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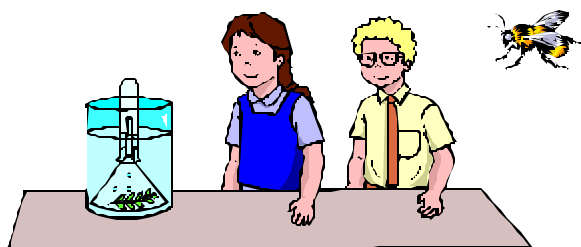
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officers this year. Eugene Gill and Rick Vogel, who both work for Fluor, will be serving as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Eugene is already busy working on a WSC AIChE website, and Rick is proving to be perfect for the Treasurer's role with his attention to detail. Please feel free to call or email any of us if we can be of service to you, if you would like to volunteer with us, or if you have suggestions.

We encourage you to attend our meetings, which are usually held in the evenings on the third Tuesday of each month. Most of our meetings are held at the Holiday Inn at I-85 and Highway 25 (Augusta Road; Exit 46-A) just south of Greenville. Our monthly meetings are a great way to meet new friends, establish business contacts, and learn about subjects of general interest to chemical engineers and other professionals.

A tentative schedule of this year's meetings is included in this newsletter. Please share this schedule with other chemical engineers who might not be on our mailing list. We also invite you to bring along guests who are interested in the evening's topic. They don't have to be AIChE members or even chemical engineers!

Letter from the Chair

Greetings! Hope that you have had a great summer! Over the summer, the officers have been busy planning for another interesting year of activities for the Western SC Section of AIChE. We want to welcome all returning and new members to another exciting year.

First, let me take a minute to introduce our other 2001-2002 officers. Anne Dieska, who served as Treasurer last year, is this year's Vice-Chair. Anne works at Michelin and brings a creative flair to our group. We are also very fortunate to have two new

In planning our meetings this year, we have tried to pick topics that address current and relevant issues. At our first meeting on Tuesday, September 18, Ashish Shah of Fluor will talk to us about the evolution of the design of chemical plants, the integration of design software systems into today's design practices, and future trends. Our October and February meetings are joint meetings with the Clemson University AIChE Student Chapter. The October meeting will be held in Clemson, where Mott Dalton will talk to us about Business Etiquette.

At our November meeting, we will hear from Rosa Martinez-Brandon about how Six Sigma is

implemented at GE. And in January, we will get an update on the current Global Fuel Supply and Trends from Dr. Larry Golan, Director of the South Carolina Institute for Energy. In the Spring, we have two plant tours lined up at Kemet and Bausch and Lomb, as well as a family BBQ in May.

In closing, I would like to thank last year's Chair, Mary Ferris, for her leadership and service over the past four years. Mary has been a wonderful source of support to us this summer and promises not to be a stranger this fall!

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on September 18th!

Clare Marshall Wood
AIChE WSC Section Chair



Our Section currently has both a checking (Wachovia) and an investment account (UBS PaineWebber, Inc.). The checking account is used for paying the Section's monthly "living expenses" such as the balance of the fee due each month for our meetings at the Holiday Inn and newsletter mailing expenses. The PaineWebber account is used primarily for "special" events such as trip expenses for speakers, the annual Clemson scholarship, and the May social event. We also use this money for monthly door prizes, speaker gifts, supplementing dinners each month and the student dinners in February, and to send officer(s) to the National Meeting.

The current balance in the Wachovia checking account is \$327.92, while the PaineWebber account balance (end of 2nd quarter) is \$52,140. The PaineWebber balance has increased \$1,090 ytd. This account is split 61% Income fund of America and 39% Wash Mutual Inv Fund. Feel free to provide financial advice to your Section officers.

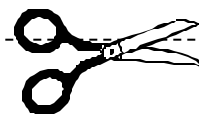
LOOK!!!

Cut out this handy, compact, and easy-to-carry AIChE Meeting Schedule and take it with you wherever you go! That way, you'll always know when we are meeting and what the hot topics are!



2001 – 2002 AIChE Schedule

09/18 - Ashish Shah, Plant Evolution @ H. Inn
10/16 – Mott Dalton, Bus. Etiquette @ Clemson
11/13* – Rosa Martinez-Brandon, 6Σ @ H. Inn
01/15 - Dr. Larry Golan, Global Energy @ H. Inn
02/19 – Mystery Guest @ H. Inn
03/12* – Plant Tour @ Kemet
04/16 – Plant Tour @ Bausch and Lomb
05/18 – Family BBQ @ Reedy River Park



Meeting Place is at the Holiday Inn – Augusta Road at I-85 (Exit 46A) at 6:30 unless indicated otherwise.

* 2nd Tuesday of the Month

September Meeting

“Designing Plants: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”

The first meeting of the 2000 - 2001 year will be a presentation by Mr. Ashish Shah, CSI-IIE, Director, Automation, Process Technology, Energy and Chemicals for Fluor Corporation. The talk will cover the evolution of the design of chemical plants, the design of software systems in use today, and how they are integrated. Future trends will be discussed followed by a Q&A session.

Ashish has over 24 years of experience in manufacturing automation, systems integration, and engineering design. He has been with Fluor for over 13 years in a wide variety of assignments, including several corporate-wide initiatives such as the corporate-wide implementation of FrontRunnerSM. Ashish has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in industrial engineering.

Tuesday, September 18, 2000

Location: Holiday Inn
Augusta Rd at I-85, Exit 46-A

Time: 6:30 p.m. social
7:00 p.m. dinner
8:00 p.m. program

Cost: \$12 for members
\$15 for non-members

Guests are always welcome. Please RSVP to **Eugene Gill** by **Friday, September 14th**. Please let him know if you have to cancel your reservation, as well. Vegetarian meal requests can be made at the time of your reservation.



COMING SOON: LOCAL SECTION WEBSITE



This year, our section will be launching a local section website. Eugene Gill is busy with the design of this site. We plan to post meeting schedules and contact information on the site. Look for more details in future newsletters. If you have any suggestions, please contact Eugene.

SPOTLIGHT: NATIONAL AICHE CAREER SERVICES

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Note: we receive quarterly updates from National and will be using that information for paper and electronic mailing addresses. If your information needs to be updated, please update your national records.

We will also continue to send out electronic newsletters to non-National members through a separately maintained email listing. Send updates to Eugene Gill. Thanks!