

AIChE Virtual Local Section

Candidate Statements for Elections to 2025 Executive Committee

Vice Chair Candidate (4-year Sequence, 2025-2028)

Andrew Riederer

I am running for the Vice Chair position for the AIChE Virtual Local Section (VLS) Executive Committee. I have been a member of AIChE since 1996 and joined the VLS in 2019. I am also a member of the Food, Pharmaceutical, & Bioengineering Division and the Pharmaceutical Discovery, Development and Manufacturing Forum. I hold a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. I have spent most of my career in the pharmaceutical industry, first with Merck & Co., Inc. (MSD outside of the United States) and the last 17 years with Boehringer Ingelheim. The first half of my career focused on process engineering at the interface between product development and commercial operations, primarily on process transfer, scale-up, qualification, and optimization in production facilities worldwide. The second half of my career has been in Quality Assurance, with responsibilities for a variety of quality management systems and processes at local, regional, and global levels.



Within the VLS, I am currently the Director for Member Care, finishing my 3-year term as Director (in which have also served as the Director for Member Feedback). In my current role, I am responsible for welcoming new members to the VLS, maintaining contact lists / email directories, and evaluating membership trends. I have enjoyed serving as a Director of VLS, especially getting to know other members through our monthly meetings and webinar series.

If elected as Vice Chair, I look forward to continuing my focus on understanding the goals and interests of our members and actively working to ensure that section membership is providing value. I am particularly interested in the significant increase of Student Members and members of the AIChE Early Career Community within the VLS. I plan to collaborate with the other members of the Executive Committee to ensure that the VLS appropriately serves and benefits these rapidly growing groups. As Vice Chair, I will be responsible for overseeing the Programming activities, to ensure that we have a schedule of diverse and engaging topics and speakers that represent the breadth of our profession. I commit to completing the section's chair track.

Treasurer Candidate (2-year Term, 2025-2026)

Jacob Matthews

I have been a member of AIChE since 1999 and a member of the Virtual Local Section since 2013. I think the VLS is invaluable to members like me who do not have access to a physical local section in their area. The VLS has been instrumental in helping me maintain my PE licensure and keeping me connected to the wider chemical engineering community. In 2022 I was elected to the office of Treasurer of the Virtual Local Section. I am seeking re-election to continue the stable leadership and program delivery our members have come to expect.



I hold both BS and MS degrees in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Wisconsin. I started my career working in the semiconductor industry, then spent two years as a civilian contractor with the United States Air Force Research Lab. Since then, I have spent over 10 years working with multiple specialty chemical/food ingredients manufacturers using reaction chemistry to process agricultural feedstocks to more value-added food ingredients. For the last eight years, I have been a consultant within the process engineering discipline at Foth Production Solutions, LLC where I have had the opportunity to lead major projects with several Fortune 100 food companies. My current title is Technical Advisor, and I am both a member of Foth's senior staff and an owner of the company.

I have previously served as Treasurer of the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) and am proud to be a founding donor to AIChE's LGBTQ+ & Allies Endowment fund. If re-elected, I would continue to do my part to support the ongoing growth & stability of our section.

Treasurer Candidate (2-year Term, 2025-2026)

William G “Bill” Osborne

Hello, I am William G. “Bill” Osborne, a retired Chemical Engineer and chemical business executive. I received a BS in Chemical Engineering (1962) from Texas A&M, an MS & PhD in Chem E. from Oklahoma State University (1964 and 1967, respectively), and an MBA from Emory University’s Goizueta School of Business (1996). Following graduation from OSU, I worked for DuPont (research), Kaiser Aluminum (engineering & business), and LaRoche Industries (business) from which I retired in 2002. At LaRoche, I served as Vice President



with assignments in an alumina chemicals business, Purchasing & Logistics, Mergers & Acquisitions, Interim CFO, and President and CEO of LII Europe. Following retirement, I worked for the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, Habitat Metro Jackson (2002 - 2013). Since retiring from Habitat Jackson, I have volunteered in my church, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral, Rotary, Toastmasters International, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 1. I. have been a member of AIChE since 1966. Currently, I am Treasurer of the High Noon Toastmasters Club and the Rotary Club of North Jackson. I became affiliated with the VLS in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and have remained a member since then. I live in Central Mississippi where there is not a local AIChE section.

For Director Candidates, we will be electing two new Directors (Total of 6 Directors)

Director Candidate (3-year Term, 2025-2027)

Tricia Gillenwater

I am running for Director of the AIChE Virtual Local Section (VLS) Executive Committee. I am interested in running because I have been impressed by the quality of the programming and other activities sponsored by the VLS and would like to support this ongoing work.

I received my B.S. from the University of Illinois at Champaign and my M.S. from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. I am a Professional Engineer licensed in Wisconsin. Most of my career has been spent in process development,



including technoeconomic analysis as well as scale up of batch and continuous processes from lab to pilot to commercial production. I have worked in the areas of polymers, biofuels, fermentation, gasification, separations, catalysis, and wastewater treatment. I retired from RAPID Manufacturing Institute for Process Intensification earlier this year. Before that I held roles at UOP, Allis-Chalmers, Chemical Waste Management, LanzaTech, Nalco Water and Argonne National Laboratory.

If elected, I will support the continuation of relevant and high-quality programming as well as other Executive Committee activities. I will also carry out the specific duties of the Director position that I undertake to ensure that VLS successfully continues its mission to leave no chemical engineer behind.

Director Candidate (3-year Term, 2025-2027)

Aramide Orimoloye

I discovered the AIChE Virtual Local Section (VLS) in 2023, drawn to its unique platform for connecting with chemical engineering professionals worldwide. As a member, I have been consistently impressed by the quality of discussions and the opportunities to learn from experts in various fields.

I recently completed my B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering in 2024. My undergraduate experience included active participation in the competition team for the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE) Entrepreneurship Expo. I believe my experience can significantly contribute to the VLS's initiatives, particularly in programming and member engagement. Additionally, my internship at Amazon Energy Ltd. provided valuable practical experience in process engineering. Collaborating with seasoned engineers and technicians on a retrofit project enhanced my technical skills and understanding of industry operations.

As a recipient of the Safety and Chemical Engineering Education (SACChE) Certification (Level 1 in 2021 and Level 2 in 2024), I am particularly passionate about promoting safety and education within the AIChE community.

I am eager to contribute to the continued growth and success of the AIChE Virtual Local Section as a director. I am committed to working collaboratively with the rest of the committee to create a thriving and inclusive virtual community for all AIChE members.



Director Candidate (3-year Term, 2025-2027)

Rohit Pal

Hello, I am running for the position of Director of the AIChE Virtual Local Section (VLS) Executive Committee. I am defending my Ph.D. thesis this Fall at the University of Toronto, Canada and diversifying my skills in social and technical engagements. I am a frequent visitor to AIChE annual meeting, and I have experienced the connection and engagement that unites Chemical Engineering community. As a Director of the VLS Executive Committee, I will expand the same community engagement within the section by a) Enhancing



communication and collaboration between members, b) Inviting ChemE Professionals from across the globe, and c) Strengthening our collaboration with senior leadership teams to offer resources tailored to early-career and seasoned engineers. As a course instructor in Chemical Engineering department at University of Toronto, managing Unit Operations Lab, I will bring strong fundamental technical, and organizational expertise to the team. Coupled with my 3.5 years of industry experience as a Technical Specialist at Shell U.K., I offer a blend of academic and practical insights that will be valuable to the team.

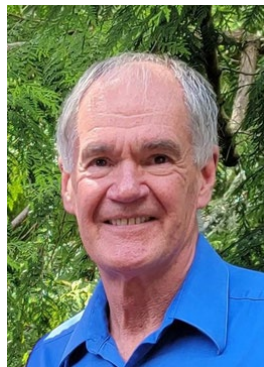
Given my background in both professional and leadership roles, I am confident that, if elected, I can effectively engage, expand, and promote the valuable resources and opportunities that the AIChE Virtual Local Section offers to its members. As a recipient of the Safety and Chemical Engineering Education (SChE) Certification (Level 1 in 2021 and Level 2 in 2024), I am particularly passionate about promoting safety and education within the AIChE community.

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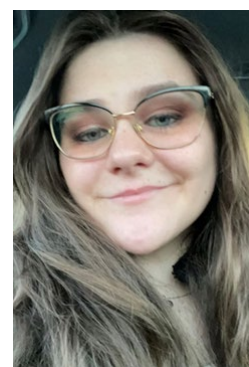
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