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**MARCH MEETING: PROJECT CONTROLS MANAGEMENT FOR
 CHEMICAL ENGINEERS**

David L. Freidl, P.E., CCP

Director of Project Controls, OSDV Engineering

[WEBEX MEETING NUMBER 635 888 409](#) (further directions on page 5)

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2016

9:00 pm EDT, 8:00 pm CDT, 7:00 pm MDT, 6:00 pm PDT;

UTC/GMT 0100 1 April 2016



Learn to sidestep the pitfalls in scheduling, earned value, cost engineering and other project control essentials that can sideswipe projects, hindering on-time and within-budget completions. Drawing from more than 30 years of experience in the biotech, pharma, power, chemicals, oil & gas and food industries, Dave Freidl will emphasize the fundamentals and practice of project control to provide some novel insights to enhance our own project designs and management skills.

Dave holds a BS in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania as well as an MS in Civil Engineering from Drexel. More information on the [AIChE VLS website](#) and [OSDV Engineering](#).

APRIL MEETING: RESPONSIBLE MANUFACTURING

**We don't do it because we have to,
We do it because it's the right thing to do**

Joint Meeting with the Texas Gulf Coast Section

Brady Brown, Senior. EHS Specialist BASF Corp

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2016

Hilton Americas Houston Room 336B

1600 Lamar St

Houston, TX 77010

online: [WEBEX MEETING NUMBER 634 167 017](#) (further directions on page 5)

8:00 pm EDT, 7:00 pm CDT, 6:00 pm MDT, 5:00 pm PDT;

UTC/GMT 0000 12 April 2016

Come network with the Texas Gulf Coast and Virtual Local Sections while we hear Brady Brown, Sr. EHS Specialist at BASF, discuss responsible manufacturing.

Too many times in today's manufacturing, we read about companies having major process safety incidents because of inconsistent application of their administrative programs that guide their operations. Current and future leaders need to be aware of the long term consequences of these inconsistencies that work against their message and insure that their intentions of doing the right thing don't get lost in the fray of everyday.

With over 10 years of experience in Occupational and Process Safety, speaker Brady Brown understands the importance of having established safety processes, and having a work force that not only follows them, but also understands their purpose. (More info available at the VLS and TGCS websites in AIChE Communities Pages.)

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by signing up when you register for the conference!

FROM THE EDITOR

Beware the Ides of March, especially if you are trying to get a newsletter out! I don't know if the promised contributions didn't roll in because folks are busy following March Madness brackets or presidential primaries and caucuses or if they have simply decided to play literary hooky to celebrate the spring equinox, spring vacations or to tend to spring gardening chores, at least for those of us in the northern hemisphere. (Readers in the other hemisphere, please substitute "fall" for "spring" in the previous sentence.) Whatever the reason, this newsletter will be light on reflection and discussions, but does contain some factual information about upcoming meetings, job openings, and a brief heads up on awards from AIChE.

The April newsletter will be published after the April meeting, which is on April Tuesday, April 12th, in person for those attending the Spring Meeting in Houston, and a regular virtual meeting for others.

I shall end this note by encouraging contributions from any readers who want to expound upon subjects related to almost any aspect of chemical engineers' lives.

-- Jennifer I. Brand, Editor

AWARDS

Within the AIChE community, there are ample opportunities for members of the profession to be recognized for their contributions and achievements. The

Institute itself, as well as divisions, forums, committees and local sections administer [more than 60 awards](#), which can include monetary prizes, certificates, plaques, medals, honoraria, scholarships, travel awards, and invited lectures. Last November, thirteen awards were presented at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. (The [press release](#) from the last Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City highlights some award winners.) Criteria for eligibility cover a wide range: some awards are for individuals, some for team efforts of local sections or student chapters; some reward accomplishments in specific technical areas, some focus on broader scopes, such as public and government relations or innovative programming; some target each stage in the engineering career from [students](#) to junior professionals to senior professionals.

For example, one upcoming deadline is for the [Management Division Award](#), sponsored by Dow Chemical Corporation. The awardee receives a plaque and a \$1000 honorarium, and gives a presentation "on an important management topic of their choice at the next Annual Meeting". Nominees need not be AIChE members, but should be managers "in a field utilizing chemical engineering (e.g., engineering, design & construction, project or process development, manufacturing operations, R&D, sales and marketing, etc.)". With a deadline of May 31, 2016, for the nomination package, it is high time to be rounding up the supporting letters and tweaking the brief professional history and

summary of accomplishments to submit the nomination package for some deserving candidates.

Often, colleagues nominate other colleagues for these honors. Self-nominations are accepted for many of the awards, however. So, after you get your taxes filed or polish off your Easter candy or shovel the snow from what you hope is the last storm of the year or finish whatever other chores there are in your life, you might want to browse the links above and think about nominating a deserving colleague, or finding someone to nominate you for an award.

ELECTION RESULTS

The newly elected officers for 2016 are listed below. Thank you to all who voted.

Vice Chair and Chair-Elect: Experience Nduagu

Secretary: Laura Gimpelson

Director: Ahmed Khogeer

Director: Walter Goldstein

JOB OPENINGS

Editor's Note: Job seekers should also investigate the online resources of our [AIChE Career Center](#). These include searchable job databases, Virtual Career Fairs, and other valuable member services.

Two more listings from Gallin Associates are presented below.

Senior Process Engineer (2 openings: Kansas City, MO and Raleigh, NC):

The Senior Process Engineers will, select and specify process instrumentation and analyzer systems for operations, support development of new instrumentation and analyzer applications and support to implement improvements and appropriate maintenance in the field, among other duties.

REQUIREMENTS:

- BS Degree in Chemical or Electrical Engineering; advanced degree a plus
- 6+ years in Process Engineering with significant experience with process instrumentation, process analyzers and related instrumentation
- Experience in process system maintenance is a must.

Operations\General Manager-Chemical Blending. Our client, a well established, diversity manufacturer headquartered in Central Florida, has an opening at one of their business unit operations in **Avon Park, FL**. This is a multi-product operation that produces a variety of liquid sanitation products and related associated products. The chemical side of the operation is all blending\mixing\formulation technology, not reaction chemistry.

We are seeking a Chemical Engineer or Chemist who will be able to provide technical expertise and formulation guidance while managing the overall facilities production. The position has P\L responsibility for a \$3-4million operation,

including supervision of 4 sales\service personal. The production side has 4 direct supervisors and 40+ labor force. Company has high growth expectations for this business unit with the new Operations\General Manager-Chemical Blending managing the growth. Essentially this position is analogous to running your own business under the umbrella of a larger, financially stable company.

Contact Larry Gallin of **Gallin Associates**, [727-939-8969](tel:727-939-8969), larry@gallinassociates.com <http://www.gallinassociates.com/> or visit the [Gallin Associates Online Job Database Search](#)

Disclaimer: Positions listed above have been contributed by VLS members and are listed in good faith as a courtesy to interested VLS members. The AIChE, the VLS, and VLS Newsletter staff are not responsible in any way for the content or veracity of the ads, or for the conduct of the employers or the recruiting agencies. Posting these ads is not an endorsement of the companies or the recruiters, nor is it a guarantee that these positions are still open or will be filled.

ATTENDING A VLS MEETING

- **Join by internet:**
 - <https://aiche.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=aiche>
 - Search for VLS or by meeting number 635 888 409 (March) 634 167 017 (April)
- **Join by phone:** Access code: 634 167 017
 - 1-866-469-3239 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)
 - 1-650-429-3300 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)
 - [Global Call-in numbers](#)
 - [Toll-free calling restrictions](#)

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

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PDH CREDIT FOR VLS MEETINGS

LAURA J. GIMPELSON, P. E.

Attendees of the Virtual Local Section Meetings can receive up to 1 hour of professional development credit that meets the continuing education requirements of most state professional engineering registrations. To receive the certificate documenting your attendance, send an email to the VLS secretary, Laura Gimpelson, at virtualaiche@gmail.com.

Include the following information in your email:

1. Name of the Presentation and Speaker
2. Attendee's name as listed on the registration certificate
2. Attendee's registration number and state/providence of issuance

The certificate, in pdf format, will be issued within 30 days of the receipt of the request.