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Newsletter



From the desk of the Chair . . .

Hello all, and welcome to another year of the AIChE's Maryland section. Our Executive Committee had a great deal of changes from last year, and we hope that those changes will manifest themselves in a new approach this year. While we certainly will be retaining the monthly meetings, Engineer's Week participation, and cooperation with local university chapters – we spent much of the summer's planning activities discussing ways that we can try to expand our impact on the region and on the lives of local chemical engineers and engineering. These changes are embodied in our new section motto, which is discussed in more detail below. Here are just a few of the changes we have discussed:

- We have taken the lead in arranging meetings with other local AIChE sections in our region, working towards the possibility of hosting a regional conference in the future.
- We have tentatively scheduled a fundraiser for the spring, in an attempt to raise additional funds for local university scholarships and to allow for contributions to engineering-related service charities (such as *Engineers Without Borders*).
- Adding a Young Member Happy Hour to our schedule once every other month – to allow soon-to-be and recent graduates to ask questions and discuss topics specific to starting out in the work force (and to have a drink or two).

As I said above, all of these are our ideas for the upcoming year. These new directions are the result of inspiration provided by the AIChE's 2007 Leadership Training Conference in Boston – and in hopes of building on the substantial progress made in recent years re-establishing the section in financial solvency and local presence. If you would like to become involved in any of these items specifically, disagree with the paths we may be taking, or just want to provide some general feedback, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Your new AIChE MD Section Chairman,

Josh Marteny, P.E. (jmarteny@dixonenvironmental.com or 410.900.0316)

We need your e:mail address

Many of the e:mail addresses in our database are out-of-date and we need your help to keep the list current. Please send an e:mail to aiche.md@gmail.com and provide us with your address so that you can be kept up-to-date on the Section's activities. Note that Section e:mails will be sent from this address so please add this to your "safe senders" list.



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Fall 2007 Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 24, 2007, 4:30PM to 7:30PM – Join the first of a series of Young Member Happy Hours hosted by the Maryland Section in the Baltimore-Washington region over the course of the next year. These will be social events meant to distract us hard working/studying engineers for a brief moment in order to catch up and chat. Everyone is welcome. Contact Nick Pippen at 410.322.5795 or npippen@gmail.com

Tiber River Tavern
3747 Old Columbia Pike
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Thursday, September 27, 2007 5:30PM to 7:30PM – Join AIChE and network with members from other professional societies at the Engineers Club of Baltimore (ESB) as we kick off our fall program with an informal get together at ESB's Quarterly Networking Happy Hour. This month's networking session is sponsored by The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum, Inc. and all AIChE members are welcome. A cash bar will be available and there is no AIChE fee for this meeting.

October 9, 2007 6:30pm

Diageo Plant Tour with Dinner to Follow
5001 Washington Blvd
Halethorpe, Maryland

November 13, 2007 Student Forum at UMBC

December 11, 2007 Harley Davidson Plant Tour—York, Pennsylvania

2007-2008 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Symposium Announcement

Green Polymers: Materials, Processes and Products

Thomas J. Pacansky, organizer

Location: Rutgers University, Busch Campus, Piscataway, New Jersey, Fiber Optics Building auditorium

Date&Time: November 8, 2007; 1:30PM

Directions: Can be found at the [Rutgers University website](#).

Registration: Member, \$30; Non-member; \$40; Student, \$20. Advance fee is required. Please send your full contact information along with a check made payable to NJACS-Polymer Group to Dr. Willis B. Hammond, Treasurer, NJACS-PTG, 128 Center Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928

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