

Local Sections Committee Quarterly Newsletter

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Letter from the Chair

By: Owen Jappen, Local Sections Committee Chair

As the Summer fades and people begin to seek warmth in coffee doused with cinnamon or pumpkin spice as is yearly ritual, so the Local Sections Committee moves toward its Fall regiment. Thank you to all Sections that have already filled out the Annual report circulated over the last month! The LSC Annual Report team has already begun crunching the numbers and looks forward to presenting the assessment during the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. As a reminder, the Local Sections Committee will be meeting in person on Monday **October 30th from 12:30 to 2:00pm**, local time. A follow-up call will be held to debrief any section leaders not able to attend. The full report will be made available to all Local Sections before the end of December.

I would like to welcome Azita Ahmadzadeh to her new role with the Local Sections Committee – LSC Newsletter Coordinator! Azita hails from the Chicago local section and can be contacted via azita.ad@gmail.com. Please direct any event highlights or announcements you may have to her, so that they may be included in future newsletters. If you have a big idea for a new event, but it's beyond the financial capabilities of your chapter, we encourage you to take advantage of the Project Connect grant offered by the LS Committee – the next deadline is just a month away – **Sept 30th!** More details on proposal requirements can be found here: [Project Connect](#).

On behalf of the Local Sections Committee team, we also continue to send positive energy to our members who were caught in the path of Hurricane Harvey and continue to work through its impact at home and professionally. All members can be encouraged to read [AIChE's overview](#) on how to best support initiatives to aid those in a very heavily chemical engineering populated area.

As a reminder, the LS Committee also holds bimonthly teleconferences to connect and share information directly in a conversation with all local section leaders. To better fit the needs of sections with differing sizes, we also hold regional and size based group sessions – exact dates for this purpose will be announced in the coming weeks. If you know of anyone interested in forming a local section in their area, please direct them to more information [here](#) and [here](#). Have a pressing question in the interim? Fear not! The Local Sections discussion platform on [AIChE Engage](#) is the perfect forum to pose questions or share information with other local sections leaders. As a reminder, *if site activity does not increase in the coming months, we will have to discontinue the resource platform.*

As always, huge thank you for everything you've done over the years to bring AIChE benefits to members in your area! The LS Committee and I look forward to continue working with you, addressing any section needs,

Upcoming LSC Conference Calls

December 6 at 2pm

All local section chairs, vice chairs, secretaries and treasurers are invited to attend these calls.

We will also be meeting in-person on October 30, at 12:30pm Central at the 2017 Annual Meeting

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and expanding access of AIChE resources to members across the world. The coming pages highlight some of the achievements and happenings over in various sections – be sure to check it out for ideas about new events in your section, or considering sharing something from your chapter in the months to come!

AIChE Beer Brewing Competition Updates!

With the support of the [AIChE Foundation](#), AIChE's [Young Professionals Committee](#), and [Dogfish Head Craft Brewery](#), AIChE is excited to host the first [AIChE Beer Brewing Competition \(ABBC\)](#), held on Oct 29th at the [2017 AIChE Annual Meeting](#). If you plan to attend the Meeting, we encourage you to stop by after 10am to see the action and learn about the different brews. It will be held in the Minneapolis Convention Center room M100 A-J. There will also be opportunity to be a guest tasting judge!

19 teams have registered for the challenge this year:

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- Grain Boundaries, Atlanta Local Section
 - Brewtonian Fluids, Dayton Local Section
 - Philly Phermenters, Delaware Valley
 - Ethanol Elite, Detroit AIChE Local Section
 - Draughtsmen of the D, Detroit AIChE Local Section
 - 321 Beer!, East Central Florida Local Section
 - Purbrew, Indianapolis Local Section
 - The Yeast of Your Worries, Iowa Local Section
 - Prost! A Toast!, Iowa Local Section
 - Bar-Brew-Que, Kansas City Section
 - Cooper Brew, Metro New York
 - Team MMAChE, Mid-Michigan AIChE
 - Standard Brewing Co. of New Jersey, New Jersey Local Section
 - Garden State Brewers, North Jersey Local Section
 - Northern California, Northern California
 - BrewsBurgh, Pittsburgh Local Section
 - NMSBrew, Rio Grande
 - BChETE, Tidewater Virginia
 - Woo Pig Brewers, Virtual Local Section
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Gold, silver, and bronze awards will be given in both tasting and poster presentation competitions. The grand prize will go to the best cumulative score for the tasting and poster competitions. All members of the team winning the grand prize will receive a complimentary AIChE membership for the 2018 dues year (\$199 value per person). Grand prize winners will also be featured in an AIChE webinar reviewing their winning brewing process.

The AIChE Beer Brewing Competition will feature two beer categories for competition: "Dark & Malty" and "Bright & Hoppy." Teams will be able to submit a maximum of two beers to the competition, provided the two beers are submitted in different beer categories.

Dark & Malty	Bright & Hoppy
Stouts 15B Irish Stout 15C Irish Extra Stout 16A Sweet Stout 16B Oatmeal Stout 16C Tropical Stout 16D Foreign Extra Stout 20B American Stout 20C Imperial Stout Porters 13C English Porter 20A American Porter Browns 13A Dark Mild 13B British Brown Ale 19C American Brown Ale	Pale Ales 18A Blonde Ale 18B American Pale Ale Bitters and Ambers 11A Ordinary Bitter 11B Best Bitter 11C Strong Bitter 19A American Amber IPAs 12C English IPA 21A American IPA 21B Specialty IPA 22A Double IPA

[Learn more about this year's competition.](#)

UNIQUE EVENTS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

By: Rachel McLendon, East Tennessee Local Section

Young Professionals from the East Tennessee Local Section gathered for a variety of events throughout 2016. The picnic in the Spring, the Salsa dancing lessons in the Summer, and the Professional Development workshop in the Fall were all well attended.

The Young Professionals Group decided to host a different kind of event in the Fall this year. An event that, while still focused on networking, would benefit professionals early in their career: Retirement Planning. A representative from the Fidelity office in Nashville, TN came to Kingsport to host a talk about the many different aspects of planning for retirement. He touched on variables that may affect certain financial decisions and fielded the many questions asked by the audience. It was an enlightening seminar that only garnered positive feedback. Our YP Group hopes to host another professional development workshop in 2017.



Young Professional members of the East Tennessee Local Section attend a meeting on retirement planning.

AIChE Volunteer Opportunities

By: Monica Mellinger, AIChE Staff

[AIChE Volunteer Central](#) is the latest way for you to get involved in your chemical engineering organization. Members like you can search and apply for AIChE volunteer opportunities from anywhere in the world.

One of the biggest benefits to being a part of an organization like AIChE is giving back to your community through your volunteer contributions and participation. If you have volunteered with AIChE in the past, Volunteer Central is a great way to get re-engaged with the organization.

3 Easy Steps to Get Started

1) [Make sure you opt-in to the volunteer pool](#) to keep informed on how you can participate with AIChE.

2) [Fill out your volunteer profile](#) to start receiving notifications about volunteer opportunities that fit you, with a link to the opportunity's application. Completing this profile helps us tailor volunteer opportunities to your interests and expertise.

3) [Search the full list of opportunities](#) to see if one matches your interests. There currently are over 20 open positions for Young Professional AIChE members. [Check them out!](#)

We look forward to your participation in the coming months and years.

Login is required to apply for any open volunteer opportunity. If you do not know or remember your AIChE website username or password, please contact CustomerService@aiche.org.

AIChE Member Benefit Spotlight

AIChE membership provides a wealth of resources and benefits to its members. In this spotlight, we are highlighting 4 benefits that we encourage our section leaders to share with their membership.

[AIChE eLibrary](#)

After graduating college, many young professionals may struggle with accessing specialized academic resources previously available from their universities. The AIChE eLibrary provides powerful, interactive, 24/7 online access to more than 250 full textbooks, handbooks, standards, databases, video research tips and presentations through the Knovel Life Sciences collection. [Go to AIChE eLibrary](#)

Members also receive a 35% discount on select books from AIChE and Wiley such as Guidelines for Risk Based Safety and

Distillation Troubleshooting. [Go to Publications](#)

Virtual Career Fairs

Job searching can be time consuming, and the search for specific technical positions can be especially difficult. Luckily, AIChE is here to help. On the CareerEngineer site, members can post a resume, find chemical engineering jobs, and set up job alerts for opportunities that may not be available on common job posting sites. AIChE also hosts Virtual Career Fairs a few times a year where members can meet with company recruiters and share their resumes in an online setting. [Go to AIChE's career resources](#)

Insurance Products

Maintaining coverage with various type of insurances can be a daunting and expensive task, which is why AIChE's insurance products are well worth utilizing. AIChE members enjoy discounted auto insurance from major providers. AIChE also offers group life insurance, accidental damage and death insurance, professional liability insurance, health insurance, dental plan, pet insurance, and prescription drug discounts. [Go to Insurance Products](#)

Personal Services

Take advantage of AIChE's family of financial products and services, travel & shopping discounts, project management courses, and Lifescreening. Also, members receive deep discounts – up to 26% – on UPS shipping, and 10% on business services. [Go to Personal Services](#)

We hope you will take advantage of these benefits and stay involved with AIChE. View the full list of member benefits [here](#).

Local Section Leaders Central



AIChE Engage [Local Section Leader Central](#) launched in December 2016. This new discussion platform, exclusively for AIChE local section chairs, past chairs, vice chairs, secretaries and treasurers, allows you to connect with your fellow leaders to share best practices, ask questions of each other and share ideas.

It will also be used as the main communication tool to reach our section leaders. Through [AIChE Engage](#) you can also manage your profile and keep track of your member benefits.

To make the most out of this new platform, I encourage you to login and update your AIChE member profile with your up to date career information and upload a photo of yourself so your peers can put a face with your name (this can be imported directly from LinkedIn!). I look forward to seeing each of you on Engage!

Resources for Section Leaders

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!

Funding for Sections Available

Apply today for a [Program Planning Grant](#) or a [Project Connect Grant](#)! Awards available to assist local sections with membership outreach efforts. Next deadline is for the Project Connect Grant is September 30, 2017. Next deadline for the Program Planning Grant is September 30, 2017.

Shining Star Award

Recognize outstanding volunteerism within your local section by nominating someone for the [Shining Star Award](#). Deadline for nominations is November 30, 2017.

Update Your Officer Roster

You can see who AIChE has listed as officers of your local section by clicking on your section name in the [Find a Local Section website](#). If this listing is out of date, [complete the officer update form](#).

Website Platform Available at No Charge

Whether you're using AIChE's old platform or are using a third party platform, learn more about [AIChE's web platform](#), [see examples](#) of sections already using them, and [request your new, free website today](#).

More resources available at the [Resources for Local Section Leaders](#) website.

Thank you for your dedication to AIChE and your Local Section!