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The South Texan



Thursday, September 7, 2017 (Cancelled)
Monthly Meeting @ The Bougainvilleas
([12126 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX, 77077](https://www.google.com/maps/place/12126+Westheimer+Rd,+Houston,+TX,+77077))

5:00PM - 6:30PM Workshops
6:00PM - 7:00PM Social/Networking Time
7:00PM - 8:00PM Dinner
8:00PM - 9:30PM Dinner Presentation/Speaker

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September Dinner Meeting

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Both the dinner meeting and
workshops have been
CANCELLED.

September 2017 STS-AIChE Chair's Letter – David Rosenthal

Dear Fellow Members of South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers,

September 2017

Letter from the AIChE STS Chair, David Rosenthal

I hope you and your family enjoyed a safe and enjoyable summer. Our local section starts our active schedule in September. Over the summer many of us enjoyed the Houston Ship Channel tour in June and our Executive Board met in July to discuss our plans for the remainder of the year and the strategy for 2018. We will welcome Carlos Salamanca at that time as our incoming Chair of the section. We also continued our First Friday meetings in July and August. I attended the July meeting and met many of our members from the Energy Corridor who may find it difficult to attend meeting on the east side at Brady's Landing.

Our September 7th dinner meeting will feature Tom Rehm speaking about Process Safety. I know Tom has been preparing for this talk all summer with the results of a survey he has been conducting. The meeting will be held at The Bougainvilleas at 12126 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77077. We worked out the "kinks" from our first meeting there so I expect that our meeting will meet your expectations.



Our Dinner meeting program for the first half of 2017 has been a success! Our talks this year included:

- January - Improving Operational Resilience Using Dynamic Simulation
- February - The Oldest Bioreactor - Wastewater Treatment
- March - Port Of Houston Authority
- April - Pressure Relief Systems: Case Studies and Design Tips
- May - Good Engineering Practice for Emergency Relief System Design
- June - Houston Ship Channel Tour
- September - Process Safety
- October- Southwest Process Technology Conference Dinner
- November- Water Forum - Houston Subsidence District

I encourage all of you to register for the Southwest Process Technology Conference to be held at Moody Garden from October 12 to 13th. I am pleased to announce that our dinner meeting presentation on the evening of October 12th will feature a talk from the Texas Central Partners, LLC discussing the proposed bullet train between Houston and Dallas.

These events are dedicated and part of the membership benefits to our local section and National AIChE members. Attendance does require one to be either a member of the local section or the National AIChE organization. If you are not a member of the local section, you can sign up as a member and get a two year period before you must become a National AIChE member. I ask each of you to review your membership status and either renew or become a member before the next dinner meeting.

September 2017 STS-AIChE Chair's Letter – David Rosenthal

We continue to look for sponsoring companies for our meetings. We have three levels of sponsorship. Your company has an opportunity to speak to our Dinner meeting attendees, provide literature, and attend the meeting complimentary. Your sponsorship lowers the price of our Dinner meetings for our members. Please consider being a Bronze, Silver or Gold sponsor! Contact the Chair for more details.

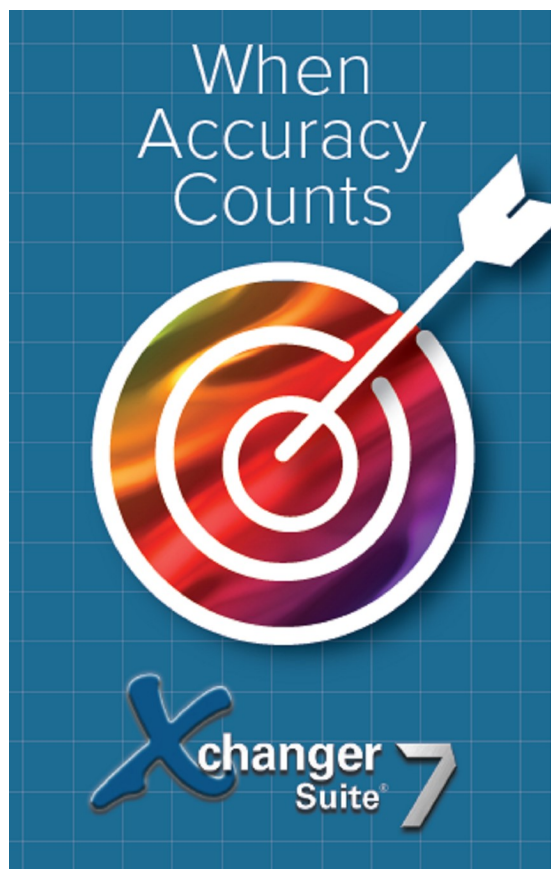
We are also looking for Dinner meeting locations. Can your company host a Dinner meeting? All we need is space for 100 people, workshop space, catering, and parking. We will even provide the speaker!

Our section also provides value in many other ways to our members. We are committed to assisting those looking for work through many different approaches. We continue to hold First Friday meetings at the Omni Westside in Houston each month for those who need to network for jobs. We are considering a similar meeting on the East side, details to come.

Remember, any member can attend our Executive Committee meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at La Madeleine at 10001 Westheimer Rd, Suite 2123, Houston, TX 77042 to either observe or volunteer to help. We are currently looking to fill board positions for 2018. If you are interested, let me know.

In closing, I again take this opportunity thank you for your past support and I look forward to meeting each of you at an AIChE STS event.

David Rosenthal
2017 Chair
AIChE STS



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Awards

Trevor Rice Honored as 2017 STS – AIChE Young Chemical Engineer of Year at April Monthly Dinner Meeting



Trevor Rice (C) displays the 2017 STS – AIChE Young Engineer of the Year Plaque.
Trevor is flanked by Past AIChE Treasurer Dennis Griffith (L)
and 2017 STS – AIChE Chair David Rosenthal ©

Trevor Rice holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rice University, and has worked since 2011 as a Systems Engineer for Chemstations, Inc. He has been an active member of the South Texas Section of AIChE for 4 years, serving as Chair of the Young Professionals in 2016. His previous work with the YPs has included maintaining the group's website and helping with audio/visual setup for streaming the STS monthly meetings. Trevor is also the recipient of the 2013 STS – AIChE Outstanding Young Professional Award and the 2016 STS – AIChE Young Professionals Chair Appreciation Plaque.

Awards

South Texas Section – AIChE Awards Update

2016 South Texas Section – AIChE Best Papers Awards

The 2016 STS – AIChE Best Papers Competition received five (5) nominations each in the Applied and the Fundamental categories. The Best Papers in both the Applied and Fundamental categories will be announced at the October 12 South Texas Section – AIChE Monthly Dinner Meeting at the Moody Gardens Hotel located at 7 Hope Boulevard in Galveston, Texas.

South Texas Section -- AIChE Best In Practice Paper Award

At the December 2016 South Texas Section – AIChE Executive Committee Meeting, it was decided to create an award for a new “Best Paper” category and competition. The new Best Paper Award is named the Best In Practice Paper Award. Check the STS – AIChE web-site for the award criteria. This new award will be offered for those papers published by STS – AIChE Members in 2017. Volunteers for the Best In Practice Paper Judging Committee are also being sought.

Awards

3 South Texas Section – AIChE Young Professionals Recognized by AIChE with YP 35 Under 35 Award

The September *Chemical Engineering Progress* lists South Texas Section – AIChE Members

Bala Chaitanya Gottimukkala (2016-7 STS -- AIChE Secretary)

Nemoy Rau

Sheena Reeves (2016-7 STS – AIChE Executive Committee Position No. 2) as Recipients of AIChE YP Committee's AIChE's 35 Under 35 Award.

Please join the South Texas Section – AIChE in congratulating Chaitanya, Nemoy, and Sheena for their accomplishments.

2017 Offshore Technology Conference

STS Volunteers Help Out at 2017 OTC

STS-AIChE OTC Committee Volunteers Again Successful at 2017 OTC

The 2017 Offshore Technology Conference was a success for South Texas Section which was credited having a total of 41 South Texas Section - AIChE members plus a few AIChE non-members serve as OTC Volunteers. *(STS probably had more volunteers but these failed to check the "AIChE" box on the OTC Volunteer Registration form.)* These 41 volunteers provided a portion of the staffing for the Arrangements, Registration, and First Timers Orientation Committees. For giving of their time to help out at the OTC, each volunteer received a complimentary OTC registration for themselves and their spouses and a reserved area parking pass with in/out privileges with both the registration and parking pass good for the entire OTC.

As STS-AIChE had enough volunteers, STS received an honorarium of \$1,000 from the OTC. It is hoped that STS will be able to repeat this feat in future years. The funds are to be used to provide handouts and career guidance materials to the High School Students and Teachers taking part in the OTC Student Tours as well as the Middle, Junior High, and High School Teachers participating in the OTC Teacher Workshop (NEED/STEM).

Those who served on one or more of the Arrangements, Registration, and Student Tours Committees are: Kevin Allen, Dewayne Anderson, Joushua Bordin, Cecilia Burns, Arthur Camero, Evan Carlton, Humbert Chu, Nicholas Collett, Rita DeClariss, Amanda Dei, Yurika Diaz Bialowas, Robert Duffy, Chaitanya Gottimukkala, Mayank Gupta, John Hottovy, Dannis Jen, Carlton Jones, Matthew Kolodney, Tekin Kunt, Wei Leong, Ric Massie, Debra McCall, Monica McCoy, James Menn, John Middleton, Shahebaz Mulla, Eliazar Nava, Israel Perez, Frank Pierrat, Syamal Poddar, Gary Reeves, Mirelle Rosca, Carl Schwanke, Tushar Shah, David Silarski, Mark Smith, John Super, Roger Trandell, Anil Vazrala, Keith Wang, Quinta Warren, and Marc Young. If anyone has been missed, please contact Tom Menn.

Thanks to all these volunteers for volunteering their time, talents, and efforts to the 2017 Offshore Technology Conference on behalf of the South Texas Section – AIChE.

2017 Offshore Technology Conference

The South Texas Section – AIChE wishes to recognize and thank the following STS Volunteers who volunteered to serve on one or more of the 2017 OTC Arrangements, Registration, and First Timers Lounge Committees:

Kevin Allen
Joushua Bordin
Steven Briley
Evan Carlton
Nicholas Collett
Amanda Dei
Robert Duffy
Mayank Gupta
Dannis Jen
Matthew Kolodney
Wei Leong
Debra McCall
James Menn
Shahebaz Mulla
Israel Perez
Syamal Poddar
Mirelle Rosca
Tushar Shah
Mark Smith
Roger Trandell
Keith Wang
Marc Young
Ken Lloyd
Hilda Woghiren
Mark Siddoway

Dewayne Anderson
Cecilia Burns
Arthur Camero
Humbert Chu
Rita DeClaris
Yurika Diaz Bialowas
Chaitanya Gottimukkala
John Hottovy
Carlton Jones
Tekin Kunt
Ric Massie
Monica McCoy
John Middleton
Eliazar Nava
Frank Pierrat
Gary Reeves
Carl Schwanke
David Silarski
John Super
Anil Vazralla
Quinta Warren
Jiancong Chen
Quyen Nguyen
Arthur Ross

STS-AIChE 2017 Monthly Dinner Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Meeting Details (Speaker/Company/Topic)
January 12	Brady's Landing	Julie D. White, SIS-TECH. <i>Improving Operational Resilience Using Dynamic Simulation</i>
February 2	Brady's Landing	The Oldest Bioreactor - Wastewater Treatment
March 2	Brady's Landing	Port of Houston Authority <i>State of the Port, Global trade, and Environmental Stewardship</i>
April 6	Brady's Landing	Energy Forum <i>Overpressure Protection</i>
May 4	Bougainvilleas	Good Engineering Practice for Emergency Relief System Design
September 7	Bougainvilleas	Process Safety (Cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey)
October 12-13	Moody Gardens	SPTC TBD
November 9	Bougainvilleas	Water Forum - Houston Subsidence District

South Texas Section-American Institute of Chemical Engineers (STS-AIChE) Season Pass

The STS-AIChE Season Pass for the 2017 technical monthly dinner meetings is being offered for \$131. Please visit the STS-AIChE website to signup (<http://sts.aiche.org/content/2017-season-pass>).

The STS-AIChE Season Pass offers the convenience of a single sign-up and single payment for all eight technical meetings in the 2017 season. The meetings included are the January through May and September through November technical monthly dinner meetings. The December Social meeting is not included in the Season Pass. Season Pass holders also get priority sign-up for all special events. The schedule of topics and venues will be posted on the website (sts.aiche.org) once finalized.

Season Pass holders are recognized as patrons on the STS-AIChE website and in our newsletter. This is a great way to show your support for your section at no additional cost. Season Pass holders will be issued a permanent name tag – no need for sticky paper name tags. Your fellow members will recognize you as a patron and regular attendee.

STS-AIChE 2017 Season Pass

General Comments

The STS-AIChE Season Pass offered the convenience of a single sign-up and single payment for all eight technical meetings in the 2017 season. Season Pass holders also received priority sign-up for all special events.

Season Pass holders receive a significant savings when comparing the on-site cost of the dinner meetings. No need to continue to monitor when meeting registrations are open. Save the hidden costs of multiple transactions and tracking the payments and reimbursements, if applicable.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

As a Season Pass Holder do I need to register for each dinner meeting?

No, there is no need to register or RSVP for the individual meetings once you have made your payment to become a Season Pass holder. We do however ask that you sign in at the registration table during the day of the event at the meeting venue.

What if I cannot attend a dinner meeting?

Guests and visitors are always welcome. Feel free to send someone else in your place and just let the people at the registration table know of the substitution.

What if I cannot attend the meeting and cannot find a substitute?

Even the most dedicated members cannot make every meeting. The season pass is priced assuming that you will miss a meeting. If you can provide at least a one week notice, by e-mailing the Chair-Elect at sts-chairelect@aiche.org, we can give you a guest pass for the next meeting. That way, you can invite your boss to the next meeting to see what you missed!

I am a big supporter of the section, but I don't want my name posted all over the web. Can I opt-out of the publications?

Yes, just let us know and we will not put your name on our list so that you can continue to fly under the radar. You always have the option of hand writing a name tag.

Will I still get in if I forget my name tag at home?

Yes. We keep a master sign-up list at the door. Patrons are at the top of the list!

I normally sign up in advance. Am I still saving money?

Yes. The Season Pass is eight meetings for the price of seven. You will also save the time and effort of multiple payments.

STS-AIChE 2017 Season Pass

2017 STS-AIChE Patrons

Name	Affiliation
Dale Embry	ConocoPhillips
Yurika Díaz Bialowas	Chemstations Inc.
David Rosenthal	Reliability Strategy and Implementation Consultancy, LLC
Erin Green Colaco	
Gary Miller	Air Liquide
George Redd	S&B Engineers
George Vourazeris	Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP
Gus Georgetown	Stress Engineering Services
Irvin Osborne-Lee	Prairie View A&M University
Jack Chosnek	KnowledgeOne
Jeffrey Melland	Melland Consulting LLC
Matt Kolodney	
Morgan Reed	Exponent
Ravindra Saxena	
Sheena Reeves	Prairie View A&M University
Syamal Poddar	Poddar & Associates
Thomas E Menn	Process Safety Consultant
Thomas Rehm	TERehm Consulting LLC
Travis Fixmer	Huntsman
Jordan Pearce	Process Systems Enterprise (PSE)
Dimitrios Georgis	Process Systems Enterprise (PSE)
Victor Edwards	VHE Technical Analysis
Ronald Lutz	Braskem America
Carol Schmidt	SGL Group
Joseph Ramey	Westchase Design, L.L.C.

STS-AIChE 2017 Season Pass

2017 STS-AIChE Patrons

Name	Affiliation
Sanjay Sharma	Honeywell
Matthew Clark	Armstrong Engineering Associates
Trevor Rice	Chemstations
Phillip Purpich	Johnson Controls
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Upcoming Events Information

Southwest Process Technology Conference 2017

Save the date for AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference

AIChE's Southwest Process Technology Conference (SPTC) is entering its 9th year in 2017. Over the years, SPTC has attracted over 400 attendees and established a good reputation as a go-to regional conference in the Gulf Coast area in terms of content and value. SPTC has kept up with the changing industry dynamics and tried to align topics that reflects the market trends.

This year SPTC will be held on October 12 and 13 at the Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. The opening day keynote will be provided by Dr. Robert W. Ivester, Deputy Director of the EERE Advanced Manufacturing Office at the U.S. Department of Energy. We will be including a keynote on Friday as well on Big Data Analytics which will be given by Lloyd Colegrove, Data Services Director, Fundamental Problem Solving Director, The Dow Chemical Company. The program is still in the planning phases and is scheduled to have around 40 presentations over 2 days. The conference will also feature Student Program on Friday where ChemE students from various universities in the Gulf Coast region will attend to hear experienced chemical engineers from different fields discuss their experiences, including a panel discussion; this session will also feature a presentation on job interview tips aimed at helping students in their job search. The conference will conclude with a graduate student "Meet the Industry" poster session and reception which is designed for graduate students to share their research to industrial attendees who serve as talent scouts, as well as recruiters who attend the conference Career Fair.

The conference will also carry an exhibition booth which has over the years provided a solid platform to showcase their offerings and provides another avenue to network.

SPTC Leadership Team and Programming Committee has been working hard over the past few months to ensure that this conference is yet another success. The conference website is www.aiche.org/sptc and any questions can be emailed to the Leadership team at sptc17@aiiche.org. Registration is underway.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events Information

Southwest Process Technology Conference Call for Volunteers

CALL FOR 2017 SPTC VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteer duties typically include working at registration, as session aides for the technical presentations, assisting exhibitors, working meal lines and collecting event tickets.

Volunteers will receive free registration for the day or days they volunteer. If you are interested contact David Silarski at sts-membership@aiche.org and let him know if you can work one or both days.

Further information including confirmation and a schedule will be sent out later. It will be a greater conference because of your assistance.

For more information about the conference, use the following link:

<https://www.aiche.org/conferences/southwest-process-technology-conference/2017>



Upcoming Events Information

CALL FOR 2017 SPTC PAPER/PRESENTATION JUDGES

CALL FOR 2017 SPTC PAPER/PRESENTATION JUDGES:

The duties include attending the paper presentation and judging the papers on pre-defined criteria.

Judges (Volunteers) will receive free registration for the day or days they volunteer and attend the paper presentations. If you are interested contact Jayce Mathews at Jayce.Mathews@kbr.com and let him know if you can work one or both days.

Further information including confirmation and a schedule will be sent out later.
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For more information about the conference, use the following link:

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First Friday Networking Lunch Update

September First Friday Networking Lunch CANCELLED

Due to Hurricane Harvey, the Lunch has been CANCELLED and will be rescheduled for later in September.

STS First Friday Networking Program Recap

May

Job search can become a fun adventure when you approach it with the right strategies and mindset. Terry Suffredini, PE is The Engineer's Coach and she talked about Marketing Strategies for Job Search Success (Even in a Tight Economy!) This talk gave us the basics you need to minimize the time you spend between paychecks.

Terry Suffredini, PE is The Engineer's Coach. After earning her degree in Chemical Engineering from UT - Austin, she spent more than 2 decades working in the environmental field. She later transitioned into process design and then into project management, working mainly with large (\$350MM+) midstream oil and gas EPC projects and leading a team of 100+ professionals. Recently, Terry decided to take a bold move and retire from active engineering to focus on her business. A certified Life and Career Coach, it is Terry's mission to use her extensive experience and demonstrated abilities to help fellow engineers excel both personally and professionally.



STS First Friday Networking Program Recap

June

In a fast-paced presentation, Mark Friedman discussed some aspects of Negotiating Your Compensation Package. He talked about the things you can negotiate and how to do it. He also discussed some guidelines that will help increase your chances for getting what you deserve.

Mark is a principal in MJF Associates, a full-service Human Resources Development Consulting firm based in Houston, Texas. The firm specializes in Career Coaching and Career Transitions, Strategic Alignment (Strategic Planning and Team Building), Executive Coaching, and Leadership Development. Mark received his Ph.D. in Industrial / Organizational Psychology at the University of Tennessee and has over 25 years of experience. His clients include: LyondellBasel, Exxon/ Mobil, ABB Lummus Global, Air Liquide, National Oilwell Varco, The City of Houston, University of Houston, The Port of Houston Authority, The US Postal Service, The Houston Texans (NFL team), The Hewlett-Packard Company, and St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital System. He can be reached at 281-493-0641 or markf@mjfassociates.com.

July

In July, Mickey Reeves, Program Director at CH2M, lead us on a discussion about Why Networking is Still Relevant.

Mickey Reeves has been a member of AIChE for 39 years. He started his AIChE activities with the student chapter at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is a member of the South Texas Section, and he has been an executive committee member, Secretary, and was Section Chair in 1999. He was the General Arrangements Chair for the Spring National Meeting in 2001, and was the Section's 2008 Distinguished Service awardee.

Mickey received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1978, and a Master of Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston in 1986.

STS First Friday Networking Program Recap

August

Today's job market is tough. Employers are seeking to reduce costs and want employees to hit the ground running. Job openings not only ask for experience but employers also want you to demonstrate specific skills to "prove" you can do the job. Many jobs require certification or licensing in order to even apply for the opening. In August, Teresa Jurgens-Kowal talked about Navigating the Certification Maze: Which One is Right for Me?

Teresa is the president of Global NP Solutions consulting in innovation best practices. Simple-PDH.com is our sister website offering diverse on-line and face-to-face certification and PDH (professional development hour) training courses. Teresa has a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington, a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Idaho, and an MBA from West Texas A&M University. She has over 20 years of experience working in the petrochemical industry and teaching at the college/university level. She has a passion for lifelong learning and can be reached at teresa@globalnpsolutions.com or 281-280-8717. In her free time, Teresa enjoys scrapbooking and bicycling.

Process Network Forum

Friday, September 22, 2017, 11:30am-1:00pm CDT

Event format: In-Person / Local

10003 Spencer Hwy, La Porte, TX 77571, United States

Pipeline Grill

Refineries and Chemicals Pre-Turnaround Activities Via Interface Management

This presentation discusses an efficient mode for tracking Pre-Turnaround activities of Refinery & Chemical plant maintenance projects and Unit upgrades via Web-based Interface Management System similar to that used for Offshore mega-Projects. This plan is meant for Small-to-Medium sized Plants where there is no Refinery & Chemicals Pre-Turnaround Activities Via Interface Management regimented mode of operation for plant turnarounds. The plan ensures absolute priority for smooth & efficient execution of plant turnaround for ensuring HES (Health, Environment & Safety), controlling the \$-budget over-runs, schedule delays; and within the constraints of safety and quality. This approach amalgamates the Interface Management experience from offshore oil and gas mega-projects and is applicable to Pre-Turnaround activities for Refinery & Chemical plants thus merging the best lessons learned from both the Worlds.

September's Process Network Forum lunch will be held on Friday, **September 22th from 11:30AM - 1:00PM** at the Pipeline Grill (10003 Spencer Hwy, Laporte, TX 77571). The Café lunch menu ranges from \$9 to \$11, and the South Texas Section will subsidize this event by \$3 per attendee. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Rafiq (Rick) Khadimally, PMP Consultant, Houston Consulting Group, LLC Rick has managed the crucial aspect in Project Management and Engineering capacities on several oil refinery maintenance projects during turnarounds at LaGloria Refinery in Tyler Texas, Aramco-Petromin Jeddah Refinery & PRL. Throughout his career of nearly three decades of project management & interface in USA and international he has performed this role on Offshore Jacketed Platforms, TLP, Refinery & Chemicals Pre-Turnaround Activities Via Interface Management. - Rafiq (Rick) Khadimally, PMP Rick holds an MBA degree in Global Energy from Bauer College of Business (University of Houston), an Executive Development Project Management program from Rice University, and BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Engineering & Technology where he topped the list with two medals. He is Project Management Professional certified as PMP.

STS-AIChE YP

Calling all young professionals! Get involved and participate in happy hours, planning meetings, and other fun activities! Check out the new [STS-AICHE YP Website](#) for more information.

Fun and competition are brewing!

The first annual AIChE Beer Brewing Competition is being held at this year's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, thanks in large part to the Young Professionals Committee. Among the competitors will be a team from Chemstations, Inc., in Houston.

On October 29th, the Chemstations crew will join other teams in presenting a poster detailing their beer's recipe, brewing process, and other specifics. Beers in two different categories (dark and malty, light and hoppy) will be judged on taste, and the winners in all areas will be awarded prizes. To learn more about the competition, check out www.aiche.org/brewbeer.

If you're attending the Annual Meeting, come by and cheer on your Houston-area Young Professionals!

STS-AIChE Houston Ship Channel Trip 2017



Job Inquiry and Posting

AIChE-STS will start a post listing chemical engineers seeking employment and companies to fill positions.

If you are a member seeking employment provide a few sentences of the position you seek and the email attached to your AIChE membership for the response. You will be listed anonymously.

If you are a company provide a few sentences of the job description you seek to fill and your contact information. You will be listed anonymously.

Contact STS Chairman David Rosenthal at sts-chair@aiche.org with this information.

South Texas Section Corporate Liaison Program

The intent of the program is to have a liaison contact at companies in the region that employ a large group of Chemical Engineers, so that the liaison can pass on information on upcoming events, and encourage attendance at STS-AIChE Events.

This program will make it easier for Chemical Engineers to learn about meetings and events that may interest them, and by providing a “personal touch” and intra-company networking opportunity, overcome potential fears or objections to participating. The program will also provide a potential opportunity for employees to be recognized as leaders within their company.

Responsibilities and benefits are listed in the table below.

STS-AIChE	Liaison	Company
Responsibilities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Provide meetings and events ✦ Maintain list of liaisons ✦ Send out special emails to liaisons ✦ Advertise program and recognize liaisons and companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Forward STS-prepared emails to department/group ✦ Create meeting invitations for coworkers ✦ Try to set up carpools where able ✦ Attend meetings where possible ✦ Interface with Company Management on STS activities and sponsorship opportunities (as applicable) ✦ Provide feedback to STS Officers on company interests and comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Support the liaison ✦ Advertise where applicable
Benefits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Higher attendance ✦ Better corporate relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Personalized Nametag for meetings ✦ Demonstrated leadership within company ✦ Increased networking ability within corporation ✦ PDH credits/technical education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Recognition at meetings ✦ PDHs / education for employees ✦ Networking/team building opportunities

In early 2016, Travis Fixmer, a Process Optimization and Design Engineer with Huntsman Performance Products, developed an intranet website which promotes our Section and its activities within Huntsman. He offered to be a resource to individuals who would like to do the same. If you would like to promote our Section, Travis can provide you with guidance on how to proceed.

Others in our section send intra-company emails promoting the South Texas Section. This can be easily done by simply forwarding the STS monthly meeting notice email to employees in your company.

There is no cost for liaisons or companies to participate. Participation as a liaison is completely voluntary, and companies can transition to a new liaison or end their participation at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact STS Human Resources Director, Tom Rehm, at tom@tomrehm.com or 832-331-6491.



South Texas Section AIChE

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Position 3: Communications
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