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Updates from the AIChE Management Division



Dates to Remember

15th Sep

Nominations due for

- MGMT Division Young Leader Award
- MGMT Division Service Award
- Impactful Patent Recognition Program

22nd Sep

2025 AIChE Annual Meeting Early Bird Registration

Key Updates

- Collaboration Bears Fruit: MGMT and the Academy
- AIChE Management Award 2025
- MGMT Division Board Members win the Shining Star Award
- Upcoming MGMT Elections
- AIChE Annual Meeting Sessions 2025

COLLABORATION BEARS FRUIT: MGMT AND THE ACADEMY

BY GAYLE J. GIBSON AND DENNIS W. HESS

The Management Division seeks collaboration with divisions and groups recognizing that leaders are in many different roles and technical areas. The sharing of leadership practices across groups helps members find mentors and helps identify emerging needs. MGMT has a long history of collaboration with the Environmental Division and ChE & the Law Forum and is revamping collaborations with the Early Career Community.

In 2023, MGMT reached out to and began to collaborate with AIChE's Institute for Learning and Innovation (ILI) (<https://www.aiche.org/ili>). At that time, ILI was working on career development offerings as well as pulling together aspects of credentialing, best practices for internships, and incorporating content from the Academy. While several joint opportunities were discussed, it was agreed to have the initial focus on webinars that addressed subjects identified by a recent Academy survey. The first webinar, focused on Time Management, was approached as a pilot; feedback from participants was very positive. The collaboration showed the power of content on leadership development from the Management Division that can be used broadly across AIChE. The Academy brought a professional approach, format, and infrastructure that allowed access throughout AIChE.

MGMT and the Academy continue the collaboration with the next webinar scheduled for September 18, 2025, with a focus on career advancement. This webinar will feature Mark Vergnano, former CEO of Chemours.

In 2026, we hope to use feedback from a Management Division survey and further surveys from the Academy to guide expansion of the collaborations. Contact Dennis W. Hess if you have further ideas for this collaboration. The MGMT webinar links are available on the MGMT website as well as the Academy.

MGMT Webinars with the AIChE Academy

Presented by Gayle Gibson and Dennis W. Hess

[Time Management for Profit
\(Career\) and Fun \(Personal\)](#)

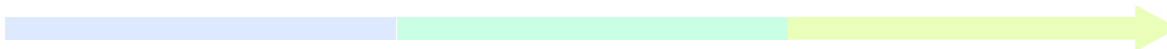
with
Austin S. Lin
September 18,
2024

[Communicating Up the
Hierarchical Ladder](#)

with
Bruce Chinn
March 20,
2025

[Career Advancement: A
Marathon, Not a Sprint](#)

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Mark Vergnano
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AIChE MANAGEMENT AWARD 2025: DR. DAVID J. PARRILLO



Dr. David J. Parrillo was selected as the recipient of this year's Management Award ([link](#)). The award will be presented at the AIChE Annual Meeting to be held in November 2025 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dave Parrillo is currently the Vice President of R&D for Dow's Packaging and Specialty Plastics and Hydrocarbons division. He earned a BS from the Univ. of Rhode Island and a PhD from the Univ. of Pennsylvania, both in chemical engineering. He is currently on the advisory board for AIChE's Institute for Learning and Innovation (ILI), driving collaborative interactions between academia and industry. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and serves on the External Chemical Engineering Advisory Board at the Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, and on the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station Advisory Board. Dave is a supporter and sponsor of Dow Employee Resource Groups including the Women's Inclusion Network, the Hispanic Latin Network, and the Asian Diversity Network.

Don't miss the chance to hear from Dr. Parrillo — join us at his talk at the **Management Award Session** during the AIChE Annual Meeting in Boston!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

MGMT Division Board Members win the Shining Star Award!

The Local Sections Committee of AIChE announced the recipients of the Shining Star Award ([link](#)). **Roman Ventura** (Secretary) and **Chang Dou** (Director) received the award this year. Congratulations to both MGMT division board members!

Upcoming elections – Stay tuned!

All **Management (MGMT) Division** members: Please verify that your AIChE profile allows for emails from AIChE. Keep an eye out for a link to the ballot in your inbox in September!

Election Timeline:

- **Elections Held:** September-October
- **Results Announced:** November 2025 (MGMT Division Meeting at AIChE Annual Meeting, Boston)
- **Start of Term for New Board:** January 1, 2026

This schedule ensures a smooth transition and adequate time for leadership handover in the upcoming year. Your vote helps shape the future of the division — participation matters!



AICHE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The AIChE Management Division has an exciting lineup of sessions for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Boston! The Management Division is committed to enhancing knowledge and fostering discussions within our community of chemical engineers in management roles. We offer networking and training to those in management roles, entrepreneurship, project management and other leadership roles. In addition, we are working across the divisions to collaborate on topics of mutual interest.

[AIChE Annual Meeting in Boston- Management Division Activities](#)

In this November's lineup, we offer the following sessions:

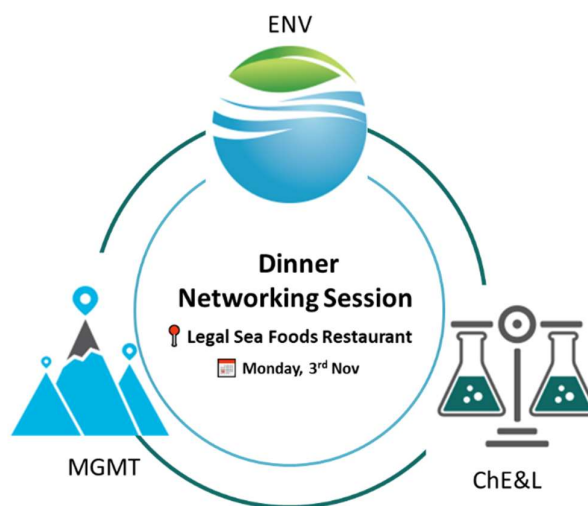
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Chemical Engineering
- Latest Outlook and Key Trends Shaping the Growth of the Chemical Industry
- Leadership and Management of Sustainable Solutions in Industry
- Leading and Managing Industry - Academia Collaborations and Partnerships
- Management and ECC joint session on Upskilling your Career with Emerging Technologies
- Quantum Computing Applications in Chemical Engineering: Beginnings & Futures
- Management Division Award Session
- Management session with Students at the Annual Student Conference

Finally, we celebrate a successful conference and enjoy a networking session with our partners in the Environmental Division and Chemical Engineering & the Law Forum at a dinner near the conference. Come and join the fun!

There are limited seats for the joint dinner, so ensure you include it in your registration or sign up quickly by calling Customer Service at +1.800.242.4363.

Please attend the 2025 Annual Meeting in Boston and attend these exciting and informative sessions!

Sign up today at → [2025 AIChE Annual Meeting | AIChE](#)



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