

A Virtual Annual Meeting Fellows Gathering was held via Zoom on **December 5, 2022**.

Following a "general" session those attending selected one of several "breakout" rooms that covered various topics of interest. Notes from the general session and the "Brainstorming" breakout session.

General Session Attendance: Andreas Matzakos, Annette Johnston, Anthony Fregosi, Bill Parrish, Bob Gale, Bob Wasileski, David Dixon, Dendy Sloan, Ed Trujillo, Emily Miksiewicz, Fengqi You, Fernando Aguirre, Gina Gatto, Godwin Igwe, Greg (No Last Name), Greg Yeo, Ilja Siepmann, Kalyani (No Last Name), Kathy Kas, Larry Erickson, Laura (No Last Name), Lnda Bergeron, Lori McDowell, Mark Swientoniewski, Natalie Krauser, Nicholas Urbanski, Paul Fanning, Raghubir Gupta, Robert Ofoli, Tom Rehm, V G Pangarkar, Vic Edwards

Fellows are to contact Annette if they are interested in being a mentor for the design problem. Annette will send the names to Emily. Whoever is leading the design problem will direct questions to the mentors when they come up.

Emily will know more about the Student Regional Conference dates this month. As soon as we know them, Fernando will work to match volunteer Fellows with Chapters needing help with Regional Conferences.

Present at the "brainstorm" breakout: Bob Gale, Vic Edwards, Nicholas Urbanski, Diane Spencer, Larry Erickson, Pad Familial, Godwin Ijure, Jean-Charles de Hemptinne.

Jean-Charles was joining from Paris, France. He thinks there should be more physically present local sections internationally. He is looking to the Fellows Council to make that connection. I said that we needed people in the area to have a relationship (or a relationship with each other) in order for that to happen. We have chosen to work with the Student Chapters, so that as they graduate, perhaps they will have the energy to start a section as YPs.

Some fellows remembered an old system where Fellows posted presentations that they could make, so that Student Chapters and Local Sections could see possible speakers to invite, Now that so much can be done virtually, we should try that again. Do we still have that program to revive somehow?

Another way to spark enough energy to start a local section internationally is to have an AIChE social at an AIChE sponsored meeting. That is a social in the area, perhaps beyond just those attending the meeting. AICHEMA was one example.

They asked that more information about the Virtual section be in the newsletters.