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Chicago Section Meeting— Fermi Lab

The May 10th meeting will be a tour of [Fermi Lab](#). The speaker will be [Dr. Chuck Brown](#), a Fermi lab staff high energy physicist. The title of the talk is *Fermilab and the pursuit of the BIG questions in physics*. Dinner will be at the [Mill Race Inn](#) in Geneva. Visit www.aiche-chicago.org for details.

Presenters Biography: Chuck Brown, Fermilab

BSc, 1963 University of British Columbia
 MSc, 1966, PhD, 1968, University of Rochester in Experimental High Energy Physics
 Research Fellow 1968-71, Assistant Professor 1971-74 Harvard University
 Staff Scientist Fermi Lab 1974-Current

Co-discoverer of the bottom quark
 Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Alderman 1st Ward, City of Geneva 1987-now

Webpage: <http://home.fnal.gov/~chuckb>

May 2006 Elections

AIChE – Chicago local section annual election will be held on May 10th 2006 at our monthly meeting at Fermi Lab.

Absentee Ballot:

If you expect to be absent from the Annual Meeting May 10, 2006, you may request an Absentee Ballot from the Secretary, Reza Mostofi (Reza.Mostofi@uop.com). Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.

The list of nominees and their short biographies can be found on the website and are listed below:

Secretary:

Gerald W. Wilks
 CITGO

Chair Elect:

Donald Chmielewski
 Illinois Institute of Technology

Treasurer:

STEVE ROSENBLUM
 UOP

Director At Large:

Narayanan Sankaran
 UOP

Vice Chair Program:

OSMAN MEHMET AKPOLAT
 Gas Technology Institute

For more details: <http://www.aiche-chicago.org/May2006-Elections>

Agenda:

Registration	6:00-6:30
Fermilab Tour	6:30-7:30
Dinner	7:45-9:45
Speaker	8:30-9:30

Cost:

\$28.00	for Members
\$32.00	for Non Members
\$5.00	for AIChE student chapter members

Nominations Requested For The Ernest W. Thiele Award

The Ernest W. Thiele award is sponsored by BP and recognizes the outstanding contributions to our profession by a Midwest region chemical engineer. This award was established by the AIChE Chicago Section and is presented annually to a Midwest region AIChE member. This internationally recognized award consists of an engraved plaque and \$1000 honorarium presented at our sectional meeting.

Nomination forms and additional information can be obtained from the Thiele Committee Chair.

One of the highest honors a distinguished chemical engineer can receive is our Chicago Section Thiele award. Please consider nominating a deserving engineer for this prestigious award.

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www.aiche-chicago.org/awards

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to a rebuilding of the AIChE-Chicago Section, many volunteer opportunities are available in the following Committees:

- Symposium (10/06 IIT)
- Membership House
- Industrial Liaison
- Government Liaison
- Government Interaction
- Career Guidance
- Continuing Education
- Constitution and Bylaws
- IL Engineering Council
- Job Posting
- Awards/Nominations
- Thiele Award Program
- Public Relations
- Sponsorship
- Professional Development

Please see link below for additional information. Contact the chair of the committee or Annette Johnston if interested.

For more details:

www.aiche-chicago.org/volunteer

Chair's Corner
Annette Johnston
Rebuilding

In the last chairman's corner, I talked about understanding our customer, and rebuilding the section to match their needs. The Industrial Liaison effort is beginning, and soon you may be contacted to suggest a contact or to participate in a focus group about what AIChE can do for individuals and companies in Chicago. Richard Symns has sorted through the membership, and has developed an action plan. Please say yes if you are contacted to help.

It is important that we understand our members as customers as well. They need to hear out what is going on in the section on a regular basis. This is not been happening this year, mainly due to challenges in the budget. Several of you have indicated that you miss the newsletter, and the news you came to expect. Much of that news will continue to appear in the web site. A lot of work has gone into the web site lately. Thank you to Tom King, who spent a lot of personal time to remodel it. We will be looking to keep all of the links current. That takes several volunteers. In addition, we will be looking at some mailings, within budget constraints. The newsletter that does arrive will be shorter, and will point out where to find information on the web site. To make this happen, we will need a communications committee. Members of the committee will be involved in either the web or the mailing, whichever fits their time and talent. This should be a committee of at least four people. Are you interested in volunteering?

Clint Butcher, the Vice Chair Program elected last May, has moved on to take a position in Denver. Osman Akpolat, from the Gas Technology Institute, has stepped in to take his place. Work has begun in planning the Symposium and the Dinner Programs starting in September. If you have any ideas for programs or would like to participate in the planning, please contact Osman at osman.akpolat@gastechnology.org.

We have many members that have made a difference in their career and for the section. We intend to recognize them by nominating them for fellow. We recently recognized Narayanan Sankaran as our newest fellow. Dennis O'Brien became a fellow as well.

So you can see that we are rebuilding a lot of activity in the section - Industrial Liaison, Newsletter/Communications, the Web Site, Program Planning and Member Recognition. Think about what appeals to you and volunteer.

-Annette Johnston

Submitting articles to
AIChE Columns

We are now initiating a regular Newsletter and are welcoming people to e-mail any material they would like to appear on the newsletter. These can be job postings, advertisements for upcoming committee meetings, articles, general advertisements or anything else you may want to submit. To submit material e-mail your material to aichechicom@aiche-chicago.org with "newsletter article request" as a subject heading.

Please let us know if your contact information has changed reservations@aiche-chicago.org