy on Navy warships in shipboard propulsion as an Engineering Duty Officer; twenty years overall including the reserves. I am a Lieutenant Commander.

After completing my active-duty tour, I joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an Environmental Engineer for seven years. Then, I transferred to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as an Engineer Revenue Agent for 20 years. While at IRS I earned a degree in accounting. I am a professional engineer in Texas.

After I retired in 2010 after 32 years as a federal agent, I took a job as Plant Manager at Rain Fresh Bottled Water, where I buy my drinking water. I had to resign because of an injury. Next, I was an instructor at Mathnasium: The Math Learning Center for eight months. I intend to return to this soon.



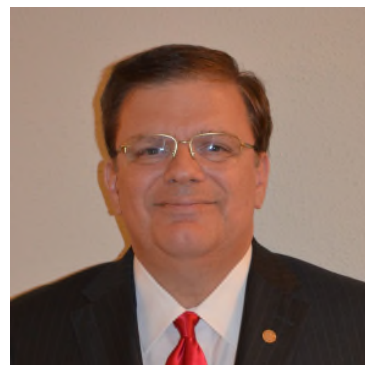
I still enjoy and study chemical engineering. I am currently studying chemical reactor design and chemical process control from textbooks written by professors I studied under at the University of Minnesota.

I have been an AIChE Dallas Local Section Director for three years. I would like to be Treasurer because I like that kind of work and have the education for it, being a degreed accountant.

Candidates for Director

Robert Stevens

Bob Stevens has his BS in Chemical Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly UMR and MSM) in Rolla, Missouri, where he did his masters work in Engineering Management. He received an honorary degree for professional distinction in chemical engineering from his alma mater. He is a retired engineering executive with the Bechtel Corporation, having worked around the world (every continent except Antarctica) on projects in the areas of oil, gas, chemical, LNG, fossil and nuclear power, and environmental cleanup. He has received numerous awards. In his spare time, Bob enjoys wines and photography.



David Dickey

Consultant in Mixing Equipment and Processes
President MixTech, Inc.
Processes and Equipment for Fluids Mixing,
Powder Mixing, and Combinations of Fluids and
Powders. Equipment Components and Design,
Process Engineering and Application

B.S. in Chemical Engineering, University of
Illinois, Urbana, IL

M.S. in Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, Purdue University

More than fifty years of experience in chemical engineering, applied research, and creative development for the design of process equipment and applications. Extensive engineering experience in liquid mixing applications and equipment. Additional experience in solids mixing, heat transfer,



distillation, and mass transfer, plus combustion, catalytic reactors, and reaction kinetics. Active in the Dallas Local Section, having served as Director from 2019 to 2021 and Treasurer from 2021 to 2024.

James Muhitch

Dr. James Muhitch is a manager of clinical scientists at Galderma Research & Development in Dallas, TX. In this role, Dr. Muhitch leads a very talented and passionate team with a deep commitment to advancing the field of dermatology through clinical research and innovation. He is a scientific leader with extensive experience spanning pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and consumer products at top Fortune 500 companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Novartis, and Nestle.



James holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering and a Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology from Tulane University. In addition, he holds MS and BS degrees in chemical engineering and a BA in chemistry from the University of Buffalo.

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