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JANUARY MEETING: THE VIRTUAL LOCAL SECTION: PATH FORWARD
Supporting Chemical Engineers Everywhere

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THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2014

9:00 pm EST, 8:00 pm CST, 7:00 pm MST, 6:00 pm PST;

UTC/GMT 0200 on 19 December 2014

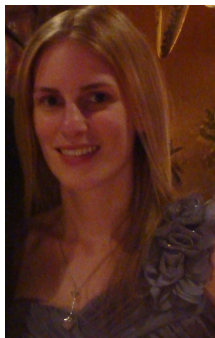


Celebrate the start of the VLS's fifth year of "supporting chemical engineers regardless of geography". This month, we are privileged to have Founding Chair Dan Lambert give a perspective on the experiment-in-progress known as the VLS, and discuss possible new directions VLS can grow in the future. Dan is hoping for an actual dialogue with the meeting attendees, and encouraging comments and suggestions before the meeting on the AIChE Virtual Local Section group on [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/11111111) (join the group to join in the discussion).

Dan leads research for processing of high-level radioactive waste at the Savannah River National Lab, as well as being active in AIChE and other organizations. More details on Dan and the meeting are found on the [VLS Events Website](#).

FROM THE CHAIR: 2015!

Amanda Scalza



Welcome to the 2015 AIChE Virtual Local Section (VLS).

For those of you who are new to the VLS, thank you for choosing to join our chapter. One of our main objectives in founding the VLS was to reach those who were not well served by a previously existing local chapter. As one of our leaders recently pointed out, however, local has turned out to be very relative. Some members truly are geographically distant from a local chapter. Others simply have difficulty making meetings for personal reasons, inconvenient work hours, or hassle of driving into a congested city. For some of our members, the VSL is an add-on, in addition to the activities of their geographically local. For all our members, we want the VLS to provide a convenient way to stay plugged into the ChemE community.

For our returning members, thank you for joining us as we enter our fifth year as an organization. Throughout these past years, we have grown and matured by leaps and bounds. We have worked with multiple webinar platforms, heard from speakers of industry, academia, business and more, and grown into one of the largest local sections in the institute, with over 500 active members. Our ideas of new programming

and new programming platforms are endless, but can only become a reality with your involvement, through feedback and direct assistance.

Our leadership team has set out on some great goals for 2015. As in every year, our priority is to bring you quality programming. In order to ensure this goal that becomes reality, and that you get the most out of your membership, we are soliciting feedback from members. What type of programming are you looking to see from the VLS? Contact us by email, (at our new address, virtualaiche@gmail.com.) or reply to our founding chair, Dan Lambert, on his LinkedIn post, at the AIChE Virtual Local Section group on [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/11222222).

Our second goal is to expand active involvement from our members. This will begin by expanding our young professional and programming committees, and opening a “media chair” position. For more information on these, or other ways to become more involved in the section, send an email to the new club email address.

Our final main goal for 2015 is to create inclusion, as a true local section. Some ideas for this are programs that include panels, or forums.

I look forward to a successful and progressive year with the Virtual Local Section, and look forward to seeing you at our meetings, each 4th Thursday, 9pm EST!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

***VLS Meetings are the fourth Thursday of
the month:***

Thursday, February 26th

Thursday, March 26th

Thursday, April 23rd

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VLS NEWSLETTER

Is your inner journalist yearning for a little exercise? Please feel free to contribute letters to the editor, short articles, announcements of general interest, news items, suggestions for VLS activities, and announcements such as member awards and promotions. On-call volunteers for editing, interviewing, and other newsletter activities are also welcomed. Contact the editor at jbrand@unl.edu using "VLS Newsletter" in the subject line

ATTENDING A VLS MEETING

Downloading Fuze (fuze.com) in advance of the meeting is recommended.

Go to <http://fuze.me/27554146> and follow directions. (The "name" requested will be the name displayed to other meeting participants.)

- For audio only: (If prompted, enter the meeting number: 24120303, then press #)
 - From a browser, select the internet audio option after joining.
 - From a phone:
 - US: +1 201 479 4595 or +1 855 346 3893
 - International access numbers <https://www.fuzebox.com/extras/symphony>
- Having problems? Follow the meeting link from our website virtual.aiche.org
- Need more help? You can connect to the Customer Support Team or access self-help tools at www.fuzebox.com/support.

Attendance at a Virtual Section Meeting is open to AIChE Virtual Local Section Members, AIChE members and other interested people.