

Elections Update

Position statements and bios for president-elect, secretary and director candidates for the 2007 election are available on the web at <http://www.aiche.org/candidates/>. Paper ballots have been mailed to fellows, senior members and members. Members can choose to vote either by paper ballot or by electronic proxy.

Electronic proxy is available through October. Visit <http://www.css-consult.com/elections/AICHE2007>. Use your membership number as a personal identification number. Paper ballots and electronic proxies must be received by Oct. 2, 2006.

Election results will be announced at the AICHE Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, and in the December issue of *Extra*. E-mail your questions to election@aiche.org.

And the Nominees Are...

AICHE President John Chen is forming the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the 2007 elections. If you are interested in serving on the committee, or in recommending names for the committee's consideration, contact Dr. Chen at president@aiche.org.

Members Only Benefits

Members of AICHE are eligible to purchase insurance plans that can be taken with you when you change jobs or careers (www.aicheinsurance.com). Life, health, medicare supplement, auto, rental, house, *pet* and other insurance products offer special rates. With the 10-year level term life plan, premiums and benefits remain steady for 10 years. A discount prescription plan is also available.

Call for Papers

SBE's 1st International Conference on Biomolecular Engineering at Coronado Island Marriott Resort from Jan. 14–18, 2007 (Coronado Island, CA).

Upcoming Event

SERMACS 2006 (SE Regional Meeting of the Amer. Chem. Soc.) "Linking Chemistry in the Southeast"; Nov. 1–4, 2006; Augusta, GA.

AICHE's Centennial Celebration Community

AICHE will celebrate its Centennial in 2008. In the spirit of celebrating a profession we share, AICHE would like to know your views on the the following topics and engage you in the rediscovery of our past. We are especially interested in hearing from our *Students and Young Professionals*.

- What is the role of a ChE in society? How are we perceived? What will be expected of a ChE in the future? What can we do to grow our profession? (500 to 700 words)
- Original Narratives (500 to 700 words). Submit a narrative — serious or ironic, clear or confusing, poignant or mysterious — illustrating the varied perceptions of the ChE experience from early, mid and late points in their careers.
- Volunteers are sought to participate in Centennial initiatives, such as a Membership Motivation Study. In this program, students might interview industry professionals and submit a narrative or Q&A file.
- With the impending launch of our Centennial Blog, we seek members who will faithfully maintain, update and manage the blog, defining areas of interest and coordinating with others who develop copy.
- Feedback in response to the materials published in *CEP* and on the Blog are welcome.

All questions and editorial material should be directed to Barry Tarmy at bltarmy@comcast.net

Support AICHE's National Student Conference

Show your support of young chemical engineers by sponsoring AICHE's National Student Conference. These donations make it possible for more than 1,000 chemical engineering undergraduates to enjoy scholarly contests, career workshops, the Chem-E-Car Competition, and more. New this year -- Beginning at a donation level of \$2,000, Student Conference sponsors will receive a booth at a "Meet the Sponsors" Career Fair, Sun., Nov. 12.

Further incentives for sponsors include complimentary registration to the AICHE Annual Meeting and exclusive event sponsorships. Sponsors receive recognition onsite at the Annual Meeting and Student Conference — including signs and print literature, public acknowledgement, and a logo displayed on the Student Conference souvenir tee-shirt. For more information, contact: <http://www.aiche.org/Students/>

The Undergraduate Student Poster Session will be held at AICHE's Annual Meeting and National Student Conference; Monday, November 13, 2006, 12:30 – 4:00 PM at the San Francisco Hilton.

Poster topics are listed at <http://students.aiche.org/events/posterguidelines.asp>. Submit a 200 word abstract for each category in which you are interested online at: <http://aiche.confex.com/aiche/2006/poster/papers/index.cgi>. Technical difficulties? Contact AICHE's Jeff Wood at jeffw@aiche.org. Poster session questions? contact Prof. Christopher Williams at <http://aiche.confex.com/aiche/2006/poster/papers/index.cgi>.

OBITUARIES

HERBERT A. EPSTEIN (1947 – 2006). The AICHE community remembers Herbert Epstein, whose long career of services to our organization has brought to fruition many of the programs that our members value most. As Chair of the AICHE Professional Development Committee in 1995 and 1996, Herbie helped create the Resume Roundtable and Employment Peer Review programs, which were aimed at helping younger as well as more experienced engineers find new or more challenging employment. Herbie also played a key role in establishing Topical Conference Meetings and received the Institute's Lappin Award in 2005 for service to technical programming. Herbie worked selflessly on behalf of his family, his friends, and his profession. The chemical engineering community has lost a true friend and a tireless advocate.

ARTHUR B. METZNER (Age 79, Wilmington, DE), AICHE Fellow, spent most of his career at the Univ. of Delaware, where he held the H. Fletcher Brown Chair until his death in May 2006. Arthur's many contributions to chemical engineering, particularly in non-Newtonian fluids, led to his designation as an Eminent Member of the profession in 1983. He had a tremendous positive influence on his students. Many of them now hold leadership positions in both academic and industry.

JOHN KUNESH (Age 68, Red River, NM) and his wife Denise Hancock Kunesh died on Saturday July 29, 2006, due to injuries sustained in a car accident. They had been happily married for 20 years, sharing a passion for adventure, a love for animals, and a dedication to tier community. John was an independent contractor for the DOE. He and his wife are survived by three children, a son- and a daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren.