



THE PIPELINE

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

RACHEL MCLENDON

It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of another year. Our Programs Committee has done a fabulous job, as always, in arranging a diverse array of speakers to share with us on a variety of topics. We have learned about everything from the history of the railroad in Kingsport to Insensitive Munitions to Disability Inclusion and more. Our programs will continued in November with a presentation from Dr. Holly Stretz from Tennessee Technical University on Nov 15th.

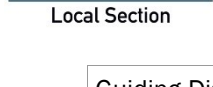
In addition to our monthly programs, our YP and Outreach Committees have been busy with a variety of activities. Salsa dancing,

baseball games, bonfires, and Oobleck demonstrations are just a few of the events these committees have helped to sponsor. This year we also had another successful short course which allowed members and coworkers alike to learn more about Excel and VBA for engineers. Finally, our membership committee is gearing up to recognize outstanding local members in the near future.

Speaking of membership, all AIChE members have received a ballot for the 2018 East Tennessee Local Section officers. This ballot was sent to the email you have registered with AIChE nationals in early November. Now would be a great time

to make sure your information is up to date, and if you haven't joined AIChE, what better time to do so than now!?

Last but not least, I would be remiss if I failed to recognize our officers, committee chairs, and other leaders without whom the activities and programs that are the heartbeat of our section would not exist. Noah, Rebecca, Steve, Lane, Laura, Reinaldo, Nathan, Lauren P., Patrice, Tim, Alex, Lauren M., Lauren G., Nick, and Erin – thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make our section what it is. It wouldn't be the same without you!



PROGRAMS

2017 - 2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Guiding DisAbility Inclusion	Allison Chisenhall	September 19
Project Leadership: Integration of Technical and Interpersonal Challenges	Phillip Tencer	October 12
Towards Self-Cleaning Chlorine-Resistant Water Treatment Membranes	Holly A. Stretz	November 15

Watch for more informative programs coming next year!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM SUMMARY

GUIDING DISABILITY INCLUSION

Our programming year was kicked off with a presentation on Disability Inclusion. Allison Chisenhall, a Chemical Process Engineer at BAE and member of the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame, spoke with us of her own personal experiences dealing with ADHD. She

shared of challenges that she has faced and how she has persevered to excel at volleyball, school, and now work. She also helped all of us become more aware of the depth and breadth of disabilities that one my face. We were able to watch footage from when the

Americans with Disabilities Act was first passed years ago and learn what organizations and companies are now doing to ensure those with disabilities are able to succeed. Finally, we were all encouraged to get involved in making a difference for those with disabilities.

OCTOBER PROGRAM SUMMARY

PROJECT LEADERSHIP: INTEGRATION OF TECHNICAL AND INTERPERSONAL CHALLENGES

Phil Tencer shared project leadership tips and tricks with our local section during the October meeting with a primary focus on interpersonal challenges. He noted that technical success requires a suite of technical ability and another, just as critical, interpersonal capability to ensure collaboration and stakeholder buy in. Each social style has unique struggles along with strengths (slay your personal dragon). Also, during stress,

or faced with conflict, each social style has a natural reaction. A successful leader will look past the stress response and strive for collaboration (vs. compromise) to achieve the best solution. Collaboration requires shared trust, purpose, approach and finally results. Without trust and shared purpose the team is unlikely to work well together or come up with the best solution. Lastly, he left us with some resources were we can

learn more. Eastman offers classes on social styles and the consultative process (there are also many books on the subject if you are not an Eastman employee or want to learn on your own). There is also an innovation project leaders center of excellence at Eastman and you can visit their website at <http://myeastman/services/Innovation-Project-Leader-COE/Pages/Home.aspx>.

NEW HIRE WELCOME PICNIC

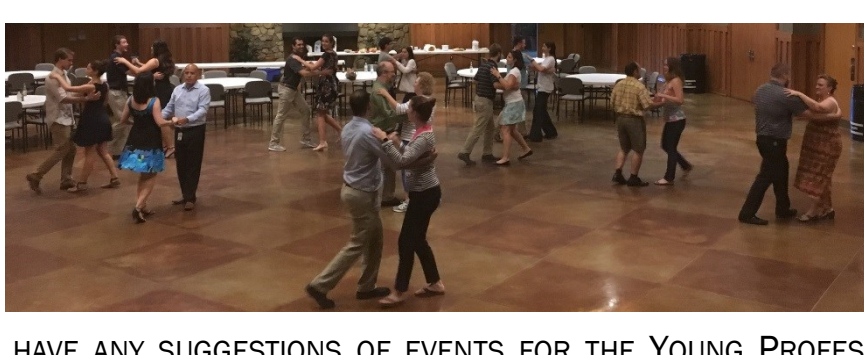
The New Hire Welcome Picnic was a success! The entire chapter was invited to Bays Mountain picnic shelters where we played cornhole and enjoyed catering from Barberitos. Each officer gave a short summary of his/her role within the chapter. Several current members offered testimonials about their time in our local chapter, and enumerated the many benefits they have gleaned from being involved. Burts Compton and Cari Parker spoke of the strong history of our chapter and the importance of staying engaged with the national chemical engineering community.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE



AIChE Young Professionals held its 4th Annual Salsa Night. Under the tutelage of returning salsa teacher Ruben Del Valle-Saez and several wonderful helpers, AIChE members not only learned the basic steps, but also how to dance salsa with pizzazz. A good time was had by all and at the end of the night, the dancers were ready for more. "We're practically good enough to win Dancing with Stars," says Noah McMillan of himself and wife and dance partner extraordinaire Robin. "I think we have a shot at the Mirror Ball next season."



IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OF EVENTS FOR THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE, OR IF YOU KNOW OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YPC, PLEASE CONTACT ERIN EKART AT ERINEKART@EASTMAN.COM.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE EVENTS

MINI MAKER'S FAIRE

The AIChE Outreach Committee participated in the 2017 Mini Maker's Faire. Many families stopped by to squish and play with the oobleck. Most of the children also walked across a big tank filled with it, trying to move quickly enough to stay on the surface. Some volunteers made balls of oobleck and played hot potato with the kids. There was also a demonstration of how the oobleck moved with different sound waves while it sat on top of a speaker. Despite the heat, there was a steady flow of people that visited the tent, making for a busy and very fun day.



We also have a fairly large **volunteering opportunity** coming up in Q1 of next year. AIChE will be helping out with the Regional Science Bowl Competition at Dobyns-Bennett on February 3, 2018. We will be sending a more descriptive note about the Science Bowl's volunteering needs soon, but if you know you want to help you can register at <https://volunteerstatesb.wixsite.com/home>. They are looking for close to 80 volunteers for the day!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WITH VOLUNTEER WORK, OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN OUTREACH EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT NICK CORZO AT NICKCORZO@EASTMAN.COM.

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