

LOCAL SECTIONS COMMITTEE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Chair

By Brian Daly, Local Sections Committee Chair

Hello and welcome to the Local Sections Committee Quarterly Newsletter.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Brian Daly, the committee chair. The purpose of this newsletter is to give you an update of things going on around AIChE that are relevant to your section as well as offer you a glance at what's going on with other sections. I hope that the content of the newsletter is equal parts educational and inspirational.

As chair, it is my responsibility to make sure you, the local leaders, have the support from AIChE you need to be successful and over the past year the staff and I have made some gains towards that goal. This year's [Local Section Leadership Workshop](#) at the Spring Meeting saw a significant increase in attendance helped in large part by the Travel Grants that were offered to struggling sections. We had an incredible twelve nominations for the [Shining Star Award](#) for 2013. In addition, we changed how the Annual Report was being handled by presenting the results to the section leadership at the Annual Meeting last fall (this fall we plan to make a formal summary available to all sections as well as a presentation at the next Annual Meeting). Finally, at least five or six members from around the nation have reached out to the committee seeking guidance on either revitalizing or starting a section in their area and we have talked to several sections seeking assistance.

However, major changes are coming to the committee this year.

Last year, AIChE President Otis Shelton organized a special task force to evaluate and make recommendations to improve local sections. The task force was comprised of volunteers with a variety of backgrounds. At the last Spring Meeting in New Orleans, the task force presented its findings to the Board of Directors. The recommendations ranged from revamping the

UPCOMING LSC CONFERENCE CALLS

- July 9 at 1pm Eastern Time
- August 6 at 1:30pm Eastern Time
- September 9 at 1:30pm Eastern Time
- October 7 at 1pm Eastern Time
- November meeting will be at the [Annual Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA
- December 10 at 1:30pm Eastern Time

local sections resources and guides to improving leadership training (the presentation made to the Board can be found attached). At the next Board meeting in mid-June they will discuss and approve which recommendations will move forward. I will keep you posted on the Board's plans at future Local Section Committee teleconference calls.

Since this effort will be massive, the committee will need assistance from local leaders to provide their expertise as well as some of their time to help to make these much needed improvements. If you or your sections' members are willing or able to volunteer to help with this, please email localsections@aiche.org. We're hoping once this effort is complete, we'll have a much better system in place to support all local section leaders.

As you can see, things are going to get very exciting with the committee in the next few months. Despite everything going on, we have a long road ahead of us in strengthening local sections. By working together with your fellow section leaders and the committee we can achieve stability for not only your section but all sections, present and future.

HIGHLIGHTED LOCAL SECTION RESOURCE

Speaker's Corner

The [Speakers Corner](#) provides local sections with a list of experts and outstanding communicators who are interested in presenting on their work and the state of chemical engineering. This is a great tool for planning programming at your section's meeting!



President's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Local Sections

**Report to Board of Directors
March 28, 2014**

The Task Force

- Freeman Self
 - Brian Daly
 - Janet Chu
 - Joe Deneault
 - Anthony Fregosi
 - Matt Kolodney
 - Joseph D Smith
 - Mark Stadtherr
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 - Barbara McDonald
 - Monica Stowe
 - Otis Shelton
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 - Bette Lawler
 - Dan Lambert
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- Fluor – Vice Chair
- Sensient Technologies
- Burns & McDonnell
- Cornerstone Chemical Company
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Missouri University of Science & Technology
- University of Notre Dame
- Dow Chemical Company
- AIChE Staff
- AIChE Staff
- Sponsor - AIChE President 2014
- Sponsor - North Carolina State University
- Sponsor - AIChE
- Sponsor - Savannah River National Lab (SRNL)

Presentation Overview

- Overview
- Background on local section initiatives
- Themes for recommendations
- Examples of recommendations
- Promote “Supporting Goal C”

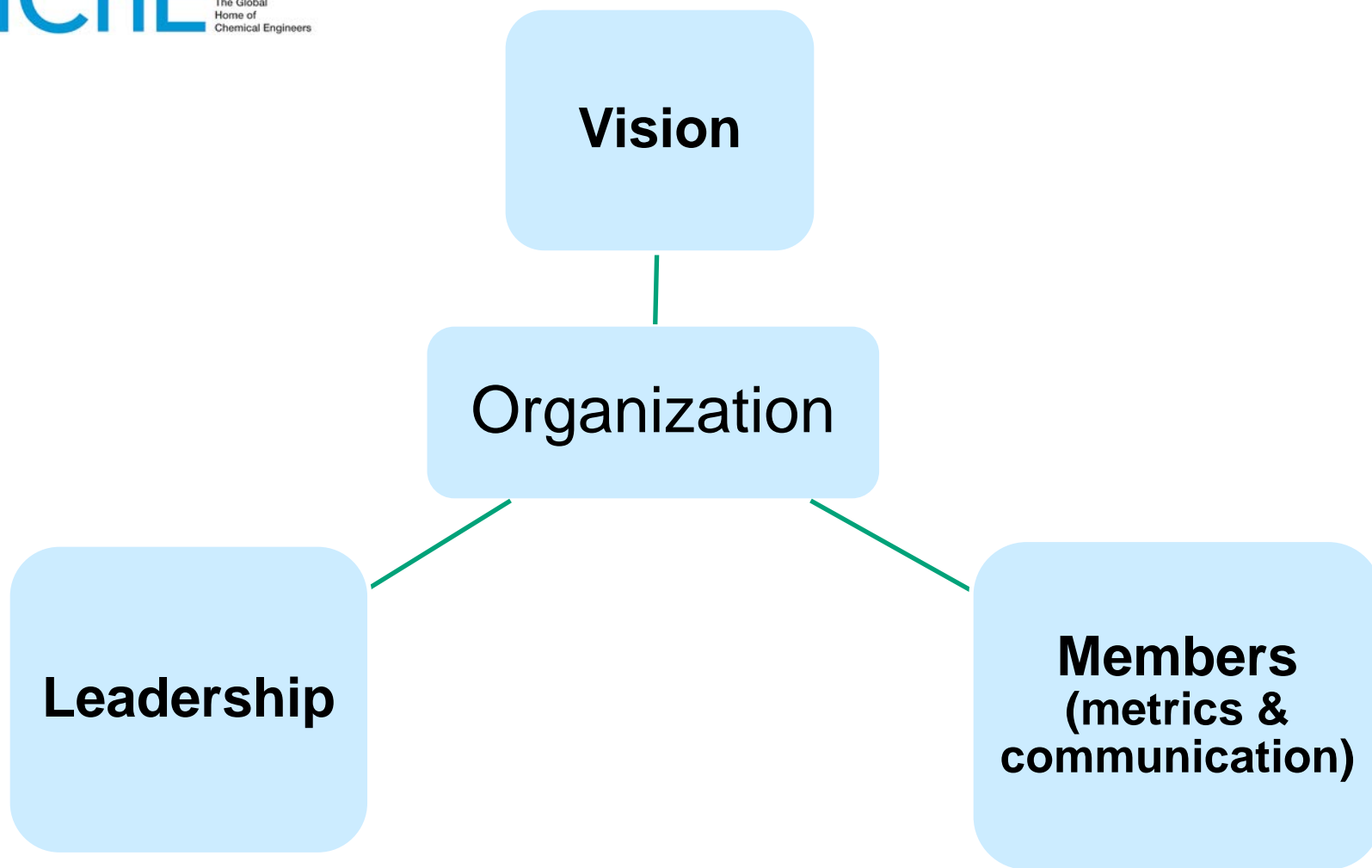
Project Objectives

(from Charter)

- To evaluate ideas and
 - To develop recommendations
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- which increase value to Local Sections members,
 - while supporting AIChE's overall mission and goals.

Local Section Initiatives

- Local Section are vital (local, significant numbers)
- Challenges (industry, generational, societal)
- Successes (CEOC oversight, LS Task Force 2005, Virtual LS, etc.)
- Next Stage (Blue Ribbon Task Force Local Sections)



The Vision



Lifelong Professional Home for AIChE Members

- All AIChE members want to be LS member
- Benefits far outweigh dues cost
- **Networking**, Mentoring, Leadership Development
- Service to Society, Encouraging future ChEs
- Career Development and Friendship
- New/Renew LSs in US, Globally, Virtually
- Improved connectivity with key stakeholders

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Recommendations **Leadership Development**

**“Formalize an Institute-wide
Leadership Development Program”**

Recommendations

Leadership Development

Why do We Need Leadership Development ?

- Provides deep and broad pool of leaders
- Benefits *Local Sections* (healthy local sections)
- Benefits the *Institute* (“leadership ladder”)
- Benefits *individual* (personal growth)
- Other Professional Societies
 - ACS “Leadership Institute” with “Leadership Development System®”
 - IEEE “Center for Engineering Excellence”
 - ASME “Board on Leadership and Recognition”

Recommendations

Leadership Development

Structure of Leadership Development Program

	Opportunities to Lead	Training	Recognition
Students	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future
YPs	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future
Experienced	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future
Academics	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future	Programs-Existing & Future

Programs that address
all elements – see
Appendix 2.11

Recommendations

Leadership Development

9 Primary Recommendations
Following are a few selected for discussion

- Formalize the Regional Structure for Local Sections
- Improve Governance
 - Template for “Officers Guide” including succession
 - Consolidate “Best Practice Documents”
- Establish a Leadership Certificate Program

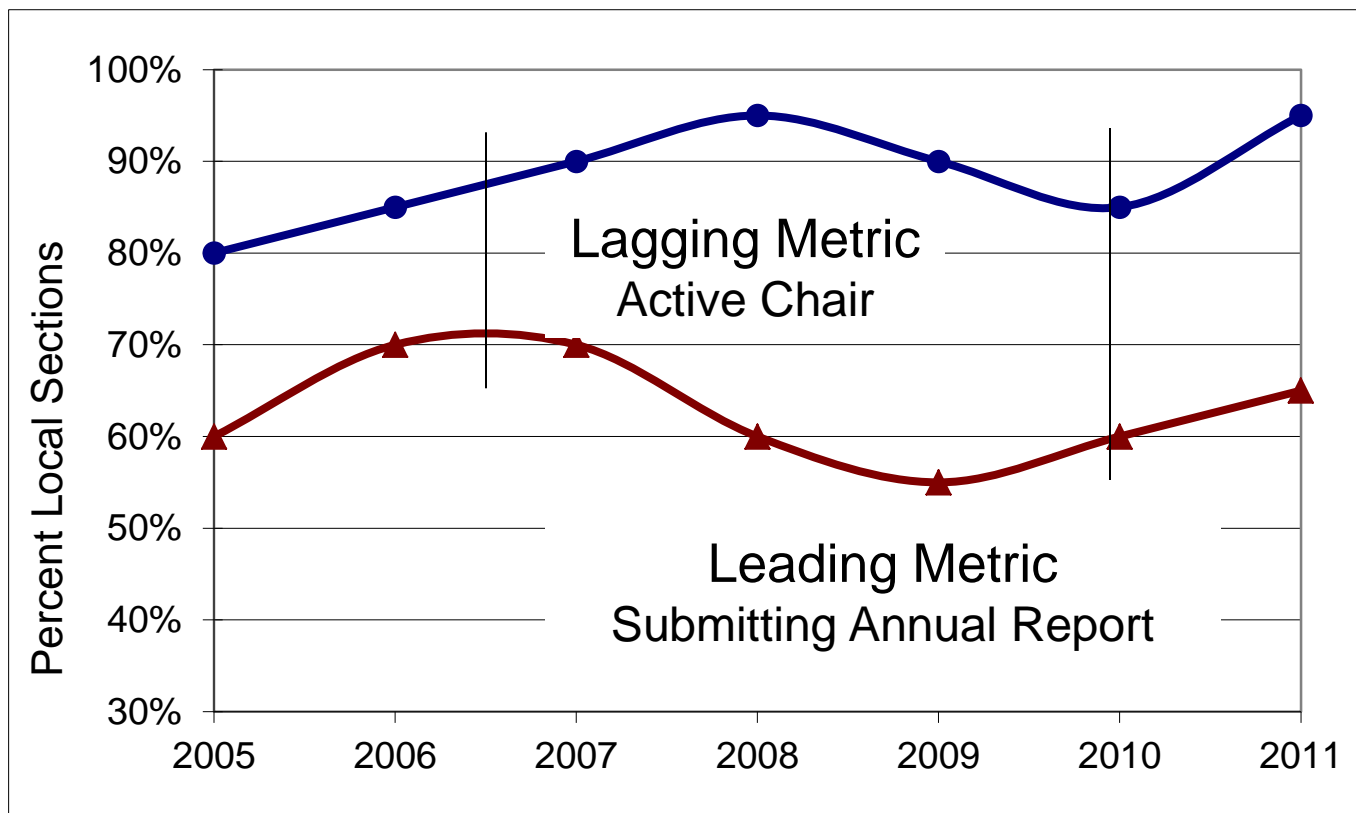
Recommendations

Metrics

4 Primary Recommendations
Following are a few selected for discussion

- Develop Leading and Lagging metrics
- Develop Index
- Define collection and promotion methods

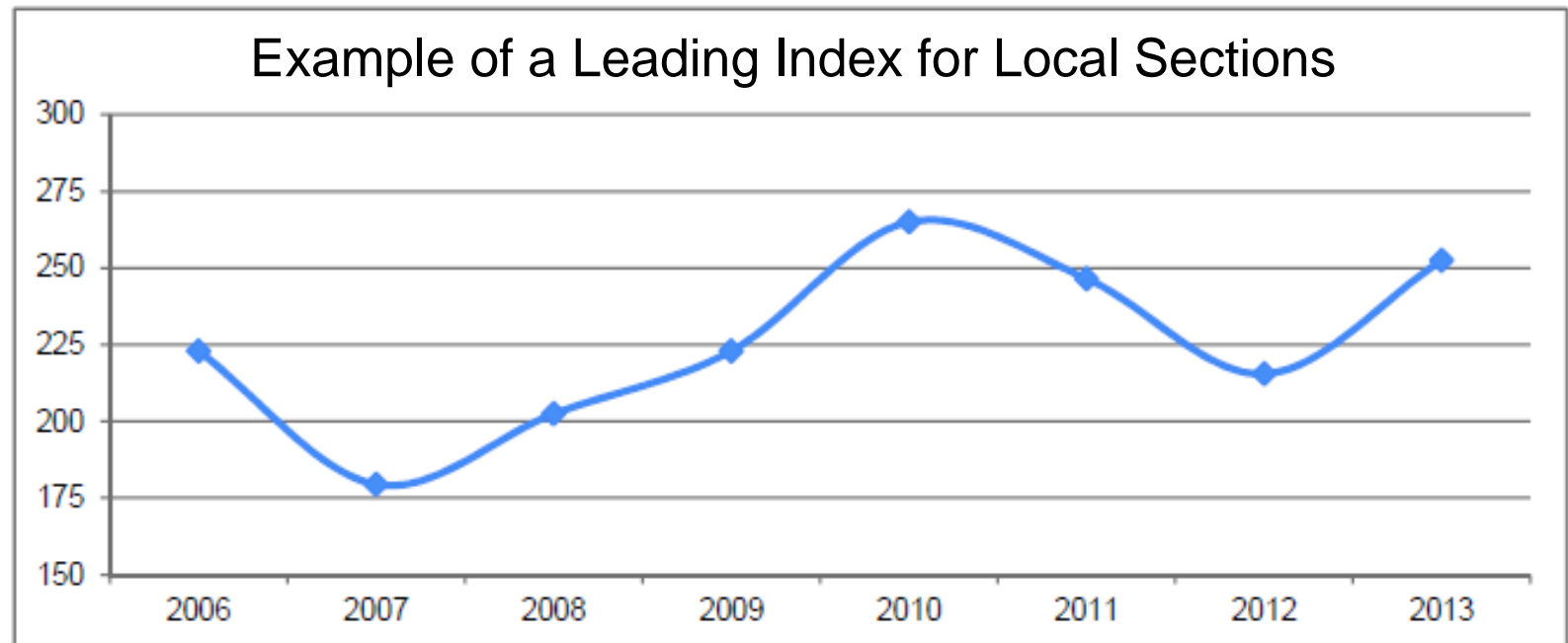
Recommendations Metrics



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Recommendations

Metrics



Component Metrics: “LS Filing Annual Reports”, “LS with Hosted Web Sites”, “Number YP Groups”, “% Conversion YP to Professional”

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Recommendations

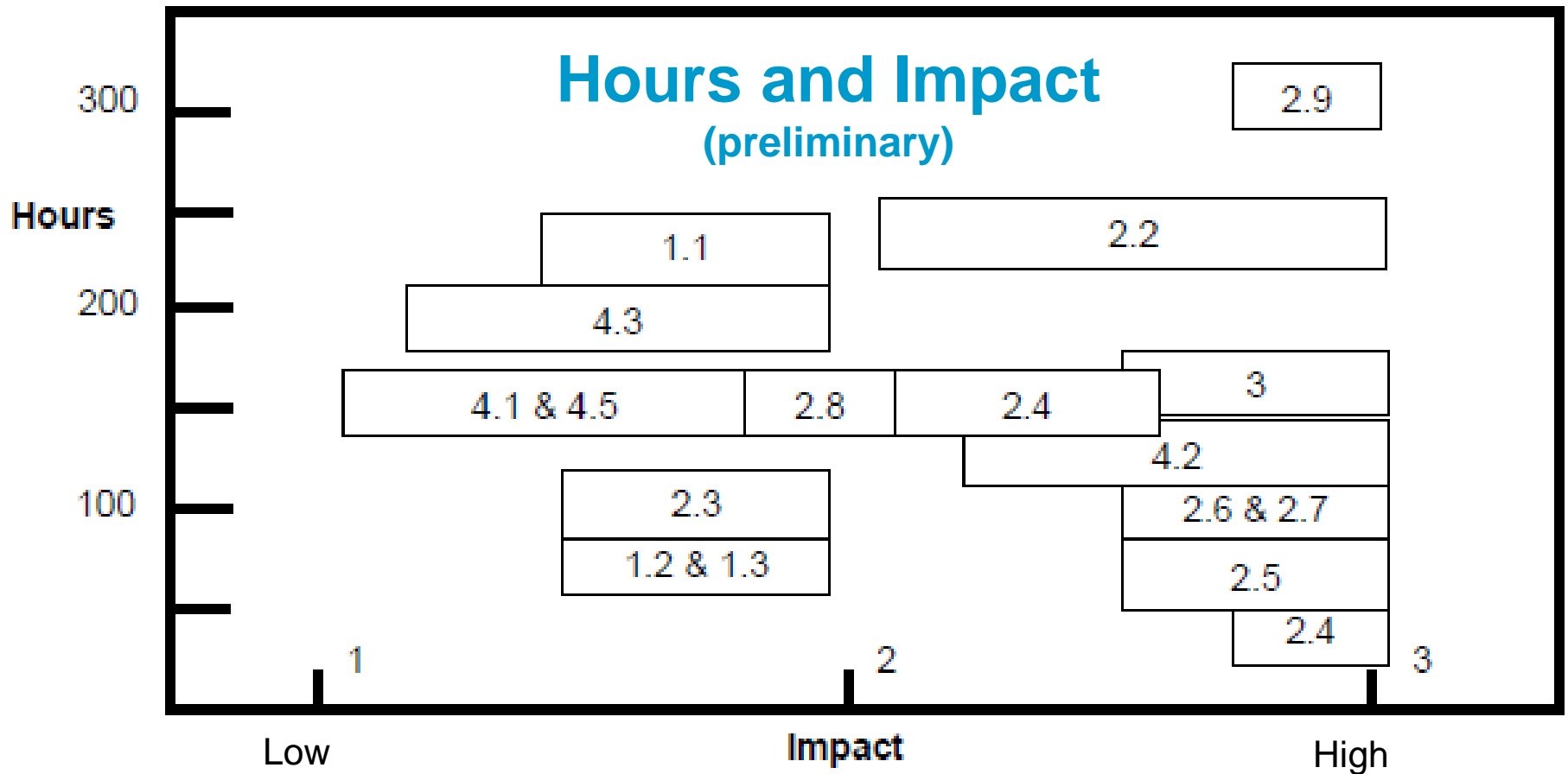
Programming, Communication, Membership

5 Primary Recommendations

Following are a few tasks from recommendations

- Establish communication tools
E.G. local section leaders lists & local section membership lists
- Generate programming for YPs and local sections
 - “Best Content”
 - YPs – technical, career, networking
- Maintain collaboration links
E.G. between OCs, forums with local sections

Recommendations



Appendix

Correspondence with 2008 Strategic Plan

Most of the recommendations fall under Supporting Goal C

- Supporting Goal C – Improve Operational Effectiveness of AIChE
- Strategic Goal #3: Aggressively develop innovative new products and services for members based on web-based technologies.

Reference:

- Strategy Project Status Report, Rev 2 May 2008
- Long-Range Strategy for the AIChE-Report of the Strategy Project Steering Committee, April 2008.

Questions?

More discussion?

Enjoy the Report !

Congratulations to the Team !