



Meeting At-A-Glance

- New Pricing in effect!!
- Location: Brady's Land-
ing Restaurant
- Three workshops @ 5:30
PM: CAST, PE/PO, ENV
- Networking 6-7 PM
- Dinner at 7 PM
- Speakers at 8 PM

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The April meeting is sponsored by Rawson and TLV. There is new pricing as of the April meeting! See details on Page 3.

Rawson TLV

Monthly Meeting May 7, 2009

Location: Brady's Landing Restaurant

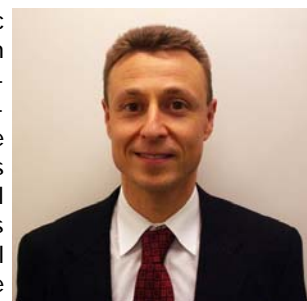
Steam System Management

Speakers: Jon Walter, National Accounts Manager, B. Eng., CEM, TLV Corporation, and Keith Hagen, Director, Rawson Energy Management & Technology (division of Rawson LP).

Abstract: Profitable plant operation is directly related to effective management of the steam system resource to reduce total operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Sustainable Steam Trap Management and Steam Application Optimization are important cornerstone elements in achieving these goals.

A strategic management process will be detailed including Best Practices for Condition Monitoring (TLV's TrapMan®), Best Model Selection, and Application Optimization. Resource capabilities such as Rawson Energy Management & Technology (EM&T), and TLV Consulting & Engineering Services (CES) will also be discussed.

Bio: Jon Walter obtained his BEng Degree in Electronic Engineering from Sheffield University (United Kingdom) in 1989. After college, Jon joined Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) as an Instrument & Control Engineer, and during this time also became a Chartered Engineer with the UK Engineering Council. Jon joined TLV in 1995, and has held various international positions and headed several initiatives aimed at expanding TLV's product and services offering. Most recently Jon managed TLV's International Consulting & Engineering Services organization where he led or participated in over 40 Steam System Reviews, working with clients in over 7 different counties. Jon is currently TLV's National Accounts Manager, located in Charlotte, NC. Jon holds industry certifications as a "Steam Specialist" (US Department of Energy) and a "Certified Energy Manager" (CEM, accredited by the Association of Energy Engineers).



Keith Hagen received his BS in Chemical Engineering from Arizona State University in February 1971. Upon graduation he worked in several engineering capacities for Houston Chemical Co, Div. of PPG Industries, Beaumont, Tx. While working for PPG, he received a Master of Engineering degree from Lamar University and became a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas. In 1975, he joined Rawson & Company and has held several positions in Beaumont, San Antonio, Austin, and Houston. He currently is the Manager of Refining Industries and the Director of EM&T, a division of Rawson LP.



Workshops begin at 5:30 PM

Process Engineering/Plant Operations (PE/P0): Completing the Life Cycle of Catalysts

Speaker: John Calpakis: President, Calcorp Resources, Inc., Houston, Texas

Abstract: The presentation provides an insight into several various reclamation processes for different catalysts, typically generated in petrochemical plants. Topics will include, the complexities and economics associated with spent catalyst chemistries and physical properties, as related to handling and metallurgical smelting.

Bio: John Calpakis is President and owner of Calcorp Resources, Inc, a Houston based company engaged in global acquisition of spent petrochemical catalysts, for reclamation. He has over 40 years experience and an extensive background in spent catalyst metallurgical metals recovery. Prior to 1969 Mr. Calpakis spent 8 years with General Electric Company as a systems engineer engaged in the design of ground to air weapon control systems, and in telemetry data acquisition during the early stages of NASA's Apollo program. Prior to joining GE, Mr. Calpakis served 3 years as an electronics officer in the U.S. Air Force. He holds a BS degree from Queens College, and attended graduate studies at Syracuse University. Mr. Calpakis is a member of AIChE, IEEE, and IPMI.

Computing & Systems Technology (CAST): Fundamentals of Fluid Flow Simulation

Speaker: Todd J. Willman, PE, MBA

Abstract: Learn the fundamentals of fluid flow simulation and how this can be applied to the modeling of plant process and utility systems to understand flow and pressure restrictions that may be holding back your facility from world-class performance. The strategy of how to layout fluid flow models for cooling water, fuel gas, steam, compressed air, etc. will be provided along with case studies and success stories. Trial fluid flow simulation software will be provided for those attending to complete a computer based training module on their own to fully reinforce the concepts that are presented.

Bio: Todd oversees the development of fluid flow software, simulation software, and thermophysical properties software for chemical engineers working in the oil, gas and chemical processing industries at EPCON International in the role of Director of Development and Engineering. He also manages EPCON's engineering services that applies their company's simulation software to solving root-cause process plant problems and is the Chair for the South Texas Section of AIChE (tjw@epcon.com)

Environmental (ENV): Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Speaker: Melita Elmore, Sage Environmental Consulting

Abstract: Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is a going to be a necessary tool in the new proposed federal requirements for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and for future GHG reduction strategies for a number of heavy industries, like oil and gas, power plants and cement production. Texas is poised to have a large CO₂ repository where the GHG could be stored off the coast on State lands. The State anticipates the storage of CO₂ as a necessity for future federal requirements, and as potential revenue from industries that are going to have to reduce GHGs and/or pay for emissions through cap and trade. The presentation will give an overview of CCS works, what projects have been successful in Texas, what pilot projects are being developed, and what the Texas Legislation is doing to encourage CCS.

Bio: Ms. Elmore is experienced with all types of industrial, real estate development, compliance audits, training and EMS issues. She has been active in the Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association (TXCCSA) and acts as development and outreach coordinator. In her projects for Sage Environmental Consulting, she coordinates the GHG Business Unit and has presented on this topic for a number of clients. She is also an accomplished and qualified trainer, having developed a number of multi-media training projects for LDAR, Stormwater and SPCC issues, and other environmental regulatory topics. Her recent projects include development of video environmental training and safety programs, conducting compliance training for a major Texas highway construction project, development of a self-paced training CD for the National Guard on hazardous waste issues, community outreach environmental multi-media DVD for the Dallas Ft. Worth Airport, learning management system training content development for an energy company, and sustainability training for a DOD site.

Meeting Registration Information

The Executive Committee is implementing new pricing for dinner meetings, starting with the April 2009 meeting. Non-members will be charged a slightly higher rate for the meeting. All members of STS-AIChE, AIChE National, or any AIChE student chapter qualify for the lower price. At this time, proof of membership is not required for pre-registration or at the door.

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Regular/Retired	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30
Student/Unemployed	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25

Pre-register for the monthly meeting at: <http://www.sts-aiche.org/register.php>.

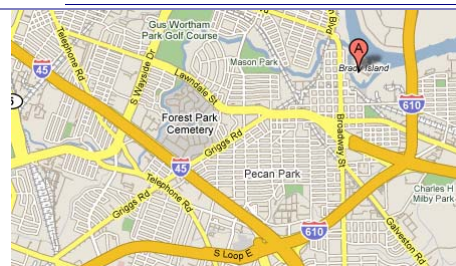
Reservations are accepted until 4 pm the Wednesday of meeting week.

You may also **cancel a reservation** using this link. Please cancel your reservation if you have made one and find that you are unable to attend.

Attendees of the meeting will earn 1 PDH for the Texas Professional Engineer Continuing Education Programs. Remember to track your hours!

Meeting Location - Brady's Landing Restaurant

This month's meeting will be held at Brady's Landing Restaurant, on the east side of town. To use your own mapping program for directions, the address is 8505 Cypress Street, Houston, 77012. Click on the map to the right to open the map site.



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2009 ANNUAL STS AICHE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL TOUR**6:00 PM, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009****Register/Prepay now! [Click Here!](#) (Available after the May 7 meeting)**

Once again, the South Texas Section will journey down the Houston Ship Channel in the fully air-conditioned M/V Sam Houston on the evening of **Saturday, June 6**. The M/V Sam Houston will leave the dock at **6:00 PM sharp** and return to the dock at approximately 8:00 PM.

The Houston Ship Channel is the largest concentration of chemical industry in the United States with more than 50 chemical processing facilities located along either side providing their products to commerce around the world. The list of companies that are located along the Houston Ship Channel reads like a who's who of the chemical process and refining industries. The ship channel has more than 50% of the nation's basic petrochemical manufacturing capacity and nearly 50% of the capacity of first stage derivatives - almost three times larger than its closest competitor.

Barbecue and beverages will be served on the trip which is intended to be enjoyed by one and all, so please bring your spouse or significant other. Lenox Barbecue will again be providing beef, chicken and rib barbecue dinners with all the fixings including beans, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, and lots of jalapenos plus dessert for those who are still hungry.

Because the trip is intended for a technical organization, **no children under the age of 16 are allowed**. The cost of the trip, the barbecue, and the beverages (open bar) is **\$15.00 per person**. Because of the popularity of this annual trip, we regret that must impose a limit of only two (2) people per reservation. Also, people who fail to cancel their reservations by 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 4, to allow others who are on the wait-list to go on the trip will forfeit the \$15.00 per person cost.

Because of Port of Houston security requirements and the limited space available, reservations are required for the trip since the M/V Sam Houston can take **only 60 people**. Reservations will be accepted starting on the night of the Thursday, May 7, STS-AICHE monthly dinner meeting until 2:00 PM, Thursday, June 4. Attendees of the May 7 STS-AICHE meeting will get to sign up during the meeting. Starting May 8, sign up and prepay using the STS shopping cart at <http://www.sts-aiiche.org/zen-cart/>. When the reservations list is full, a wait-list will be started. Reservations can be canceled at any time up to 12:00 noon on Friday, June 5, online on the STS-AICHE Web site. If any spaces are available, you may pay via cash or check at the dock.

Reservations are limited to members of the STS-AICHE and one guest per member for a total of two people for each reservation. We will use the contact information provided in the shopping cart to contact you in case the trip is cancelled (**see the security notice below**). Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis; however, we will maintain a wait list in case there are cancellations. Remember: reservations will be accepted beginning with the Thursday, May 7, STS-AICHE dinner meeting.

All people going on the Houston Ship Channel Trip must have a picture ID to show to the guard at Gate 8 and to the crew member before boarding the M/V Sam Houston. Names will be compared to the reservations list by the guard.

We hope to see you on board the M/V Sam Houston when we weigh anchor.

Directions: The parking lot access is through Gate 8 of the Port of Houston, 7300 Clinton Drive. Exit I-10 (Baytown East Freeway) at McCarty and proceed south on McCarty to Clinton Drive. Turn right on Clinton and proceed west to Gate 8, which has a signal light and is just before Wayside. Turn left and enter Gate 8, then proceed to the pavilion at the Turning Basin, staying to the right. Once there, park in the parking lot and join us on board the M/V Sam Houston.

DO NOT EXIT AND GO DOWN WAYSIDE; THERE IS NO STREET CONNECTION FROM SOUTHBOUND WAYSIDE TO CLINTON.

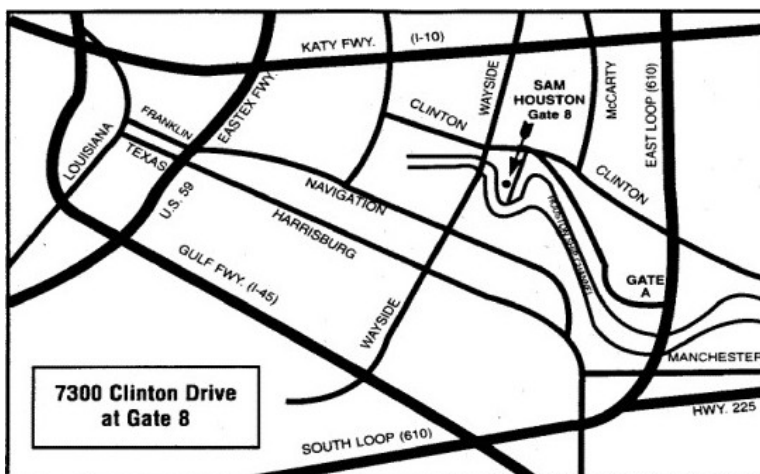
For additional information, please e-mail Dennis Griffith at dennisgriff@sbcglobal.net or call him at 713-656-7794 (work) or 713-465-9347 (home).

Remember, a picture ID is required for all attendees.

Bon voyage!
Dennis Griffith

SECURITY NOTICE

Because of the increased security requirements at the Port of Houston, the annual STS-AICHE Houston Ship Channel Trip is subject to cancellation at the last minute by the Port of Houston Authority. If this happens, we will notify all people with reservations and put a notice on our Web site <http://www.sts-aiiche.org/>. Your understanding about this situation is appreciated.



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50 Year Members Acknowledged



Five South Texas Section Members received Certificates for recognition of their membership in AICHE for more than 50 years at the April STS-AICHE Meeting. Please read about their amazing careers on Page 7 of this newsletter.

Standing (Left to Right): Murray Nadler, Marc F. Fontaine, David R. Simms

Seated: (Left to Right): Glenn R. Eudaley, Gene L. Tromblee

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50-Year Members Acknowledged—Bios

Below are the bios of the April 2009 recognized 50-year AIChE Members.

Billy B. Ashby – Billy received his BSChE in 1952 from the University of Texas in Austin, his MSChE in '53 from the Univ. of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and his PhD ChE in '56 from Michigan. His thesis project at the Univ. of Michigan was sponsored by the AIChE as part of a distillation column tray efficiency project and was titled "Gas Phase Resistance to Mass Transfer in a Bubble Cap Column" (published in 1955).

He began his professional career with Humble Oil and Refining Co.'s (Standard Oil – New Jersey, later EXXON) Baytown refinery in 9/55. Billy worked for EXXON and its affiliates at various locations in the US and overseas (Iran, Japan, and England) for his entire career (almost 39 yrs) and retired in from Exxon Chemical in July, 1994.

Billy joined AIChE in 1956, is a Senior Member, and served as secretary of the South Texas Section in the early 1960's and was named the Outstanding Young Member in 1964.

Billy and his wife, Marie, have 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls) and 10 grandchildren.

Glenn Eudaley – Glen grew up in Louisville, KY, attended University of Louisville, and received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Chemical Engineering (1941 & 1942).

After graduation he joined TEXACO and worked in their Port Arthur (TX) refinery and in the administrative offices in Houston. Following a 36-year career at TEXACO, he spent 3 years with their Aramco subsidiary in Saudi Arabia after he took early retirement. Following his Texaco "retirement", he joined Valero Refining Co., working in Houston and at their Corpus Christi refinery. After that he worked for short periods at Austin Industrial and Petrocon. In 1989, he formed his own consulting company serving refining and petrochemical plants in Harris and Jefferson counties. Currently, Glen is working on contract at the Goodyear Houston Chemical Plant.

Glenn's primary avocation has been tennis umpiring mostly locally but he has also umpired at the U.S Open and Wimbledon tennis tournaments. In 1995 he was named Umpire of the Year in Texas. Glenn is the father of 2 children, 5 grand children and 2 great grand children.

Marc F. Fontaine – Marc was born in Mexico City (French parents), attended school in France and Belgium, received his BSChE in 1950 & his MSChE in 1951 from LSU, and his Ph. D. ChE from Oklahoma State in 1954. He is a Senior Member of AIChE as well as a member of numerous other professional organizations, is a registered Professional Engineer in Texas, served as a member of the US Army Reserve, and became a citizen of the United States in 1956. Marc joined Texaco in 1954, worked 38 years in diverse locations and assignments in U.S. and Europe, and retired from Texaco in December of 1993. Mark has published 13 papers and holds 15 US Patents.

Marc served as Treasurer of the Mid Hudson Section in the 50's and was instrumental in the Mid-Hudson Section's formation and served as a Session Chair in 1982 at the Anaheim Regional Meeting. He has also served the Society of Petroleum Engineers in various roles. He also was an Explorer Post Advisor, was active with the Jr Soccer League of SW Houston from 1968 to 1974, and was active with a homeowners association in Fishkill, New York.

Marc also enjoys bridge, photography, and traveling.

Murray Nadler – Murray received his BSChE from Cooper Union in 1956 and his MSChE from New York University in 1959. He joined AIChE in 1956 and is a Senior Member. Murray joined Exxon Chemical Co. Technology in 1959 out of grad school and was with Exxon for 35 years retiring as a Senior Engineering Associate. He received a Law Degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston in 1992 and has been a speaker at STS Monthly Meetings twice on legal matters in 2007. Murray now works as a solo practitioner doing patent drafting and prosecution. In addition, he does consulting work on strategic planning for intellectual property management in the chemical, petrochemical, and power generation industries. He is also a Member of the Texas Bar and the U.S. Patent Bar.

David R. Simms – David received his BSChE in 1956 from Washington Univ. and his MSChE in 1965 from West Virginia Univ. He is a Senior Member of AIChE joining AIChE in 1956. After graduation, David joined Union Carbide and remained with them until 1964. He then joined Shell Chemical and worked with Shell for 28 years in various domestic and overseas locations. He then joined Stone and Webster (now the Shaw Group), rejoined Shell for a short time and finally retired from Stone & Webster in 1999. David was active in the Ethylene Producers Conference from 1992-1999 principally with the NOX Formation Sub Committee. Currently he consults on Tray Design with the Shaw Group.

Gene L. Tromblee – Gene received BSChE from Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University) in 1956. Upon graduation he joined AIChE and began his employment with Monsanto at the Texas City Plant. While with Monsanto at various locations, he found time to continue his education and received his MSChE from Texas A&M in 1970. Having served in the Monsanto managerial ranks in various locations, Gene was plant manager at Texas City in 1986 and became part of the leveraged buyout of the Texas City plant by the Sterling Group and became Vice President of Operations for Sterling Chemical. In 1991, Gene retired from Sterling Chemical.

He was involved with the South Texas Section's Annual Technical Meeting in the 1960's serving as Exhibits Chair in 1968 as well as a Spring National Meeting in Houston in the 1960's.

Curtis C. Williams – Curtis received his BSChE in 1948 from Yale University, his MSChE from MIT in 1950, and his PhD ChE in 1953 from MIT. He joined AIChE in 1954 and joined Shell at about the same time and was with Shell for 41 years in Process Engineer Management, Head Office Engineering and served as Shell's Representative to the Fractionation Research Institute. Curtis is a Fellow of AIChE and served as judge for the Houston Engineering and Science Fair for many years. He is the holder of seven patents and has published a number of technical papers.

New Workshop Category: Professional Development (PD)!

The STS will be presenting a new workshop category starting in the fall. Professional Development workshops will be joining the CAST, PE/PO, PSM, and ENV categories. Similar to all workshops, attendees may receive 1 PDH for their attendance at the Professional Development workshops.

Shilpa Dubey will be the initial Chair for the PD workshops. If you have ideas or wishes for particular topics to be covered, please contact Shilpa at: (W) 713-270-2675 or (M) 205-886-0408, Shilpa.Dubey@akersolutions.com or ShilpaDubey@gmail.com

Miss Dubey is process engineer at Aker Solutions Houston. She received her masters in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Currently, she is working on a coal to substitute natural gas feasibility study. Her aim is to bring a broad spectrum of educational opportunities to AIChE that can help engineers enhance their professional competence.

Welcome Shilpa to the STS team!



Thanks to Our Sponsor ConocoPhillips



At the April '09 dinner meeting, a meeting sponsorship award was given to Phil Amick, Director for Gasification Commercialization at ConocoPhillips, by the 2009 Chair Todd Willman.



The Only Constant In Life..... (From the Editor)

It seems like it has been a very long time since I wrote a "From the Editor" column. Another season has come to a close, and much has changed since last September. The drop in the economy has changed a lot of things for a lot of people, and our industry is no exception. As recently as November companies were hiring new folks left and right. But now, those of us still employed consider ourselves lucky to have jobs. It is true that the only constant in life is change. Just when we think we know what tomorrow will bring, fate takes a turn and we are left to wonder how to navigate the new terrain.

The STS is also going through changes. Meeting sponsorship has increased attendance to record levels, we will have new Professional Development workshops in the fall, and there are quite a few things still being developed behind the scenes. If you find you have some time on your hands, there are various volunteer opportunities available (see page 10).

The website and newsletter may be going through some changes too over the summer. We're always trying to improve what we're doing to serve you, our members, better and more efficiently.

For me, it has as always been a joy to bring you the news and events of the STS. I thank you for reading, and for making our section one of the more active and vibrant ones in the nation. I wish you all the very best in the immediate future and beyond. Things will turn around, and things will get better. And we'll all still be here, having monthly meetings, celebrating all that makes Chemical Engineering such a wonderful profession to be a part of.

All the best to you and yours,
Susan Cannon, Editor
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Volunteers Needed—'09 OTC

The 2009 Offshore Technology Conference will be held 4-7 May at Reliant Park. As the STS will have no role as an OTC Conduct Committee Sponsor, we have volunteered to provide volunteers the OTC Registration Conduct Committee. As usual, Registration Committee volunteers will receive a complimentary registration for the entire OTC as well as complimentary parking for attending an orientation meeting the week before and serving as a Registration Committee member for one half day.

For information contact: Thomas E. Menn, P. O. Box 458 Pearland, Texas 77588-0458. Tom's phone number is 281-485-3719 and his e-mail address is thomasmenn@SBCglobal.net.

STS-AIChE Volunteer Opportunities

Join the team and help STS grow by volunteering. The following volunteer positions are open:

Associate Treasurer – works with the Treasurer and learns the ropes. Develops basic accounting skills, which will be useful if you want to go into management. Informal grooming for STS Treasurer position. If you decide to become Treasurer, you'll hit the ground running, with minimum stress.

ECH Councilor – Contact with other technical societies in Houston. Learn from their similarities and differences. Opens additional professional development opportunities for you. You can learn elsewhere and bring the knowledge back to STS.

Engineers Week Committee Delegate – Learn about E-Week. Encourage STS participation. Network with members of other organizations, particularly YPs. The duties do not need to be heavy.

Webmaster – Learn about organizational web sites. STS will implement the new AIChE Content Management System. We may have all-volunteer implementation, or may use a part time contract webmaster. AIChE National will have web training events for local section webmasters. *Previous website management experience required.*

Associate Webmaster – Learn skills noted above. If we go all-volunteer, there will be opportunity for an associate webmaster to contribute.

Liaison Committee Chair – keep in touch with contacts at employers of multiple chemical engineers. Remind them to post meeting announcements and remind individuals of meetings.

Arrangements Committee Chair – identify good locations for monthly meetings. Keep the caterer manager abreast of anticipated meeting attendance. Arrange for meeting rooms and audio-visual equipment. Check the head count (or mouth-count) just before the meal. You'll be cooperating with the Treasurer, workshop coordinators, and webmaster, so you won't be doing all the work yourself.

K-12 Outreach Committee Members – work with HUNSTEM to identify schools interested in contacts with STS and the topics we could productively present. Arrange to borrow demonstration gear and lesson plans. Keep a list of interested presenters and opportunities to present.

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Notice from National AIChE on the proposed changes to PE Licensing

In case you missed the notice about National AIChE's position, it is reiterated here:

AIChE Leaders Oppose Change in Requirements for Professional Engineering Exam

Revision seen as unnecessary and onerous burden on candidates for licensure and their employers.

If you and your employer feel that being a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) can be an important component of an engineer's career, you need to know about an important change that is being implemented. The rules regarding eligibility for the PE exam change in 2012. AIChE's leaders oppose this change.

What's changed?

The change in the Model Law of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying requires a master's of science degree or its equivalent beginning in 2020. That would be on top of the current requirements that you have graduated from a four year, ABET-accredited engineering program; have four years of work experience; and pass the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. State legislatures and governing boards are being urged to adopt this change by 2012 so it can be implemented in 2020.

Proponents claim that additional credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree are needed to fully prepare tomorrow's engineers for practice. They argue that, as universities reduce the hours required for the BS degree, additional credit hours are needed to properly prepare future engineers.

What are the adverse effects of this change?

The change will likely reduce interest in engineers becoming licensed and possibly drive students into other disciplines. It will increase costs to engineers and their firms and the time that it takes to get licensed. While strongly encouraging chemical engineers to become licensed, AIChE leaders believe that the change is unwarranted, expensive, and won't provide any increased benefit or protection to the public. For chemical engineers, the BS degree, four years of practice, and passage of the PE exam are sufficient to assure a reasonable level of competence and protect the public.

Several other engineering societies share AIChE's view. In fact AIChE, along with seven other societies, endorsed an American Society of Mechanical Engineers' position paper opposing the change. The Academy of Engineering Companies is also against it. The major proponent of the change is the American Society of Civil Engineers.

What you can do:

Learn the position being taken on the revised model law by your state's licensing board. Make your opinion known to the licensing board and appropriate committees of your state legislature. Also, make your management aware of the change. Finally, if you are a member of other engineering societies, for example, the National Society of Professional Engineers, discuss the issue at local meetings. All PEs need to be aware of the change.

A website has been established for engineers to share information and work together toward maintaining the current educational requirements. To see the position paper and learn more about the model law, go to: www.licensingthatworks.org.

Future issues of AIChExchange and CEP will provide more information on the background, complications, and ramifications of this proposal.

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