

# AIChE FELLOWS COUNCIL

## 2020 REPORT TO CEOC

### **2020 Officers**

Chair: Dave Eckhardt (to 3/20), Jo Rogers (to 6/20), Robert Ofoli

Vice Chair: Robert Ofoli (to 6/20), Annette Johnston

Past Chair: Jo Rogers

Secretary: John O'Connell

### **2020 Goals**

1. Two Fellows Breakfasts – provide attendees with a snapshot of Fellows engagement with AIChE and Foundation and encourage volunteer activities supporting AIChE's Strategic Plan and Foundation project initiatives. Have attendees fill out a form indicating potential activities and entities they might participate in.
2. Two Fellows Council face-to-face meetings following Fellows Breakfasts with open invitations to Fellows Breakfast attendees to attend and share thoughts. Special invitations to international Fellows as sit-in guests.
3. Three Newsletters – to highlight news of interest to Fellows about AIChE programs, entities, and new initiatives (e.g. RAPID, CCPS) and to suggest areas for volunteer activity of value to AIChE programs and new initiatives
4. Update & maintain Fellows website
5. Welcome (via email and/or phone call) newly elected Fellows by the Fellows Council Chair, and encourage participation in Fellows Breakfast
6. Continue recognizing Fellows of 25+ years at Fellows Gatherings with certificates sent to them
7. Expand the number of FC members and become more diverse and inclusive
8. Establish a Fellows Foundation Endowment with support of a specific program
9. Support AIChE programs and entities, with focus on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)

### **2020 Accomplishments**

1. Met goal 1 by two virtual Gatherings in August and November in lieu of Breakfasts. The programs were similar to traditional Breakfasts plus augmented by Breakouts discussing elements of AIChE programs. The August Gathering had separate discussions associated with the AIChE thrust in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. See the attached Summary. While the volunteer form was not used, Breakouts at the November Gathering will focus on Fellow volunteering opportunities.
2. Goal 2 exceeded by six Fellows Council virtual meetings held in January, March, June, July, September, October/November (scheduled).
3. Goal 3 will be fully met after third Newsletter to be published in early November. Two newsletters have already been published. The format was revised; links instead of pdf files sent to Fellows with

full version posted on Fellows website. Features included Foundation news and the Institute EDI statement.

4. Partially met goal 4. Some Fellows website updates completed, but more to follow
5. Met goal 5
6. Met goal 6
7. Met goal 7 since Fellows Council Membership and officers have been increased for 2021 with greater diversity
8. Met initial goal 8; proposed \$200k endowment to support project of AIChE Chemical Engineering for Good Challenge (ACE4G). Currently ~\$3,000 raised; need \$50k to kickstart. All FC members are expected to donate. A Steering Committee including RO and JO is being established with the initial meeting TBA.
9. Met goal 9. Joined SIOC/Fellows Working Group on EDI with Z. Gephardt (Chair) and J. O'Connell (Co-Chair). Planned Breakouts for August Fellows Gathering. Discussed other elements of EDI. WG now absorbed into Institute-wide Task Force on EDI with R. Ofoli, A. Johnston and J. O'Connell as members.
10. A presentation by leaders of the Admissions Committee was made to the full FC. The subjects included revisions to the Nomination form and indications of modifications of the confidential rubric used by AdCom for evaluating Fellow nominations.
11. A proposal from the Executive Director to combine the Annual Business Meeting with the Fellows Breakfast was accepted and will expect to be implemented in Fall, 2021.

### **2021 Officers**

Chair: Robert Ofoli

Vice Chair: Annette Johnston

Past Chair: Jo Rogers

Secretary: John O'Connell; Anthony Fregosi in training for 2022

### **2021 Goals**

1. Continue activities of prior years: two Fellows Breakfasts/Gatherings, four Fellows Council meetings, three Newsletters, update & maintain Fellows Website
2. Specific goals with numerical targets to be determined at next FC meeting for items with \*
  - a. Nominate minority members to Fellow grade (racial, gender, sexual orientation, etc.)\*
  - b. Each FC member should pledge to annually nominate at least one person
  - c. Raise funds for the Fellows Endowment\*
  - d. Actively promote nominations of minority candidates (women, African-American, Hispanic-Latino, LBGTO, etc.) to the grade of AIChE Fellow by December 2021\*
  - e. Actively promote the nomination of international candidates to the grade of AIChE Fellow by December 2021\*
  - f. Provide mentoring opportunities for Fellows by working with AIChE entities that support students and young professionals.

Notes:

1. Under FC Bylaws, leadership positions are for three-year terms. Vice Chair, Chair, & Past Chair is one three-year term.
2. FC Members serve three-year terms and may be elected to a second three-year term.