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## LSC Executive Committee

Owen Jappen, Past Chair

Mary Lynch, Chair

Peter Schwalbenberg, Vice Chair

Amanda Scalza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Monica Mellinger, AIChE Staff Liaison to Local Sections

## Letter from the Chair

By: Owen Jappen, Local Sections Committee Chair

*Local Section Leaders and Readers – Happy Spring! The change of the season not only means the heralding of new weather, but of another AIChE Meeting, this year in sunny Orlando! For those of you able to attend, the LSC will be gathering on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 12:30pm (lunch will be provided)!*

*The Spring Meeting also means the changing of the guard here at LSC. Many of you have likely gotten to know her during her time as Vice Chair, but if not please give a warm welcome to Mary Lynch of Metro-NY Section! With this change, we will also welcome Amanda Scalza as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Peter Schwalbenberg as Vice Chair. We are currently searching for someone to fill the role of LSC Secretary as well as many positions at the Young Professionals Committee LSC Subcommittee – check out this opportunity and others on [AIChE Volunteer Central](#)!*

*On an administrative note, if your local section is registered as a non-profit organization, IRS Filings are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If your banking information has changed, please be sure to update it with AIChE staff by emailing Monica ([monis@aiche.org](mailto:monis@aiche.org)).*

*Thanks for all you do to act local and think global!*

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## Welcome LSC Executive Committee

### Mary Lynch, Chair

I am a chemical engineer working in a mechanical engineering world. I work for a power company. I have been active in the Metro NY local section for many years and currently serve as chair of that section. I began my service in my local section on the programming committee helping to find speakers and on the youth outreach committee attending events arranged by local colleges and high schools who sought engineers for their career day events. Through the AIChE, I have made friends who work in a wide array of companies and I believe that my life is richer for these friendships. I have also had the pleasure to meet numerous ChE students who are studying at the 7 engineering schools in our region. Meeting and assisting students and recent engineering graduates is something that I enjoy very much. For about 4 years, I have been participating on AIChE conference calls where officers of local sections in my region share information, and two years ago I became a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president of the AIChE Local Section Committee, which meant that I participated on the regional calls for all regions. This year, I begin my term as president of the LSC. I would like to get to know the leadership at the various sections better, and hope

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Leaders  
Local Section Leader Central

### Contact Us

localsections@aiche.org

### Upcoming LSC Conference Calls

June 6 at 11am

All local section chairs,  
vice chairs, secretaries  
and treasurers are invited  
to attend these calls.

**Phone:** 800-531-3250  
(U.S.) or 001-631-609-  
4056 (International)

**Access Code:**  
3249482598

We will also be meeting  
in-person on April 23, at  
12:30pm Eastern at the  
2018 Spring Meeting

that I might be able to attend some of your functions. Please feel free to email me at [mary.lynch@rcn.com](mailto:mary.lynch@rcn.com)

## Amanda Scalza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

I am a production manager at SC Johnson, located in Wisconsin. I started out as part of the Virtual Local Section, serving as Chair in 2015. I have also been a director in the Texas Gulf Coast Location section and I am currently a part of the Virtual Local Section and Chicago local section. Serving in local sections has allowed me to develop my leadership skills as a young professional, and I am thankful for my varied experiences with the sections. As someone who has moved frequently, having AIChE and the local sections helps me more quickly treat a new location as home. Most recently, I have served a secretary for the Local Section Committee and look forward to continuing my work with the committee. You are welcome to contact me at [ascalza@gmail.com](mailto:ascalza@gmail.com).

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## Local Section Treasurers Reports Due

This is a friendly reminder that **local section taxes are due by the federal deadline of May 15\***. Upon submittal of your tax filing, please complete the [AIChE Local Section Treasurer's Report which is due on May 31<sup>st</sup>](#) of each year. These are both requirements to maintain an active local section status with AIChE.

You can find additional resources that describe the process and forms you need to fill out on behalf of your local section on the [Resources for Local Section Leaders website](#). Additionally, you can review the tax instructions in pdf form [here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

\*Note that this deadline is only for local sections who follow a January 1 – December 31 fiscal year. If you have a different fiscal year you are required have them filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your fiscal year.

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## 2018 AIChE Beer Brewing Competition

With the support of the [AIChE Foundation](#), AIChE and the [Young Professionals Committee](#), come showcase your chemical engineering skills by participating in the second annual AIChE Beer Brewing Competition (ABBC). ABBC will allow AIChE Local Sections to create teams of two to five professional members, over the age of 21, to brew their own beer in a particular style category (undergraduate students not eligible to participate). Professional beer tasting judges will then score beers according to a standard beer tasting rubric. Teams will also strut their chemical engineering muscles through a poster competition describing their processes and creative design that has gone into their brew. The prizes are big, the processes are batch, and the competition is exciting. The second competition will be held at the [2018 AIChE Annual Meeting](#).

## Engage Young Professionals in Your Sections - Recommendations

In 2017 the AIChE Board of Directors implemented a new initiative to get more recent graduates involved in AIChE. As of 2017, and every year moving forward, **graduating seniors will automatically receive their first year of Young Professional membership in AIChE at no charge.** Learn more about this initiative [here](#). As the future of chemical engineering and the Institute, engaging these young members is of utmost importance. So how can you, as local section leaders, help?

The [AIChE Local Section Committee](#) (LSC) discussed extensively and brainstormed ways to promote involvement of Young Professional members in your Local Section. The LSC hopes that these suggestions inspire you and your section leadership to also brainstorm unique ways, specific to your section, to involve YPs in your local ChemE community.

- 1) **Advertise more volunteer opportunities geared toward YP members in your section.** Think of small tasks or projects – statistics show working on smaller level initiatives leads to participation in a larger scale capacity! With lots of people doing small tasks, the greater goal can be reached more quickly and efficiently. Learn more about micro-volunteering [here](#).  
*Examples: Coordinating or participating in chemical engineering demos for HS and science fairs. Break down monthly event planning into small pieces; assign subtasks of the planning in pieces (find/confirm the speaker, find/confirm the venue, send invitations and record RSVPs, etc.).*
- 2) **Tailor your communications to YP members.** Take a look at your website; is there content geared toward YPs? Is it catchy, interesting and provide resources for your YP members? Do you have a newsletter that is published regularly? Is its content appealing to a YP member? Is the content short and sweet, or detailed and long? In this modern era keep messaging short and specific; it leads toward better readership.
- 3) **Spend time specifically reaching out to YP members** who are AIChE members, but may not be involved in your section yet. See your [membership list](#) [here](#) from AIChE. Most sections have a large pool of AIChE members living in their area who are not yet activated with their local section. Reach out to these members and ask for their input and participation in your section. Create programming and content of interest to them. Get ahead of the game by reaching out to local university seniors; remind them that AIChE local sections exist all over the world and that upon graduation they should seek out their nearest section!
- 4) **Organize events and activities appealing to YPs to demonstrate the value of being involved.** *Think: Workshops in leadership/management skills, obtaining and maintaining PE licenses, and MBA and Masters Degree discussions.* Networking-specific events are also highly desirable for YP members as they begin their careers – Don't be afraid of purely social or fun events, like bowling and happy hours. Create mentorship opportunities between YPs and older professionals as another valuable aspect of membership.

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## Call for LS Volunteer for Secretary

The AIChE Local Sections Committee (LSC) is looking to fill the role of Secretary within their committee. Responsibilities include:

- Takes and distributes notes from each LSC meeting
- Keeps a record of all LSC notes
- Attends regular LSC conference calls
- Participates in the Local Section Leaders Central Engage community
- Fills in for chair, vice-chair, 2nd vice-chair if they are not available for a call
- Attend an in-person LSC meeting at either AIChE's Spring Meeting or AIChE's Annual Meeting, if possible.

This is a one year term, starting at AIChE's 2018 Spring Meeting and going through AIChE's 2019 Spring Meeting.

If you are interested in this opportunity or know someone who may be interested, please go to [Volunteer Central](#) to apply or nominate someone.

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## Featured YP Local Section: East Tennessee Gets into the Rhythm

AIChE's East Tennessee YP Group knows how to kick it up and get social. We got the inside story on what the 45-member group does to promote connections and engagement from AIChE's YP coordinator Erin Ekart, who is a ChemE at Eastman Chemical Company.

### High energy social events

The East Tennessee YP Group has been active for five years and is part of the larger AIChE East Tennessee chapter. The section holds quarterly events, and their annual Salsa night is one of their most popular and anticipated events. The dance event, now in its fifth year, offers beginner and advanced lessons, which encourages everyone to participate, regardless of experience. The night concludes with a fun dance party where all the members can show off their new skills. "It's surprising how many good dancers we have. Even if you're not a good dancer, it's still a good time," says Ekart.

Last year East Tennessee YPs began a new tradition – an ornament decorating party for the holidays. Ekart comments, "Everyone had a lot of fun making crazy ornaments. When we were finished, there was glitter everywhere!"

### Recruiting new members and leaders

To recruit new members, the section hosts a new hire picnic for all of the new chemical engineers working in the area. All the YP section officers attend to give summaries of their roles and offer information about the chapter in general. Ekart adds, "We try to get the new hires involved in committees, then recruit leaders once they get involved in the chapter."

Section members make an effort to be involved in their community. Ekart comments, "We have several other young professional groups in the area, so linking

up with them has been a great way to expand our network outside of chemical engineers. We've also found a lot of success and interest in volunteering opportunities at events in our community in addition to the fun, more social events. We do demonstrations for schools or other events for youth. Everyone has a lot of fun plus the kids learn about chemical engineering."

#### **Local YP section benefits**

There are so many benefits to being part of an AIChE YP section. The groups offer various opportunities for higher education, personal and professional growth, information about the latest advancements in the chemical engineering field, networking events, and informative seminars.

The East Tennessee section is no exception. "Our chapter puts on technical seminars about all sorts of topics. It's always interesting to learn something new about an aspect of chemical engineering that you may not otherwise be exposed to. One of the coolest parts of our YP group is the access to experienced engineers. While we do have a dedicated YP section of our chapter, we never exclude the seasoned engineers. It's a great way to network and get career advice. Who decides who's young, anyway?" says Ekart.

The East Tennessee local section has some new and exciting things planned for the rest of 2018. Ekart says, "We will continue to host our Salsa night and holiday party, and this year we want to have a board game night. We will have some more involved tabletop games like Pandemic or Seven Wonders, but we'll have the usual party games as well. There will be a game for everyone!"

If you are interested in becoming a member of the AIChE East Tennessee local chapter or if you would like more information, please [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Local Section Events

### **Mid-Michigan Local Section**

*STEAM COFFIN – Building the First “Steamship” in History*

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6:00pm-7:30pm EDT

### **Rocky Mountain Local Section**

*Film Viewing - An Inconvenient Sequel – Truth to Power*

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 5:00pm-9:30pm MDT

### **Susquehanna Local Section**

*Liquid Mixing Demonstration at Philadelphia Mixing Solutions*

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 5:30pm EDT

### **Baton Rouge Local Section**

*April 2018 Meeting*

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 5:30pm CDT

**Columbia Valley Local Section**

[Celebration of Science](#)

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11:00am-3:00pm PDT

**Eastern North Carolina Local Section**

[Meeting Announcement 4-26-18](#)

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 5:30pm EDT

**Western South Carolina Local Section**

[May 2018 Social](#)

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 2:00pm-5:00pm EDT

**Baton Rouge Local Section**

[Spring 2018 Seminar](#)

Friday, May 18, 2018, 8:00am-5:00pm CDT

**St. Louis Local Section**

[Proctor & Gamble Plant Tour](#)

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 5:00pm-8:00pm CDT

**Dallas Local Section**

[Draft Witherspoon Distillery Tour](#)

Friday, May 25, 2018, 1:30pm-4:00pm CDT

**St. Louis Local Section**

[St. Louis Distillery Tour](#)

Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 5:00pm-8:00pm CDT

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## AICHE Volunteer Opportunities

[AICHE Volunteer Central](#) is the latest way for you to get involved in your chemical engineering organization. Members like you can search and apply for AICHE volunteer opportunities from anywhere in the world.

One of the biggest benefits to being a part of an organization like AICHE is giving back to your community through your volunteer contributions and participation. If you have volunteered with AICHE in the past, Volunteer Central is a great way to get re-engaged with the organization.

Most opportunities are micro-volunteering, so they take only a short amount of time and can be completed virtually. If you're looking for a little bit more involvement, we have longer-term, project-oriented opportunities also available. If you're really looking to make an impact,

keep an eye out for formal roles within Institute-level committees, divisions or forums. Whatever amount of time and energy you have available, we have a volunteer opportunity for you!

### 3 Easy Steps to Get Started

1) [Make sure you opt-in to the volunteer pool](#) to keep informed on how you can participate with AIChE.

2) [Fill out your volunteer profile](#) to start receiving notifications about volunteer opportunities that fit you, with a link to the opportunity's application. Completing this profile helps us tailor volunteer opportunities to your interests and expertise.

3) [Search the full list of opportunities](#) to see if one matches your interests. There currently are over 20 open positions for Young Professional AIChE members. [Check them out!](#)

We look forward to your participation in the coming months and years.

*Login is required to apply for any open volunteer opportunity. If you do not know or remember your AIChE website username or password, please contact [CustomerService@aiche.org](mailto:CustomerService@aiche.org).*

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## Announcing AIChE's Member Get a Member Program

With AIChE's Member-Get-a-Member-Program, you can be a force that helps build a global community of chemical engineers. And as you participate, you can win prizes and encourage others to belong to something bigger. Here are some of the details:

### ***Participate as an individual or on behalf of your community***

Current AIChE professional and undergraduate student members are welcome and encouraged to participate as champions. Champions will be eligible for rewards and/or drawings each time they recruit a member who is verified to be joining AIChE as a *new* member. AIChE Communities (divisions, forums, local sections, committees, etc.) are also welcome and encouraged to participate as champions. If you're interested in participating on behalf of your AIChE community, [click here](#).

### ***What do you do?***

Use the orange [Invite a Peer button](#) on this page to send an invitation to your peer. This invitation will lead them through the process. Or, if they join on their own, be sure to tell your newly joining members to include the following on their membership application:

- The code **FRIEND\***
- Your first and last name in the field of "**Who referred you to join?**"

### ***How do you benefit?***

The champion and the joining member will receive one entry into a drawing for a **\$50 Amazon Gift Card** that will be held during the quarter of the join, as well as a grand prize drawing at the end of the calendar year for a **\$300 Amazon Gift Card**.

Champions will also receive a **\$20 Amazon Gift Card** for each joining new professional member (excluding joining new undergraduate student members). Champions will be given the option of receiving a \$20 credit toward their next year dues renewal in lieu of the Gift Card.

[Learn more about the details and how to Invite a Peer](#)

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## Local Section Leaders Central



AICHE Engage [Local Section Leader Central](#) launched in December 2016. This new discussion platform, exclusively for AICHE local section chairs, past chairs, vice chairs, secretaries and treasurers, allows you to connect with your fellow leaders to share best practices, ask questions of each other and share ideas.

It will also be used as the main communication tool to reach our section leaders. Through [AICHE Engage](#) you can also manage your profile and keep track of your member benefits.

To make the most out of this new platform, I encourage you to login and update your AICHE member profile with your up to date career information and upload a photo of yourself so your peers can put a face with your name (this can be imported directly from LinkedIn!). I look forward to seeing each of you on Engage!

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## Resources for Section Leaders

### **Speaker's Corner**

The [Speakers Corner](#) provides local sections with a list of experts and outstanding communicators who are interested in presenting on their work and the state of chemical engineering. This is a great tool for planning programming at your section's meeting!

### **Funding for Sections Available**

Apply today for a [Program Planning Grant](#) or a [Project Connect Grant!](#) Awards available to assist local sections with membership outreach efforts. Next deadline is for the Project Connect Grant is June 30, 2018. Next deadline for the Program Planning Grant is September 30, 2018.

### **Shining Star Award**

Recognize outstanding volunteerism within your local section by nominating someone for the [Shining Star Award](#). Deadline for nominations is November 30, 2018.





### **Update Your Officer Roster**

You can see who AIChE has listed as officers of your local section by clicking on your section name in the [Find a Local Section website](#). If this listing is out of date, [complete the officer update form](#).

### **Website Platform Available at No Charge**

Whether you're using AIChE's old platform or are using a third party platform, learn more about [AIChE's web platform](#), [see examples](#) of sections already using them, and [request your new, free website today](#).

More resources available at the [Resources for Local Section Leaders](#) website.

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Thank you for your dedication to AIChE and your Local Section!