



2025 2nd Quarter

# AIChE Fellows Newsletter

Fellows Breakfast—2025 Annual Meeting—Boston, MA.  
Tuesday, November 4th—(6:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.)

## From the Fellows Council

Your comments are solicited as to content you would like to see, or if you would like to provide content. Our Vision is to involve you in furthering the mission of AIChE by promoting an active Fellowship!

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**NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2025**

John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center  
Marriott Copley Place • Sheraton Back Bay  
Boston, MA

[2025 AIChE Annual Meeting Registration is open!](#)

### 2025 Fellows Council Executive Committee:

Ahmed Khogeer, Chair; Mark Swientoniewski, Vice-Chair;  
Anthony Fregosi, Secretary; Linda Bergeron, Immediate Past Chair;  
Fernando Aguirre, WebMaster; Gina Gatto, AIChE Staff Liaison



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## Special points of interest

### ***Come to Breakfast!***

Boston, MA: November 4, 2025

Houston, TX: April 14, 2026

### [AIChE Upcoming Events](#)

*Get Active with Students and Local Sections!*

### *Seeking Fellow Volunteers:*

### [Student Conferences](#)

AIChE Student Conferences in 2025

### [Student Chapters](#)

Get involved with a student chapter at a university near you

### [Local Sections](#)

Get involved with a local section

## Useful Links

### [Fellows Leadership](#)

FC organization and leadership

### [Fellows Directory](#)

Where to find an AIChE Fellow

### [Fellows By Laws](#)

Current Governance Document

### [Fellows Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Approved Meeting Minutes

### [Fellows Volunteer Service.](#)

Register your interests & availability to volunteer AIChE service

### [AIChE Academy](#)

Education & training for chemical engineers & their companies

### [AIChE Fellows Endowment](#)

AIChE K-12 STEM Ambassador Program

### [AIChE Annual Report](#)

Complete information about AIChE activities, organization, and people

### [Contact Us](#)

Email the Fellows Council

## From the Chair of the Fellows Council



*As the second quarter of 2025 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the privilege of working with such an accomplished and inspiring community. Seeing Fellows give back to students, support global collaborations, and lead conversations on the future of our profession embodies the very best of chemical engineering."*

— Dr. Ahmed Khogeer  
2025 AIChE Fellows Council  
Chair

### Fellows Council Activities

The AIChE Fellows Council oversees the organized activities of the Fellows. The Fellows Council meets at a minimum of four times per year to discuss Fellow activities and policies.

Two meetings are face-to-face at the Spring (National) and Annual AIChE meetings; virtual meetings are scheduled the other months as needed.

Fellows interested in being considered for Fellows Council service should [contact us](#).

Dear AIChE Fellows,

As we close the second quarter of 2025, I am inspired by the progress we've achieved as a community of leaders and by the collective energy you bring to advancing chemical engineering. Your expertise and engagement continue to set the standard for excellence.

#### Quarterly Reflections and Updates

This quarter has demonstrated just how impactful our Fellows community can be when we come together with purpose. I am pleased to share highlights and perspectives in this special article, along with how we are advancing the 2025 Fellows Council goals.

#### A Quarter of Strategic Growth

The Global Engagement Task Force pilot achieved significant milestones, connecting Fellows across regions for mentorship, collaborative research, and the exchange of best practices. The caliber of dialogue and actionable ideas emerging from these connections underscore the value of our shared global perspective. Our goal of encouraging international Fellows' presence and increasing awareness of the Fellowship continues with stronger outreach and presence on platforms such as LinkedIn.

We also hosted our inaugural virtual forum on "Decarbonization in Chemical Engineering," bringing timely focus to sustainability and laying the groundwork for similar sessions on AI and equity in upcoming quarters.

We continued strengthening pipelines for the next generation, with an expanded K-12 STEM Ambassador program, which has now helped fund a new student chapter in 2025, and successful Speed Networking events at student conferences. These activities directly align with our goals of supporting K-12 programs, mentoring students, and facilitating student engagement through events like the upcoming

2nd Annual Fellow-sponsored "Speed Career Exploration" at the 2025 Student Conference.

#### Advancing the 2025 Goals

In addition to these milestones, the Fellows Council has made measurable progress on our stated 2025 goals:

1. We are on track to produce all four newsletters this year, coupled with updates to the Fellows website to improve communications.
2. The results of the Fellows Survey are under active evaluation, and implementation of suggestions is underway.
3. Tracking metrics for diversity among Fellows have been incorporated into our internal roster.
4. The mentorship program and our engagement with AIChE's 35 Under 35 Award winners remain priority items, with further details to come.
5. We continue to support initiatives like Save the Books and are exploring opportunities to co-sponsor international conferences with other AIChE divisions.

Follow-up and further progress on these activities will be communicated after August.

#### A Personal Reflection

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Looking forward, we'll continue to expand our impact, sustain our momentum, and deepen our connections. I hope you'll stay engaged, lend your voice, and continue shaping our shared journey.

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"Click" on this [link](#) to view the New Fellows videos

## Fellow's Council Project to Capture Fellow Testimonials

By - Fernando J. Aguirre

The Council is seeking Fellows interested in providing a testimonial with their reflections of being a Fellow. These testimonials are published in the Fellows website for the benefit of all AIChE members.

You can find testimonials received to date [here](#).

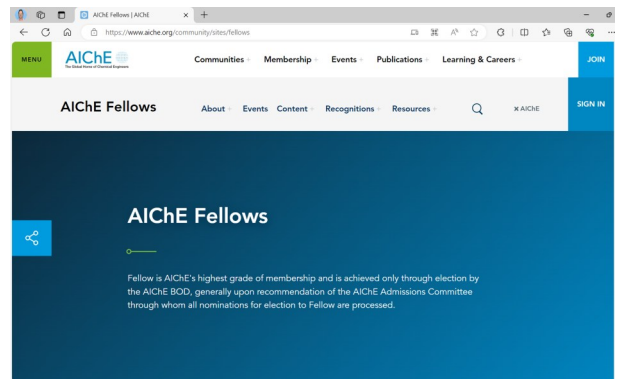
You may consider addressing the following questions as you prepare your testimonial.

- 1) What has being an AIChE Fellow meant to you in your professional life?
- 2) Do you have a particular experience as an AIChE member that you would like to share?
- 3) What do you feel should be the expectations from Fellows?

If you want to contribute to this project, please send your testimonial to [fja@aguivel.com](mailto:fja@aguivel.com).

When was the last time you visited the AIChE Fellows site on the AIChE Web site?

Please click on the following link below to access the site: [AIChE Fellow Site](#)



## Moment of Silence

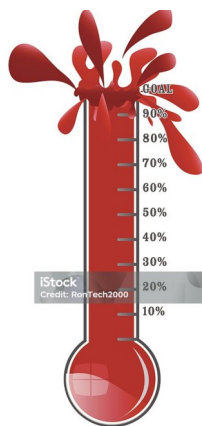
If you are aware of any Fellows that have passed recently, please let us know by writing to: [fja@aguivel.com](mailto:fja@aguivel.com)

Fellow	Date	Age
David R. Boylan	1/20/2025	102
Andreas Acrivos	2/17/2025	96
Thomas Menn	5/27/2025	82

## "How To" Nominate an AIChE member for Fellow

Fellows Membership. We developed a ["Video"](#) about how to nominate potentially worthy members for Fellow, which can be found on the Fellows page of the AIChE website. We are recruiting Fellows to assist with nominations, and to work with entities in AIChE that have not historically nominated many Fellows in the past.

## K-12 STEM Ambassador Program Fellows Endowment to Enable Expansion



The Fellows Endowment has reached its initial goal of \$50,000 and is poised to fund the launch of the next K-12 STEM Ambassador Program at one new Student Chapter! Look for future newsletters to explain the next step toward the establishment of the next Student Chapter.

However, continued giving to the Fellows Endowment is encouraged to grow the fund to allow for establishing more than just one student chapter each year.

And remember—it is not just Fellows who are eligible to donate—but anyone—AIChE Members, non-members, etc.

Want to learn more? Visit the [Bee a ChemE site](#) or contact [Sylvia Choi](#) today. Want to make your gift and ensure chemical engineering is brought into the classroom? Visit the [Fellows Endowment giving page](#) or use the QR code below today.



*"Being a part of the STEM Ambassadors program has been the most rewarding experience of my college career. It has been a privilege to watch the next generation of scientists develop right in front of my eyes for the past two and a half years."*

*- Matt Mileski, former K-12 STEM Ambassador Lead at OSU and BS ChemE OSU*



# Fellows Volunteer Opportunities

## By—Anthony Fregosi

Do you remember the Fellow's survey we invited you to take? The feedback the Fellow's Council received from that survey has resulted in a new very special "content" page—"Volunteer Opportunities"!

Please click on this link to access the page—[Fellows Volunteer Opportunities](#)

AIChE provides many opportunities for Fellows to contribute. Some of them are listed in this page.

### **Volunteer opportunities for Annual Student Conference**

There are many opportunities to assist with the Annual Student Conference.

### **Fellows Council**

Have you wanted to join the Fellows Council? Here is what you need to know.

### **Fellows Endowment**

Another way to help is by contributing to the Fellows Endowment, currently focused on expanding the K-12 STEM Ambassador Program.

### **Fellow Speakers Corner**

Many Fellows have already volunteered to present to Student Chapters and Locals Sections. A list of the topics offered and locations are available.

### **Fellow Testimonials**

The Council is seeking Fellows interested in providing a testimonial with their reflections on being a Fellow. You can read testimonials already published and how to submit one. (Please go to the following link for testimonial regarding [Patsy Chapplelear](#). She was AIChE's first woman Fellow. She was also a working mother of a dual career couple -- not so common decades ago when she was in the workforce).

### **Public Affairs & Information Committee (PAIC)**

You can learn about this committee. Occasionally, the PAIC requires assistance from subject matter experts (SMEs) on specific topical issues. We will list them here and provide instructions when such opportunities become available.

Our current Fellows "Webmaster" (Fernando J. Aguirre—[fja@aguivel.com](mailto:fja@aguivel.com)) has been hard at work creating this "treasure trove" of information. We hope you will find it of use and value.

## From the Chair of the Fellows Council (Continued)

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [khogeer@gmail.com](mailto:khogeer@gmail.com) or connect via LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/drkhogeer](https://www.linkedin.com/in/drkhogeer). It's a privilege to serve alongside you.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to AIChE and to advancing our profession. Together, we will continue to build a vibrant, globally connected Fellows community.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ahmed Khogeer  
2025 AIChE Fellows Council Chair

