

## **Elected positions:**

### **Vice Chair:**

**Aaron Sams** – Hello Everyone, I am seeking the privilege of serving the AIChE East Tennessee Local Section as Vice Chair for 2023. I graduated from Tennessee Tech University in 2020 with a BS in Chemical Engineering, and have served in various positions in the AIChE student chapter at Tennessee Tech. After graduating I joined Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. where I am currently a Fuel Process Engineer. In the local section, I served as a member of the Membership Committee in 2021 and as the Membership Committee Chair in 2022. During this time, it has been a pleasure to support the Nomination of various local section members to AIChE Fellow and AIChE's Shining Star Award. Also leading the organization of the 2022 New Hire Picnic earlier this year was a great opportunity to help the local section restart in-person events and grow the membership. Serving as Vice Chair of the local section will provide me with exciting new challenges and opportunities to continue the great work our local section provides to the profession. Additionally, if elected, I look forward to continuing to help the local section grow and to providing a clear value in membership to our members.

### **Treasurer:**

**Jeb Shaw** – I'd like to nominate myself for the role of treasurer for the upcoming election. I have some previous experience involved in AIChE committees in college and I would like to continue my involvement in the organization at work. I have some previous experience managing funds for in the past few years and I feel like I could pick up where the previous treasurer left off.

### **Secretary:**

**Emily Downs** – Hey everyone, I am interested in continuing my role as Secretary for our local section. Over the past year I have enjoyed serving my community while expanding my network as a young professional. Prior to working at Eastman, I served as the Clemson AIChE chapter's secretary during my junior year (2019-2020) and industrial relations chair during my senior year (2020-2021). As secretary, my role centered around communicating event information and volunteer opportunities to students. Further, I spearheaded freshman recruitment events. As the industrial relations chair, I corresponded with our industry partners and planned information sessions for our department. I also partnered with the Western South Carolina AIChE chapter to plan joint events for students and local professionals. I am excited to continue serving our local section!

### **Director:**

**Hanieh Niroomand** – Hanieh is part of a team that focuses on providing comprehensive solutions in the areas of process development, customer technical service, and technological advancement. She is committed to develop and leverage her expertise and capabilities to deliver analytical measurement results efficiently and accurately. She is currently a Senior Applications Scientist supporting Corporate Analytical Division at Eastman. She earned her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has served the Global AIChE as an invited chair of the Sustainability Engineering Forum sessions for several years. Hanieh has served as the Outreach chair of AIChE Women's Initiatives Committee in 2016 & 2017 and was the recipient of the committee's travel award in 2017. She was the Outreach Committee Chair during 2022 and looks forward to continuing her involvement as the ETLs Director for 2023. In 2023, I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving

the chemical engineers and community in the East Tennessee region as one of the Directors. I developed many leadership skills through volunteering both during my academic years and post academia, in my Eastman career. AIChE has been an integral part of my academic career and I'm eager to work to provide networking opportunities, support the professional and personal growth of members.