

# *The South Texan*



Monthly Meeting: **October 1, 2015**

Location: **Floral Hall A, Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center, Galveston, TX** ([1 Hope Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77554](http://www.galveston.com/1HopeBoulevard)).

Social Hour at 4:30pm, Dinner at 6 PM; pre-register at <http://sts.aiche.org/>

Meeting webcast: We plan to webcast the meeting live on our new [YouTube channel](http://sts.aiche.org/). More information at <http://sts.aiche.org/>.

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## October Monthly Meeting

**Topic:** Adrift: Does America have a future in space?

**Dinner Speaker:** Eric Berger, Science Writer, Houston Chronicle

**Abstract:** Over the course of 2014 science writer Eric Berger looked at NASA's building of a big new rocket, the collapse of the Constellation program, Congressional infighting for funds, shifting priorities of successive White House administrations, the promise of private space companies and, ultimately, the fate of Houston as Space City. This is what he found.

**Bio:** Eric Berger is the science writer for the Houston Chronicle. For his coverage of Hurricane Ike the Chronicle was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2009. He would like to see humans on Mars in his lifetime.

The October dinner meeting is being held in conjunction with the Southwest Process Technology Conference—see pages 3-4.



Eric Berger

## Meeting Registration Information

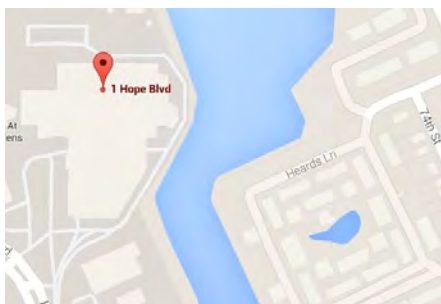
Membership in STS-AIChE is a bargain at \$20/year. If you wish to become a member, you may join at the registration desk at the meeting.

Pre-Registration Members	Pre-Registration Non-Members	At the door Members	At the door Non-Members
\$32	\$40	\$40	\$48

**NOTE:** Please bring your receipt. You have until 5PM CST on September 30<sup>th</sup> to pre-register online. After that, you will be required to pay the higher cost at the door.

Pre-registration for the main meeting is now open through our [website](#).

## Meeting Location— Floral Hall A, Moody Gardens



This month's meeting will be held at Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center, Galveston, TX ([1 Hope Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77554](#))

Double click on the map to the left for directions from your location. We plan to webcast the announcements and meeting live on our new [YouTube channel](#). For More details information, please check our [website](#).

## STS-AIChE October 2015 Monthly Meeting Online Webcast

There will be no satellite dinner meeting this month. Instead there will be a LIVE webcast of the main meeting via our [YouTube channel](#). The webcast will start with announcements and awards at 7:30PM with the main presentation at 8:15PM.

You can view the webcast on our YouTube channel [here](#).

## 2015 AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference



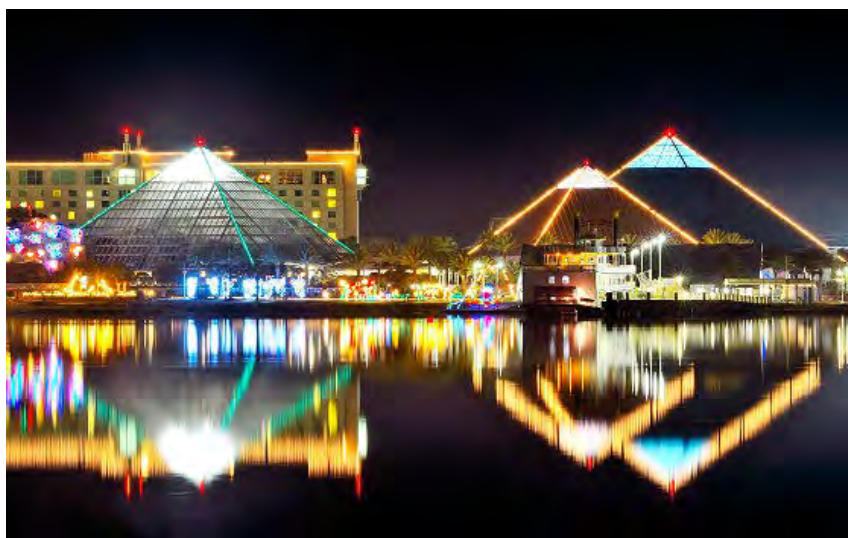
### Southwest Process Technology Conference

links: [Website](#). [Register](#). [Technical Program](#).

The South Texas Section of the AIChE, in partnership with AIChE HQ, is hosting its Seventh Annual Southwest Regional Process Technology Conference at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, TX on October 1 & 2, 2015. The conference provides technical sessions, industry solutions in process technology, and networking opportunities for the nearly 500 chemical engineers and students that attend. More information can be found in the next couple pages and at the following

## 2015 AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference

October 1-2, 2015, Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center, Galveston



SPTC is almost here! If you haven't signed up yet for the premier chemical engineering event on the Gulf Coast, now is the time! Here are a few highlights:

- Outstanding technical program (see below)
- NEW: Executive Panel Discussion
- PDH credits for all technical sessions
- Extensive exhibition
- Career fair
- Student program
- Networking with 400+ colleagues
- Meet old friends and make new ones
- October STS Dinner
- Post-conference mixer

### **Program:**

Keynote address, Thursday October 1, 8:30 am:

**The Coming U.S. Petrochemical Capacity Wave and Global Outlook**

**Joseph Chang**, Global Editor of ICIS Chemical Business



Joseph Chang

## 2015 AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference

Dinner Presentation, Thursday October 1, 6:00 pm:

**Adrift: Does America Have a Future in Space?**

Eric Berger, Science Writer for the Houston Chronicle

Executive Panel Discussion, Friday October 2, 11:00 am:

**Leadership, Management & Engineering for Career Growth**

Rui Cruz, Research & Development Director, Exploration & Production, Dow Oil, Gas, & Mining

Greg Yeo, Chief Engineer, ExxonMobil Chemical

Wesley Hamilton, Technology Director, Albemarle Performance Chemicals Manufacturing

Phaneendra Kondapi, Senior Technical Advisor, Granherne-KBR



Eric Berger

### Technical Sessions and Other Events:

#### **Thursday, October 1:**

##### ***Morning Sessions:***

Track 1: Energy Efficiency

Track 2: Catalysis & Reaction Engineering

Track 3: Process Control & Optimization

##### ***Afternoon Sessions:***

Track 1: Process Safety

Track 2: Distillation & Separation

Track 3: Chemical Process Technology

##### ***Evening:***

Special Session: Ethics & Professionalism

STS-AIChE Dinner Meeting

#### **Friday, October 2:**

##### ***Morning Sessions:***

Track 1: Upstream Process Technology

Track 2: Student Program

Track 3: Thermodynamics & Process Simulation

##### ***Afternoon Sessions:***

Track 1: Petroleum Refining Technology

Track 2: Process Development & Chemical Manufacturing

Track 3: Technical Session for Young Professionals

##### ***Evening:***

Post-Conference Mixer

Note: The Dinner Meeting and the Post-Conference Mixer are separately-ticketed events.

### Information & Contacts:

Conference details & registration: [www.aiche.org/sptc](http://www.aiche.org/sptc)

Volunteers: Dave Silarski, 281-424-1938 or [dsilarski@advancedaromatics.com](mailto:dsilarski@advancedaromatics.com)

Sponsors, exhibitors, career fair: Alan Rossiter, [alan@rossiters.org](mailto:alan@rossiters.org)

General Inquiries: [sptc15@aiiche.org](mailto:sptc15@aiiche.org)

## October 2015 STS-AIChE Chair's Letter – Kelly Richardson

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Dear Members of the South Texas Section- American Institute of Chemical Engineers:

On September 10, 2015 Gary Gildert and William Mixon presented during our first 2015 fall dinner meeting on Seven Steps to Troubleshoot a Reactor. If you were unable to join us, you can view the archived presentation on our YouTube Channel. Bianca Stewart presented on interviewing skills during a workshop. **A second workshop was given by Francisco "Paco" Vargas who discussed prediction, prevention and mitigation of asphaltene deposition.** Thank you to all of our speakers.

Our next meeting will be held in Galveston at the Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center, the 7th Annual Southwest Process Technology Conference (SPTC), on October 1st and 2nd. The meeting will comprise of various technical presentations on topics ranging from Process Safety, Thermodynamics and Process Simulation, Distillation and Separation, Petroleum Refining **Technology and much more. This year's SPTC events are being led** by organizers Jayce Mathews, Alan Rossiter, Ian Glasgow, Bill Epling, and Kelsey Kettelhut. In addition to these leaders many others have volunteered for other roles such as Session Chair, Session Aids, and Registration Assistants. STS-AIChE is very grateful to have these volunteers serve the section. To register and learn more about the conference please visit the AIChE website (<http://www.aiche.org/>).



Eric Berger, the Science Writer for the Houston Chronicle will be the dinner speaker on Thursday, October 1, 2015. His presentation is titled Adrift: Does America have a Future in Space? If you would like to attend the dinner please register on the STS-AIChE website (<http://sts.aiche.org/>). You may also register for the dinner when registering for the conference on the AIChE website.

Elections for the 2016/2017 Executive Committee Board are coming up. Chair-Elect, Secretary, Position 2 (Outreach), and Position 4 (Human Resources) are the positions that are up for election. If you are interested in running for any of these officer positions, please contact Carol Schmidt at [sts-pastchair@aiiche.org](mailto:sts-pastchair@aiiche.org). On behalf of the section I would like to express appreciation for the work of our 2014/2015 volunteer Executive Committee Board Members, Katherine Leskin, Bill Epling, and Dale Embry. Many thanks also to Carol Schmidt who has served on the board for five years (2011-2015).

You are encouraged to share your ideas and suggestions with the STS-AIChE Executive Board. For those **of you who are still looking for ways to get involved, please check out the section entitled, "Call for Volunteers," in the newsletter.** Our next executive board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015. Contact us at [sts-chair@aiiche.org](mailto:sts-chair@aiiche.org) for additional details on how to get more involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Richardson".

Kelly Richardson  
STS-AIChE Chair



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**STS-AIChE 2016 Officer Elections**

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## STS-AIChE 2016 Officer Elections

### Chair-Elect

- ☐ David Rosenthal
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary

- ☐ Chaitanya Gottimukkala
- ☐ Phil Purpich
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### Position 2 (Outreach)

- ☐ TBD
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### Position 4 (Human Resources)

- ☐ Tom Rehm
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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**AIChE Membership**

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## Continue your AIChE Membership for 2016

If you haven't already responded to the AIChE personalized renewal invoice sent to you in the mail, we invite you to continue your membership. Visit the AIChE website at <http://www.aiche.org/community/membership>. STS-AIChE members are offered reduced registration prices at select local section events throughout the year. **Please be sure to click the check box for the "South Texas Local Section" when renewing your membership to be eligible for the STS-AIChE member benefits.**

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9:25AM

**PIONEERING ADVANCES IN RESEARCH  
TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ENERGY**

5:25PM

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Visit us at the AIChE Annual Meeting.

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## STS-AIChE 2015 Monthly Dinner Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Meeting Details (Speaker/Company/Topic)
November 5, 2015	Brady's Landing 8505 Cypress Street Houston, Texas 77012	Water Forum Joe Powell, Shell Chief Scientist—Chemical Engineering “Chemical Engineering Challenges in Future Energy and Chemicals”
December 3, 2015	To Be Determined	December Social

\*Meeting details are subject to change.

## Upcoming Events Information

# 2015 Texas Industrial Water Management Forum Sponsor & Exhibitor Opportunities

This year's Texas Industrial Water Management Forum will be Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Brady's Landing on the Houston Ship Channel. This event is organized by Texas Industries of the Future (TIOF), in collaboration with the South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (STS-AIChE). The Texas Industrial Water Management Forum typically attracts about 80 to 100 industry professionals. Joe Powell, Shell Chief Scientist - Chemical Engineering, has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the dinner meeting which starts at 7:00 pm following the forum. Joe will speak on the topic of “Chemical Engineering Challenges in Future Energy and Chemicals.” If you would like to consider participating, either as a sponsor or an exhibitor at the forum, please email Kelly Richardson at [sts-chair@aiche.org](mailto:sts-chair@aiche.org) and additional details will be provided.



Joe Powell

## Action Item Overload ?

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Topic 1 of 9

**Smith & Burgess**  
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## Awards

### *It's Awards Time!*

It is once again time to nominate an STS member for the 2015 South Texan Section Annual Awards:

- Outstanding Young Professional Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Best Fundamental Paper
- Best Applied Paper Award

For requirements of each award, visit the web page: <http://sts.aiche.org/content/awards>

The page provides a summary of the awards, and contains links to more detailed descriptions of each award.

To nominate a member for an award, complete the online form at the web page:

<http://sts.aiche.org/content/award-nominations>

If you prefer the printed form, print out the forms from the next two pages.

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**South Texas Section – AIChE 2015 Annual Awards Nomination Form (page 1 of 2)**

THIS NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2016 TO BE ACCEPTED!

Mail the completed form to:

Thomas E. Menn  
P. O. Box 458  
Pearland, Texas 77588-0548  
Tel.: 281-485-3719  
[ThomasMenn@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:ThomasMenn@SBCGlobal.net)

*Following receipt of the submitted nomination, you will receive an e-mail from the STS Awards Committee confirming receipt of the nomination after AIChE & STS Membership is verified. All Best Paper Nominees not Members of AIChE or STS will be allowed to join either or both until May 31, 2016 in order to be eligible for the recognition due a STS – AIChE Member Best Paper Award Recipient.*

**NOTE: ONLY ONE PERSON OR PAPER MAY BE NOMINATED PER FORM!**

NOMINATOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: AC: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter Name of Nominee or Title of Paper on the above line.)

ENTER CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NOMINEE OR AUTHOR:

NOMINEE or AUTHOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: AC: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF NOMINATION: (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE SPACE BELOW.)

2015 STS Outstanding Young Professional Award ( <i>Under age 35</i> )	_____
2015 STS Distinguished Service Award ( <i>Over age 35</i> )	_____
2015 STS Best Fundamental Paper Award	_____
2015 STS Best Applied Paper Award	_____

For STS Outstanding Young Member or Distinguished Service Awards, please state the reason you feel that this person is deserving of this award back of this form and ignore the rest of the form. You may attach any supporting documentation to this form.

*For Best Paper Nominations, continue and complete page 2 of this form.*

## South Texas Section – AIChE 2015 Annual Awards Nomination Form (page 2 of 2)

Please enter the name of the 2015 Best Paper again:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sorry to trouble you but this is in case the sheets get separated.)

Enter the contact Author's name again:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sorry to trouble you but this is in case the sheets get separated.)

FOR BEST PAPER NOMINATIONS, LIST THE NAMES OF THE AUTHORS AND CHECK ALL BLANKS THAT APPLY:

	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	
	<u>AIChE</u>	<u>STS</u>
<i>Note: Only one author must be an STS Member.</i>		
Co-Author #1: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #2: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #3: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #4: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #5: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #6: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #7: _____	_____	_____
Co-Author #8: _____	_____	_____

[Add addition Authors on an attached sheet as necessary.]

For Best Paper Nominations, please provide following information:

NAME OF PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUME NO. ( if known): \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE ARTICLE FROM THE PUBLICATION TO THIS FORM OR IF THIS IS NOMINATION IS TENDERED BY E-MAIL, PLEASE ATTACH AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE PUBLISHED ARTICLE.

*Following receipt of the submitted nomination, you will receive an e-mail from the STS Awards Committee confirming receipt of the nomination after AIChE & STS Membership is verified. All Best Paper Nominees not Members of AIChE or STS will be allowed to join either or both until May 31, 2016 in order to be eligible for the recognition due a STS – AIChE Member Best Paper Award Recipient.*



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## K12 Volunteer Opportunities

AICHE and STS are working to start up K12 outreach programs. We are encouraging STS members to attend various local outreach events and report back to STS and AIChE on their experience. We are encouraging STS members to report back to Matt Kolodney ([mkolodne@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:mkolodne@tceq.state.tx.us)) with one-page descriptions of their K12 outreach experiences, what worked well and what didn't. These will be reviewed locally and passed on to the AIChE National K12 program. Some local K12 opportunities are listed below.

HUNSTEM web site: <http://hunstem.uhd.edu/> Already has a wide range of educational resources for use by interested teachers and volunteers. AIChE (national) is encouraging cooperation with organizations such as HUNSTEM.

IEEE [http://www.ieee-houston.org/Committees/SAC/Brochure\\_IEEE%20Houston\\_7\\_Oct\\_2007.pdf](http://www.ieee-houston.org/Committees/SAC/Brochure_IEEE%20Houston_7_Oct_2007.pdf) This ongoing Houston Area program assists local schools with teacher training demonstrations.

SEFH <http://hunstem.uhd.edu/SEFH/> Science and Engineering Fair of Houston

Houston Museum of Natural Science (<http://www.hmns.org>) has ongoing outreach programs and could use more volunteers.

The Houston Children's Museum (<http://www.cmhouston.org>) also has outreach programs.

For more information, contact Matt Kolodney (713-471-8956) or [mkolodne@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:mkolodne@tceq.state.tx.us).

### **PE PHD Hours Qualified!!**

*The Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) will allow up to 3 continuing education hours per year for K-12 outreach activities, but only under certain circumstances. The STS K-12 coordinator checked this with the TBPE staff in Austin. STS-AICHE sponsors K-12 outreach presentations to high school classes (career day for example), science fair judging, explaining engineering careers to teachers (who will pass the information on to students), sponsored tours for students and teachers at OTC, and one-on-one counseling of students. TBPE prefers a certificate from the sponsoring organization (such as STS) explaining what was done, stating the number of PDH hours, and certifying that the engineer actually participated. If you participate in an STS-AICHE K-12 outreach event and want PE PDH credit, the STS will provide the certificate.*

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## Call for Volunteers Official Greeters

The STS is looking for two volunteer official greeters, one a young professional and one chronologically mature. Their goal is to greet first-time attendees (or members who haven't attended for a while) of monthly meetings, to help them feel comfortable and welcome, tell them a little about the STS and the meeting, and to introduce them, as needed, to our regular attendees. We are looking for volunteers who:

- Frequently attend monthly meetings (arriving by would help)
- Get along with most people
- Are reasonably acquainted with the STS-AICHE and its members, though we can help with that will briefly point out a potential benefit or two of active involvement in STS-AICHE

Our monthly meetings occur on a Thursday after work, and may already have put in a 40+-hour week. An ideal volunteer would enjoy dealing with new attendees and would become energized rather than tired out by dealing with people they don't already know well.

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## More Volunteer Opportunities

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In STS-AIChE, we have an opening for a K-12 volunteer. Instead of you having to reinvent the wheel, we can help you with any of the following:

- Advice on how to get started productively;
- The opportunity to attend K-12 events of other organizations, in order to learn how to conduct an AIChE K-12 outreach event;
- Networking opportunities to get contacts in local school systems;
- Assistance in recruiting STS volunteers;
- Conducting intersociety activities to help your programs reach critical mass;.
- Help in conceiving and developing a K-12 outreach program suitable for STS-AIChE to lead.
- Opportunities to develop and practice your interpersonal skills and to learn and practice leadership

**STS Membership Committee Members seeking members who would be interested in some or all of the following:**

- Identify the varied opportunities for STS volunteers
- Greet first-time attendees—help them feel welcome introduce them to other STS members
- Contact them periodically—encourage them to come back
- Encourage them to gradually get involved in STS
- Gradually get to know the new members first-timers and their interests
- Suggest STS volunteer activities that interest them & help them grow
- Encourage them to practice their leadership and their project management skills in service to the STS
- A great opportunity to develop your people skills & leadership skills by helping develop those capabilities in the STS and its members

**Volunteer opportunity helping represent STS-AIChE at ECH (Engineering, Science, and Technology Council of Houston): Seeking a volunteer who would like to network with and learn from members of other professional societies, develop leadership skills, and help provide broader volunteer opportunities for STS members. Options include:**

- Work with ECH councilors from other local engineering and science, societies, as well as officers of the other member societies;
- Learn how they run their organizations, and bring some of their ideas back to STS-AIChE
- Participate in intersociety workshops on technical issues that affect the Greater Houston Area
- Get involved in the organization of the regional science fair;
- If you are interested in a particular type of volunteer activity, we'll help you organize intersociety activities in that area
- If you're a YP, we can help you organize intersociety YP events that STS-AIChE doesn't have the critical mass to conduct on our own;
- Your learnings from ECH could be very helpful to you as a future manager at work or as a future leader in STS and AIChE

If you are interested, or would like further information, contact: Matt Kolodney, STS Volunteer Recruiter at (713-471-8956) or [matthew.kolodney@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:matthew.kolodney@tceq.state.tx.us)

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## South Texas Section to Initiate Company Liaison Program

The South Texas Section (STS) of AIChE is implementing a Company Liaison Program. Carol Schmidt (STS Past Chair) is heading up the initiative.

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

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.

The intent is for the Past Chair to maintain the program on an ongoing basis.

For more information, or to sign up as your company's STS-AIChE liaison, contact **Carol Schmidt** at

[sts-pastchair@aiche.org](mailto:sts-pastchair@aiche.org).





## South Texas Section AIChE

STS AIChE  
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### 2015 Officers and Contact Information

#### Officers

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**Membership:** David Silarski

**Young Professionals:** Chaitanya Gottimukkala  
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### SOUTH TEXAS SECTION MISSION STATEMENT

As a section of AIChE, we serve chemical engineering professionals in the South Texas region through education, professional development, and networking.

### Vision 2015

We will become an organization with strong and active membership. We will accomplish this through:

1. Increasing awareness
2. Improving relevancy of our programs
3. Improving our governance
4. Hospitality/Welcome/Social

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Maintain your contact information with the South Texas Section using the online community:

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