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## Message from the Chair

A warm welcome to all fellow WSCAIChE members, professionals, and friends! It is my pleasure to serve our local section as the Chair for 2016-2017. Previously, I served as the webmaster, and most recently as the treasurer for two years. The officers have put together a strong program of meetings and tours as we continue the WSC local section's long tradition of providing opportunities for learning, networking, and professional development.

Please welcome Marty Milne to our "WSCAIChE Officer Family." Marty was a speaker on job recruitment during our September 2015 meeting, and has stepped up to join AIChE and serve as the Vice Chair for 2016-2017. The other officers will no doubt be familiar to long-time members of the local section; Rick Vogel is serving as treasurer, David Hine is again the Historian, and Mary Ferris will be moving to "Vice Chair" on the executive committee along with Don Gurney and Karl McCaleb. These folks, among others, have been integral to keeping the organization running year after year.

Our section continues its partnership with the Clemson University AIChE section, including the traditional Fall/Spring joint meetings with Clemson ChBE students and faculty. We will again award a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving rising Senior in the ChBE major. Last year, we also provided a \$500 sponsorship of the Clemson AIChE pig roast.

We will be meeting at several venues this year, so take a look at the schedule below for details. If ever you have ideas about meeting topics, local section activities, or want to help out, please contact one of the officers - we want to run the best possible local section for us all, and look forward to the upcoming year!

Jacob Lindler - Chair, WSCAIChE

## NEXT MEETING - September 13, 2016

### Why Projects Fail

Trends reported by industry suggest capital project delivery is sub-par and not improving, despite an intensive focus on execution. Fewer projects meet original goals, business intent, or within budget. In the United States alone, this less than optimal performance costs organizations billions of dollars of wasted capital. We will review the disappointing data, see the common factors that challenge project performance, and discuss some of the best practices to promote successful project delivery.

Mr. John Brady has been immersed in the process industry for the past 30 years. He is a Clemson University Chemical Engineering graduate and registered professional engineer. He is a proven business leader, with a unique combination of business acumen, technical ability, and leadership skills. Mr. Brady successfully developed, optimized, and executed business strategies for multiple businesses. For the past decade, Mr. Brady has been engaged in various roles in the Engineering and Construction industry. He is currently Vice President of Business Development at CH2M, responsible for global business development for the Chemicals and Manufacturing markets.

### September Meeting Information

<b>TITLE:</b>	Project Management Issues
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, September 13, 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Presentation
<b>LOCATION:</b>	CH2M Offices 200 Verdae Blvd. Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 920-7300
<b>DIRECTIONS:</b>	Take I-385 Exit 37 (Roper Mountain Rd) Turn right (S) on Roper Mountain Rd Continue straight past Woodruff Rd onto Verdae Blvd Go past Embassy Suites to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> light and turn left into the CH2M parking lot Enter Lobby - Meeting room is on the left
<b>COST:</b>	\$10 for WSCAICHE members \$15 for Non-members

**Please RSVP by 5 PM - Friday, September 9, 2016 to:  
Secretary - [sec@wscaiche.org](mailto:sec@wscaiche.org)**

Note that the dinner portion of the meeting is not mandatory. Plan to arrive by 7:00 pm if you would like to attend the presentation without dinner.

**Only RSVP if you plan to dine with us.**

## Open Officer Positions

We have a couple of unfilled officer positions headed into 2016-2017. Take a look at the position descriptions below, and consider if you are able to help out!

### Secretary

- Update monthly newsletter
- Send monthly newsletter to distribution list using MailChimp software
- Collect RSVPs received the weekend before next meeting
- List names from RSVPs and forward to Treasurer

### Webmaster

- Create meeting announcement on WSCAICHe website
- Post newsletter to WSCAICHe Facebook page
- Keep distribution list up-to-date
- Maintain WSC AICHe domain name (yearly)

## 2016-2017 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
13 Sept 2016	CH2M	Project Management - John Brady, CH2M
11 Oct 2016	Clemson University Madren Center	Panel Discussion on Industry Issues
15 Nov 2016	Michelin Conference Center	ACS Joint Meeting: Electrochemical Technologies - Erik Brandon, NASA JPL
Dec 2016	None	Happy Holidays!
10 Jan 2017	TBD	Energy Choices and Consequences - Prof. H.L. (Lee) Dodds, Univ. of Tennessee
14 Feb 2017	TBD	TBD - Professor, Clemson University
14 Mar 2017	TBD	TBD
11 Apr 2017	Shaw Industries Central, SC	Plant Tour - Shaw Industries
09 May 2017	TBD	WSCAICHe May Social

## 2016-2016 Officers and Executive Committee

This is YOUR local section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. If you have ideas or concerns regarding operation of the WSCAIChE, or if you are a member who would like to help out, please contact any of the Officers or Executive Committee members listed below:

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