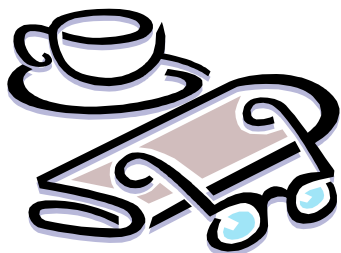


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Welcome to the inaugural issue of **"The Reactor Turnaround"**. In the past, the section has remained "inactive" during the summer months. In reality work is ongoing setting up the program for the following year, a board of directors meeting, etc.

The section never tried to continue communication with the general members during the summer due to the relatively short duration and the cost of mailing the information. However, technology has come to the rescue and we can now provide a communication vehicle without incurring any additional cost.

We hope you like the new communication tool and request that you send your comments on what you

would like to see covered or if you think this tool is of any benefit at all. You may either contact me (my e-mail is listed to the left) or you may contact any of the officers or company contacts listed on Page 3.

Now is the time to put in your "two cents" regarding future programming. Our Vice-Chair and Programming Chair, Michael Waguespack will be working on putting together our programming for next year. He would welcome suggestions and contact information for programming you would like to see the section undertake. You may reach Michael at the e-mail address to the right.

Have you ever thought about serving the section as an officer? No? Think it will take too much time? Do you already have too much on your plate?

We think you can serve the section and not necessarily have to give up doing anything else. Many of the activities are coordinated by mul-

multiple individuals. No one person need do it all. We encourage you to seek out any of the current officers to discuss the possibility of working with the section as an officer in the future. Such involvement can translate to skills useable on the job, i.e. project management (programming), supervisory skills (directing others), time management skills (being ready for the next event), etc. Gaining these skills through section work,

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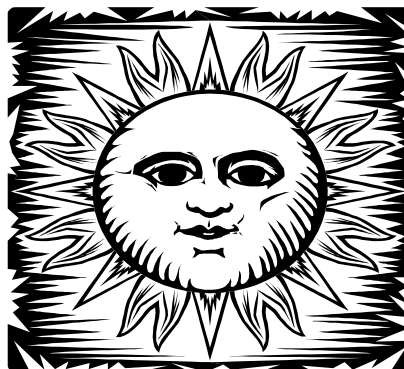
can be a "safe" way to gain such skills.

Again, we hope you like **"The Reactor Turnaround"** and find it beneficial and useful.

Hope to see you at our first meeting in August.

Future Meeting Programs

If you have any suggestions for programs that you would like the section to schedule—Please contact Michael Waguespack at:
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“New” Officers Elected at the March Meeting



The officers for the 2005-2006 program year were elected at the March Meeting

The New Orleans Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers is nothing if not efficient in its election of officers.

The positions of Chair,

Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were all filled without opposition during the elections held at our April 12th meeting.

The officers elected are: Anthony Fregosi (Chair), Michael Waguespack (Vice-Chair & Program Chair), Rachel Wiggins (Secretary), and Dr. John Prindle (Treasurer).

In addition to the above officers, the following individuals will be serving on the section board.

Bill Boutall (Membership

Chair & Director), Jim Dean (Finance Chair & Director), Ron Ondechek (Education Outreach Chair), Dr. Brian Mitchell (Web Master), and Amanda Lee (Plant Tour Chair).

Many of our “new” officers are not really new at all. Most have served us for several years already.

The officers look forward to what we believe is a bright future for the section. We do not do it alone however. It takes all of the members working together to make the section what it is. To this end, the officers would

like to request that the membership provide any feedback to us as to programming, meeting topics, educational events, etc.

If there are any special topics of interest that you have, please let Michael know so that he may consider it for the program schedule that he will be developing.

As always, you may contact any of the officers with suggestions, comments and ideas for future or past section activities. See Page 3 of this publication for a listing of the current officers.

The Future of the New Orleans Section of AIChE

The New Orleans Section of AIChE has enjoyed something of a resurgence of activity this past year. This is in large measure to the tireless efforts of Michael Waguespack and Ron Ondechek.

Michael worked last year to institute a section environmental achievement award which we awarded this year for the second time. He was also instrumental in bringing to reality most of last year’s programming. Finally, working with Wink Engineering, the section will sponsor along with the Baton Rouge Section, our first

ever seminar (Combustion Technology—to be held May 20, 2004).

Not to be outdone, Ron arranged a meeting of the section leadership with the Tulane Department of Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology. Out of this meeting came the section’s sponsoring of a plant trip for the students of Tulane to Monsanto, which was arranged by Amanda Lee.

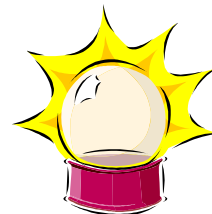
Our closing meeting program “ChE’s In Action” was also a result of

the meeting. Ron’s panel program was awarded a Project Connect grant from the National AIChE. Prior to the panel program, “Mock Interviews” were held to help students hone their interviewing skills.

It is the goal of this section to continue to provide programming of this caliber to our professional members and the students of Tulane.

What is in the future? While I do not have a crystal ball—I predict that the section will continue to build on our relationship with the

Tulane Department of Chemical Engineering, that we increase the offerings of seminars and programming to our members and to continually look for ways to “Serve Chemical Engineers...Who Serve the World”.



The New Orleans Section is the third oldest in the country—but where are we going in the future?

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