the Van Antwerpen Award for Service to the Institute — reflect that thinking.

GE — When did you first become active in AIChE — either on the local level or as a national leader?

LESSELLS — I first became active in AIChE in January 1951, when I joined the Institute. Jim Troyan, who was Engineering Director at Mathiesen Chemical Company in Niagara Falls, New York, where I worked, was Chairman of the Western New York Local Section, and he gave me an absolutely imperative pep talk about joining AIChE. I'm sure that Jim was the catalyst that led to my becoming a member that I was the catalyst that led