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April Plant Tour Thank You

The Western South Carolina section of AIChE would like to thank Cara Thompson and all of the tour guides at Milliken Chemical for the plant tour. The Section had a great turnout for this plant tour; with almost 30 members attending. Milliken provided a very thorough and informative tour covering many chemical unit operations.

May Social: Greenville Drive Baseball Game

Friday, May 15th, 2009

The great turnout from last year's WSCAICHe family night brings us back to another great social at Fluor Field at the West End to watch a Greenville Drive baseball game and fireworks. The Rome Braves will play at Fluor Field versus the Greenville Drive on May 15th at 7:00 pm. WSCAICHe has reserved seats and will help provide dinner for members and their families. Tickets will be selling for \$10 each and the Treasurer will provide each attendee \$10 towards dinner for the night. Pretty good deal!!

There are still tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Members, immediate family, and one guest are permitted.

Please Note:

1. Children 2 or under can get into Fluor Field free. By requesting a ticket they will have their own seat.
2. Only members and immediate family receive the \$10 toward dinner.

3. Pay the Treasurer, Rick Vogel, \$10 for each reserved ticket by May 1st or risk losing your "guaranteed" status.
4. On game day you will receive your tickets, \$10 for each member and family member, and (if applicable) \$2 for your guest.
5. Have a great time at the game.
6. Please return unused funds to the treasurer at the end of the game.

MAY SOCIAL SUMMARY

DATE: **Friday, May 15, 2009**

TIME: 7:00 PM Game Time

Pick up your tickets and dinner money **by 6:50 PM** from the Treasurer (Rick Vogel, cell # 420-5777) just outside **the 3rd base side entrance to the Stadium.**

LOCATION: Greenville Drive Baseball Stadium
945 S Main St.
Greenville, SC 29601

DIRECTIONS: I-385N toward Greenville, Turn right onto Academy St, Turn Left at Oneal St., Turn right onto S Main St. Stadium will be on the left.

COST: \$10 for Reserved ticket (\$10 Reimbursed for Members and family, \$2 reimbursed for friends of Members)

NOTE: Free parking is available at University Ridge if you get to the parking lot early

Please reply to Secretary David Laursen at sec@wscaiche.org by Thursday, May 7, 2009.

2008-2009 Officers and Executive Committee

Many thanks to the continued efforts of those providing leadership to our Section. Members with a desire to serve can contact any Officer or Executive Committee member.

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
Chair	Oren Webb	oren.webb@fluor.com	864-281-8106
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Other Executive Committee Members are: Teresa Cheung, Mary Ferris, David Harshbarger, Ann Marie Jones, John Moore, and James Young.

2009-2010 WSC AIChE Officer Elections

The slate of candidates for next year's officers is:

Chair:

Austin Crooks **OR** Write-in Candidate

Vice-Chair:

Aaron Ross **OR** Rick Vogel **OR** Write-in Candidate

Secretary:

Jeremiah Batiste **OR** Write-in Candidate

Treasurer:

David Laursen **OR** Write-in Candidate

Members should submit their ballots via email to the secretary via sec@wscaiche.org. Ballots are **due by midnight Sunday May 10, 2009**.

Officer Candidates must be national AIChE members in good standing and have a willingness to serve. Before submitting a write-in candidate, contact them to be sure they satisfy this criteria.

A Farewell from the Chair

It is hard to believe this year's WSCAICHE has come to an end. It is true that when you have fun, time flies. As this year's chair, I certainly have had a lot of fun planning our activities and interacting with many chemical engineers this year. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to try new ideas for this year's activities. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all the officers and our executive committee members for all your hard work, devotion, and more importantly, your time to make this year a very successful one. Special recognition goes to Austin Crooks, David Laursen, Rick Vogel, Eugene Gill, Mary Ferris, Ann Marie Jones, David Harshbarger, and James Young. Many thanks to ALL OF YOU!

This year, we have seen an increase in new member enrollment with the help of temporary dinner price reduction and a change of meeting location. We explored different presentation topics that might be appealing to our audiences. As a result, we delivered a wide variety of talks on subjects ranging from biofuels to gas turbines to Six Sigma.



Oren Webb
Chair 2008-2009

We continued our tradition, to heighten middle & high school students' awareness to explore engineering as their career choice. This year, our chapter devoted a great deal of effort in organizing activities and scientific experiments for the area's youth at Roper Mountain Science Center. While tailored to help Scouts earn various engineering and science activity pins, this was part of our general involvement in promoting National Engineers' Week in February. We continue to maintain a close relationship with Clemson University by having two joint meetings with Clemson's Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering faculty & students. We awarded a \$1,000 Clemson scholarship to Ms. Jenny Smith. We also continued our sponsorship of and participation in the South Carolina Regional Science & Engineering Fair, assisting in judging student projects, providing monetary awards, and promoting engineering as a career choice.

We will take a little summer break and will resume our planning meeting starting in June this year. If you have any suggestions or ideas for our next year's meetings, please send any officer an e-mail. Have a fun, relaxing & safe summer!