

AIChE Chicago

October 2024 Newsletter

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AIChE Chicago October Meeting & CITGO Lemont Refinery Tour

Overview and Future Vision of CITGO Lemont Refinery



Stan Carp

Manager of Strategic Planning
CITGO

Date: **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

Tour Location: [CITGO Lemont](#) (Tour 1 at 4:10 PM and Tour 2 at 5:00 PM)

870 E Romeo Rd, Romeoville, IL 60446

Meeting Location: [Lock & Mule by Tangled Roots Brewing Company](#)
(5:30 - 8:15 PM)

1025 S. State Street, Lockport, IL 60441

Cost: **\$55 Non-Member**

\$45 Member* / Retired*

\$30 Unemployed*

\$10 Student

*Must be AIChE Global and Chicago Section Member to be eligible for rate

Registration and Information: <https://cvent.me/x0Q4eR>

Please note the tour and meeting are at different locations. The registration deadline for the tour is October 24, and there is limited capacity so make sure to reserve a spot! All tour participants will need to bring a photo ID and wear flat, closed-toe shoes.



Chair's Corner

Happy Fall AIChE Chicago Local Section!

We had our first Section meeting on September 18th, and I want to give big thank you to all those who helped successfully kick off the 2024-2025 programming year. I especially want to thank PSRI for hosting the Section for a tour of their Chicago facility and PSRI President and CEO Dr. Reddy Karri in particular for delivering an engaging technical presentation over dinner. While I'm bummed that I was unable to make the meeting due to a schedule conflict, I received very positive feedback from those who were able to attend.



I'm excited to announce that we will be continuing our enhanced centennial year programming with a tour of the CITGO Lemont Refinery on October 29th. The refinery tour will be followed by dinner and a technical presentation by Stan Carp, the Manager of Strategic Planning for CITGO's Lemont Refinery. This should be a fantastic tour and talk, and I hope we will have great attendance! The meeting/tour is open to both members and nonmembers, and PDH credits will be awarded for attendance of the technical presentation. Please plan to join as well as take this opportunity to invite your colleagues to give them exposure to the high quality programming offered by the Section. We are also encouraging our chemical engineering students at UIC, Illinois Tech, and Northwestern to attend to experience real-world chemical engineering applications.

Looking forward, planning for 2025 Midwest Regional Conference and the Centennial Celebration is in full swing. Because of the significant effort being devoted to our centennial programming and end-of-year celebration, MRC will be a one-day event on April 29, 2025 at UIC. Please keep an eye out for the announcement and Call for Abstracts in your inbox coming soon. MRC, now in its 17th year, provides a platform for our professionals and students to exchange technical knowledge, develop professional networks, and build the Chicago chemical engineering community. We are always looking for volunteers to contribute to MRC. Please reach out to this year's Conference Chair, Jarad Champion (jarad.champion@gmail.com), if you would like to take part in conference planning.

Lastly, I want to encourage anyone with suggestions or ideas to improve the Section to please reach out to me anytime at chair@aichechicago.org. Thank you!

Matt Walters

AIChE Chicago Section Chair

October Meeting Information

Overview and Future Vision of CITGO Lemont Refinery

Biography:

Stan Carp is the Manager of Strategic Planning for CITGO's Lemont Refinery. His team is responsible for managing strategic project studies and project development. He has experience in process operations, refinery logistics and economics, and refinery and petrochemical integration. In previous work he led an international team in large grassroot and brownfield configuration studies. Mr. Carp has a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois and has over 33 years of experience in the industry.



Abstract:

The Lemont Refinery has been a presence in Lemont for over 90 years. Stan will be providing an overview of the Refinery along with the future vision of the facility including a discussion about the Solar and Battery Project under development

Registration: <https://cvent.me/mZm1yy>

Detailed Tour and Meeting Agenda:

4:10 – 4:30: Bus Tour 1 Safety Video and Load Bus at Citgo

4:30 – 5:00: Bus Tour 1 at Citgo

5:00 – 5:20: Bus Tour 2 Safety Video and Load Bus at Citgo

5:20 – 5:50: Bus Tour 2 at Citgo

5:50 – 6:00: Unload Bus Tour 2 and Travel to Restaurant (individual transportation)

5:30 – 6:15: Registration at Restaurant

6:15 – 7:15: Dinner

7:15 – 7:30: Section Announcements

7:30 – 8:15: Technical Presentation

AIChE Chicago Centennial Celebration

The Chicago Section was the first section in AIChE, and this 2024-2025 programming year will mark its 100-year anniversary! Please view [our website](#) to read more about our past.

The centennial will be recognized throughout the year with special monthly meeting arrangements and of course a big party to celebrate so stay tuned! The newsletter will also feature guest articles and other snippets of history which we hope you will enjoy.

The below scan is a note that recognizes donors to the section in July 1924. Financial contributions are always extremely appreciated so thank you to all for your generosity over the past 100 years!

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W. B. Brown, 1905 Fisher Bldg., Chicago, Ills.
E. F. Buchanan, care Sherwin-Williams Co., 118th St. & Stevenson Ave.
Chicago, Ills.
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*21 contributed
in July 1924*

AIChE Chicago History - COVID-19 Pandemic Effects

by Janet Werner

As we approach this centennial year for AIChE Chicago, it has been a pleasure and privilege to review old documents and newsletters from the past years of the section. It has also been an inspiration and reminder to document the history of the section in recent years to enlighten future engineers and members.

The most significant event in recent history that undoubtably changed the way we live and work is the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, which continued to affect work and life throughout 2021 and even 2022. Reports of a new COVID virus emerged in early 2020. The AIChE Chicago Section continued to hold monthly meetings for January and February 2020 and continued with plans to hold the AIChE Midwest Regional Conference at IIT on March 11 and 12.

As the conference date got closer, COVID infection rates increased and companies started new policies to combat the spread. Some places were recommending against gatherings larger than 50 people. Some companies stopped all business travel or even went to fully remote work. A few days before the conference, the Midwest Regional Conference Committee held a teleconference to discuss if the conference should be canceled. Because the majority of speakers were still able to attend and IIT had no explicit policy to stop the conference, it was decided to hold the conference as planned -- with plenty of hand sanitizer available.

The Midwest Regional Conference was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 as planned. Some sponsors and speakers were unable to attend due to their company policies for halting business travel. Between the first and the second day of the conference, Thursday, March 12, additional companies announced the stop of business travel, including at least one keynote speaker and multiple members of the Midwest Regional Conference Committee. A flurry of emails between the Midwest Regional Conference Committee in the early morning hours of March 12 decided to cancel the second day of the conference. Emails were sent out to cancel the second day of the conference and the scheduled dinner meeting that evening. Attendees who had already showed up were informed of the cancelled second day of the conference but were invited to stay at the IIT ballroom for breakfast as long as they pleased. Midwest Regional Conference attendees and sponsors were later contacted for an option of either a partial refund or donation of their fees to the local section.

On March 20, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker ordered a shelter in place starting March 21, which was extended until the end of May 2020. Everyone during this time (except those deemed essential workers or those unable to work remotely) began working remotely from home. Parents of children - from infants to teenagers - had to juggle working at home with childcare or remote learning. The stress of lack of socialization, juggling parenting and working from home, and the overall concern of contracting a potentially deadly virus weighed on everyone. AIChE Chicago cancelled its April monthly meeting and annual student poster session. Chair Jarad Champion led our first virtual monthly meeting in May using a new Zoom account to webcast the meeting. Because the May monthly meeting is the annual election, the elections for 2020 were held virtually

as well. Virtual monthly meetings were free but did ask attendees if they would contribute a donation to the section.

Virtual monthly meetings continued from May 2020 for two more years. The Midwest Regional Conference for 2021 and 2022 (including the High School Outreach/Engineering Career Day Program) switched to a virtual format, working with Global AIChE for help with the webcast platform. The virtual format of monthly meetings did have some positive effect - not only was it free for attendees, but it also allowed for out-of-town (and even international) speakers at no expense to the section.

The return to an in-person person meeting finally happened on April 2022 at Northwestern University -- just in time for the return of the annual student poster session night. The 2022-2023 programming year held some virtual and in-person meetings. The Midwest Regional Conference returned to in-person in 2023 at UIC.

The 2023-2024 programming year was the first full in-person programming year since the 2018-2019 programming year. Monthly meeting attendance had been on the decline for a number of years (averaging around 60-70 attendees per meeting around 2010 to averaging around 30-40 attendees per meeting around 2018). Post-pandemic, the monthly meeting attendance has been averaging around 20-25 attendees per meeting in the 2023-2024 programming year. However, the AIChE Chicago local section board has also had to recover from the pandemic and re-adjust as well - coping with high inflation and training new officers who had only been involved during a virtual meeting setting. As we continue in our the centennial year, we hope to continue to adapt and adjust to best serve the AIChE Chicago Chemical Engineering community to hopefully help the section serve chemical engineers for another 100 years!

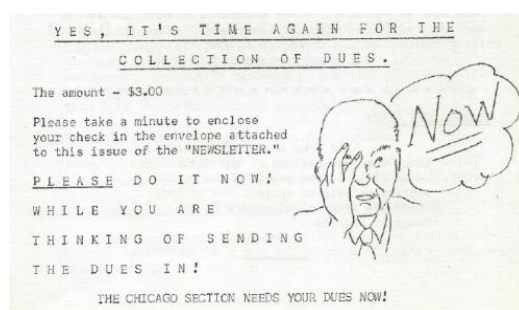
Note - I wrote this editorial because I wanted to document the section's coping through the COVID-19 pandemic and its lasting effect on the section for future generations. We were too busy during shelter in place to write newsletters to document it! If you have any stories from the section's history on any topic that you would like to share, please write to the newsletter editors -- we may include your stories in a future newsletter!

Local Section Dues Notice

AIChE national send out their membership renewals at the end of each calendar year. Please help support us by including Chicago Local Section dues in that national membership payment – our local section dues are only \$20.

We really appreciate your financial support, especially during this Centennial Anniversary year. Without local section dues, we would not be able to hold monthly meetings, plan the Midwest Regional Conference, support local chemical engineering student chapters, or even send out this newsletter by email!

In honor the Centennial of the AIChE Chicago Section, here is a dues reminder from an old newsletter. Thank you for your support!



Dues Notice from October 1960

Nominations Requested for the Ernest W. Thiele Award

The Ernest W. Thiele award is sponsored by bp and recognizes the outstanding contributions to our profession by a Midwest region chemical engineer. This award was established by the AIChE Chicago Section and is presented annually to a Midwest region AIChE member. This internationally recognized award consists of an engraved plaque and \$1,000 honorarium presented at a monthly section meeting.

Nomination forms and additional information can be obtained from the Thiele Committee Chair. Completed nominations are due to the committee chair no later than **April 01, 2025**.

One of the highest honors a distinguished chemical engineer can receive is our AIChE Chicago Section Thiele award. Please consider nominating a deserving engineer for this prestigious award.

To nominate, please contact: **Jeffrey Zalc - bp Solutions, P&O**

Phone: 630.881.5478 Email: jeffrey.zalc@bp.com

More information about this award and the past winners:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/chicago-local-section/ernest-w-thiele-award>

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/chicago/thiele-award-past-winners>

Early Career Community (ECC) / Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Chicago Section

AIChE's Early Career Community (ECC) / Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Chicago Section was created to start and maintain young professionals' involvement in AIChE after graduation and to ensure that students retain their membership through their transition into the work force.

We enthusiastically welcome all people with a degree in Chemical Engineering, including those currently working in industry and academia, recent graduates, and those pursuing other paths. We also welcome current students, both undergraduate and graduate students to our events.

The Chicago YPC exists as a subset of the AIChE Chicago Section.

Our goal is to provide technical, career, and networking opportunities to young Chemical Engineering professionals in the Chicagoland area. To accomplish this, we seek to provide a variety of technical and social activities, provide outreach and volunteering opportunities, and to create programming that will appeal to ChemE's under 35.

General ECC Website: <https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/committees/early-career>

ECC/YPC Chicago Website:

<https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/Chicago/young-professionals>

Email us at yp.aichechicago@gmail.com

Connect with us on Facebook! Search for 'YPC Chicago'

Join our mailing list! Find our Google group under 'ypcchicago'

AIChE ECC/YP Chicago Event

Hey ChemEs!

Join us for an exciting event on Saturday, October 12th at 9:15 AM! The AIChE YP group will be taking part in the DuSable Bridge lift viewing at the Bridgehouse Museum where we will see the massive gears of Chicago's most famous movable bridge in action.

Details:

Bridgehouse Museum

Saturday, October 12th, 9:15 AM

Location: 99 Chicago Riverwalk, Chicago Illinois

Please reach out to allisonnordvall@gmail.com to RSVP or if you have questions. This tour has limited availability, so RSVPs are needed by Thursday, October 10th.

Join Our GroupMe and become a part of the Chicago Chemical Engineering Young Professional Community: https://groupme.com/join_group/99685952/GrFycymv

AIChE Midwest Regional Conference



SAVE THE DATE

2025 AIChE Midwest Regional Conference

Chicago, IL - **April 29, 2025**

Hosted by University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)

Organized by Chicago Local Section of AIChE

If you are interested in:

- Presenting a poster or paper
- Being a session chair or co-chair
- Getting involved and volunteering

Please send an email to **Jarad Champion (conference chair):**

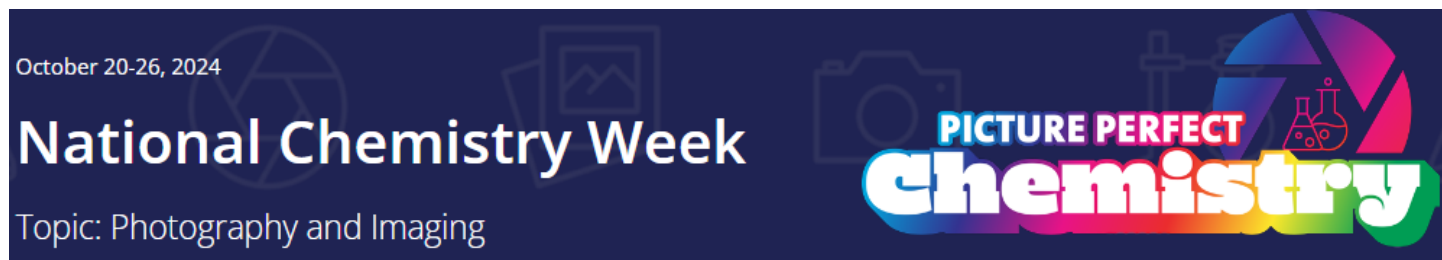
jarad.champion@gmail.com

September Meeting Photos

Remember to check out our [Facebook page](#) for more photos and news!



National Chemistry Week



National Chemistry Week (NCW) is a public awareness campaign that promotes the value of chemistry in everyday life. ACS members and chemistry enthusiasts celebrate NCW by coordinating events and communicating the importance of chemistry. [Read more about NCW.](#)

National Chemistry Week (#ACS_NCW) is celebrated this year during the week of October 20-26, with the theme "Picture Perfect Chemistry." Chemistry plays a crucial role in how photographs and images are created. The chemistry of photography is based on photosensitivity and reactions with light. The chemical processes that create a traditional photograph start inside the camera with the absorption of photons. However, photochemistry alone is not able to produce an image. Development is continued through chemical reactions. The structures of the chemicals involved are extremely important to the reactions that take place.

Today, modern technology called imaging uses things like sound waves, many types of light, and even streams of electrons to make images we can't see with our eyes alone. These tools assist with making the images we use for medicine, space exploration, research, and other areas. Similarly, through medical imaging, we can see inside the human body. Medical X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs allow doctors to look inside our bodies in ways never possible before. These techniques help researchers understand diseases and improve patient care.

On Earth and in space, observatories use different types of imaging. These inventions help us see deeply into the universe and better understand it.

2024 AIChE Chicago Meeting Schedule and Speakers

Month	Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
Oct	29th	Stan Carp	CITGO	Overview and Future Vision of CITGO Lemont Refinery
Nov		Ese Jeroro	Honeywell UOP	
Jan	16th	Prof. Omar Farha	Northwestern University	Smart and Programmable Crystalline Sponges

Upcoming AIChE Conferences, Meetings, and Webinars

AIChE Conferences	
Oct 14-16, 2024	7th International Conference on CRISPR Technologies , Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA, USA
Oct 24-26, 2024	9th Conference on Constraint-Based Reconstruction and Analysis (COBRA 2024) , Omni San Diego Hotel, San Diego, CA, USA
Oct 27-31, 2024	2024 AIChE Annual Meeting , San Diego Convention Center, Hilton San Diego Bayfront
Oct 27-28, 2024	8th Bioengineering and Translational Medicine Conference , Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA, USA
Oct 28-30, 2024	5th Cell Therapies and Immunotherapy Conference , Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA
Oct 29-30, 2024	2024 Global Conference on Process Safety and Big Data , Leonardo Royal Hotel Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Oct 31-Nov 1, 2024	6th Food Innovation and Engineering (FOODIE) Conference , San Diego Convention Center, San Diego CA

2024 AIChE Annual Meeting: Chemical Engineering Reimagined

The AIChE Annual Meeting is the premier educational forum for chemical engineers interested in innovation and professional growth. Academic and industry experts will cover a wide range of topics relevant to cutting-edge research, new technologies, and emerging growth areas in chemical engineering.

Links: [Conference Website](#) [Technical Program](#)
[Register](#)



Chicago ACS News and Upcoming Meeting

The Chicago sections of ACS and AIChE traditionally hold a joint meeting in January, but that does not mean the collaboration has to stop there! Please check out the latest Chicago ACS news and consider attending their next general meeting.

Chicago ACS bulletin: <https://chicagoacs.org/news.php>

Next Chicago ACS general meeting:

[October 17 with Dr. Andrea Twiss-Brooks, University of Chicago](#)



Connect with members and participate in discussions on Engage!

Check out AIChE's member benefit, AIChE Engage. Use the robust directory search to find and connect with members. Participate in technical, career, and academic discussions about chemical engineering.



Volunteers needed for Chicago Local Section

How many opportunities can you find to learn project management, delegation, and leadership skills for free? Volunteering with the Chicago Section of AIChE is such an opportunity. While you're learning new skills, your professional network grows. Just about all of us are undergoing a career change, contemplating a career change, or are wondering if our career will be changed for us. Volunteering with AIChE is a way to add skills and accomplishments to your resume.

Volunteers are needed to help with:

- Programming - arrange speakers for monthly meetings and arrange catering/venues.
- Logistics - arrange catering and venues
- Newsletter Editor - prepare and publish ten monthly newsletters
- Newsletter Contributors - write meeting summaries, contribute photos, and more
- Engineering Outreach - coordinate three annual K-12 outreach events with high schools and colleges
- Professional Development and Sponsorship - arrange companies to sponsor pre-meeting talks to help fund student dinners
- Awards and Scholarship Committees - Review applications for local Section awards and scholarships
- Midwest Regional Conference - various roles with programming, logistics, website work, advertising, sponsorships, high school outreach, poster session, and more!
- Young Professionals - plan socials and programming for young professionals (under 35)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact us at aichechicago@gmail.com

Begin your journey with [AIChE Explorer!](#)

The AIChE Explorer Membership type is designed for professionals who would like to try out AIChE Membership at a lower rate and reduced benefit levels.

Join more than 60,000 members in more than 110 countries! Joining AIChE gives you access to an amazing network of top professionals in chemical engineering in addition to providing a host of other valuable member benefits. Regardless of your career stage, AIChE membership is one of the best ways to meet accomplished chemical engineers and tap into our deep reserve of specialized information.

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AIChE Explorer membership includes:

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- Access to the AIChE eLibrary – a wealth of information from Knovel Life Sciences and the McGraw-Hill AccessEngineering Library collections

[View more benefits here!](#)

AIChE Volunteer and Meeting Attendee Conduct Guidelines

AIChE's volunteers are the core of the Institute and make all of its programs, conferences and educational efforts possible. These offerings provide excellent opportunities for AIChE members and meeting attendees to gain greater technical expertise, grow their networks, and enhance their careers. AIChE events provide engineers, scientists, and students a platform to present, discuss, publish and exhibit their discoveries and technical advances. At all times, volunteers and meeting attendees should act in accordance with AIChE's Code of Ethics, upholding and advancing the integrity, honor and dignity of the chemical engineering profession. AIChE's Board of Directors has developed these guidelines to foster a positive environment of trust, respect, open communications, and ethical behavior. These guidelines apply to meetings, conferences, workshops, courses and other events organized by AIChE or any of its entities and also to volunteers who conduct other business and affairs on behalf of AIChE.

Specifically

1. Volunteers and meeting attendees should understand and support AIChE's Code of Ethics.
2. Volunteers and meeting attendees should contribute to a collegial, inclusive, positive and respectful environment for fellow volunteers and attendees, and other stakeholders, including AIChE staff.
3. Volunteers and meeting attendees should avoid making inappropriate statements or taking inappropriate action based on race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, political affiliation, presence of disabilities, or educational background. We should show consistent respect for colleagues, regardless of discipline, employment status, and organizations for which they work, whether industry, academia, or government.
4. Disruptive, harassing or other inappropriate statements or behavior toward other volunteers, members, and other stakeholders, including AIChE staff, is unacceptable.
5. Volunteers and meeting attendees should obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant governmental authorities while volunteering or attending meetings. Volunteers and meeting attendees taking part in any AIChE event, including the ChemECar Competition™, should also comply with all applicable safety guidelines. Violations of this conduct policy should be reported promptly to the AIChE President or Executive Director.

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Submitting Articles to AIChE Columns

We welcome email submissions for our monthly newsletter. Commercial announcements are subject to a fee. News stories, editorials, technical, or career related non-commercial contributions are always welcome for no charge. We consider job postings, announcements of for-free training courses, expositions, and conferences as commercial. Categorization of announcements is at the sole discretion of the Chicago AIChE Board of Directors. The AIChE Chicago Section may publicize activities of interest to our members by cooperating professional societies and other non-profits without charge.

Please submit your material to aichechicago@gmail.com with 'Newsletter Article' as a subject line.



We want you for AIChE Chicago!

AIChE is committed to promoting a fair, just, and equitable profession and society. AIChE believes that all who wish to be a part of the chemical engineering community should have equal opportunity to pursue and achieve success. We work toward a better future for all through our technical expertise; through how we inspire, engage, retain, and advance future talent; and through how we treat each other within and beyond the profession.

[AIChE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement](#)