



Attend Executive Committee meetings and contribute to management and program decisions

I am enthusiastic about the current directions of the VLS and want to be an active part of the progress.

My official title is Professor Emeritus (Chemical and Materials Engineering) at the University of Nebraska, where I taught, published, wrote lots of successful grants, and directed a research program with a strong international component. Prior to becoming an academic, I enjoyed working in non-academic settings, including private industry, national lab, and consulting environments. Major technical emphases throughout my career have been energy production and its environmental effects, advanced materials for sensors and biomedical applications, supercritical fluids, and applying systems engineering to complex systems, such as pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Academically, I enjoyed teaching a broad spectrum of classes, including thermo, fluid mechanics, radiation detection, air pollution, bioprocessing, organic chemistry, polymer engineering, and unit ops lab, always striving to show how the underlying fundamentals were actually applied in current engineering practice.

I previously served the VLS as newsletter editor and served a partial term as a Director due to a resignation. I want to become more active again because I know the value of having a strong professional community, even if we are often time zones away. Having VLS connections as backup is great when we find ourselves as the only _____ (fill in the blank: technical person, chemical engineer, foreigner, American, leader, problem-solver, etc.) in the room! (My editorial in the January 2014 AIChE VLS Newsletter expands on this theme.)

If elected Treasurer, I look forward to attending the board meetings again, and in addition to the duties of Treasurer, also contributing to the effective implementation of new and continuing initiatives in others ways. Most of all, I would like to ensure that we continue to give all chemical engineers, in all stages of their careers, enough added value that they become part of the VLS, whether or not they are also lucky enough to belong to a geographically local section.



