Western South Carolina Section

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Message from the new Chair

Mary Ferris, Michelin

Before I introduce myself as your new Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Vibber for his outstanding service to the local section over the past several years. He will be missed very much, and we wish him and his family all the best up north!

As in-coming Chair, I would like to say hello to all WSCAIChE members and professional friends. For the next several months, I look forward to serving the local chapter, along with this year's officers and executive committee members. We have some exciting programs planned for the rest of this year.

For those of you who don't know me, I have served most recently as Vice Chair of our local section, beginning in 2011. Before then, I served as a member of our Executive Committee since completing my assignments as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair of our local WSC section of AIChE between 1998 and 2001. Since April of 2011, I have been employed with Michelin at the Donaldson Center as Material Industrialization Engineer. Prior to that position, I was an IS Specialist at Cryovac/Sealed Air Corporation in Duncan, SC, working on the implementation of SAP at all of their US and international locations. Other positions in my almost 20 years with Sealed Air include Process Engineer and Product Development Engineer at their Simpsonville plant, as well as Financial Analyst in Duncan. Prior to coming to work for Sealed Air, I held Process Engineering positions at Best Foods in New Jersey and Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

I earned my BS in Chemical Engineering from MIT in 1981 and my MBA from Clemson in 1995. I currently live in Simpsonville with my cat, Callie. When not working, I like to garden, travel, play golf, walk/run, volunteer with Hands on Greenville, attend performances at the Peace Center and Greenville Little Theater, and visit my family in Newport, Rhode Island.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and to serving as your Chair. I welcome any and all comments and suggestions on how to make our local section better!!

February 10, 2015 - Dinner Details:

We will once again be enjoying a meal with a varied menu from

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