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Peter B. Lederman

Letter from Chairman

Growing Engagement

2014 was a tremendous year for the AICHe Foundation. Thousands of individuals and corporate partners demonstrated their commitment toward the advancement of chemical engineering by making a donation to the Institute. And together, we raised a record-breaking \$1.4 million in funds toward our mission.

This is no small feat. AICHe's growing philanthropic engagement, comprised of each and every one of your generous contributions, is shaping the future of our profession and the impact we make on addressing

society's greatest needs.

In the pages that follow, I believe you'll take great satisfaction in the many ways your investment in AIChE supports vigorous programs that provide information, resources, and opportunities to chemical engineers worldwide.

As I start my final year as Chair of the AIChE Foundation and consider the legacy that I will leave, I am deeply grateful to all of you for making this work so rewarding. When I look at the foundation of philanthropy that is building in our community, as seen through the growth of our Annual Fund, Endowment, and Annual Awards Gala, I am humbled by the many ways we are elevating AIChE and doing more for our members, our profession, and society.

We have another big year ahead of us and I look forward to continuing our work together to raise an ambitious \$2 million to fund AIChE's most important initiatives. It's a big undertaking, and I thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity.

Sincerely,



Peter B. Lederman

Chair, AIChE Foundation Board of Trustees



June C. Wispelwey

Letter from Executive Director

As I reflect on the many successes AIChE achieved in 2014, I can't help but feel extremely proud to be a member of the chemical engineering profession and to be associated with such dedicated professionals. Your generous contributions to the AIChE Foundation are enhancing the Institute and the profession in bold, new ways.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we have made a significant difference in the following areas:

- Helping society meet the grand challenges — through your support for the Center for Energy Initiatives, International Society for Water Solutions and the Society for Biological Engineering.
- Developing future leaders of our profession through the support for programs such as Engineers without Borders and the Washington Internships for Students in Engineering (WISE) program.
- Promoting diversity in the chemical engineering workforce and academia through support for scholarships and professional development initiatives conducted by AIChE's Minority Affairs and Women's Initiatives committees.
- Securing long-term financial support for Institute awards and recognitions through support for AIChE's Endowment.

These are just a few examples of the continuing progress we continue to achieve together to ensure that AIChE — as the global home for chemical

engineers — is the driving force in shaping the chemical engineering profession in the future. Thank you for taking such a critical role in fueling our success.

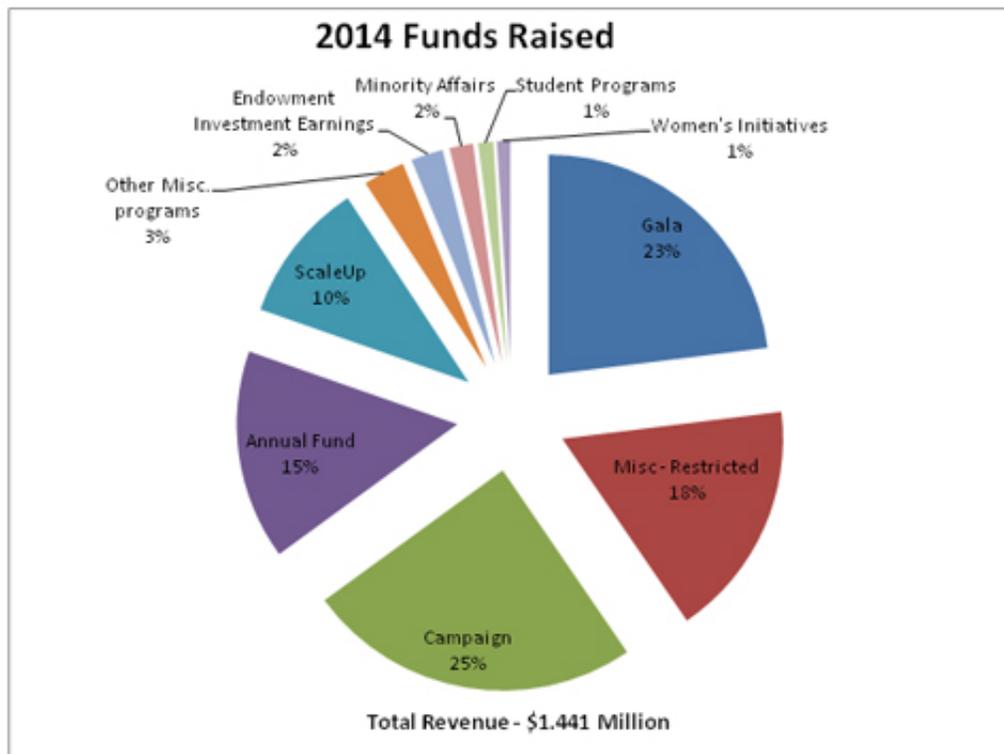
2014 was indeed a great year, and I look forward to working with all of you in 2015 to make it an even better one!



June C. Wispelwey
Executive Director

Year End Financials & Project Funding Updates

- The AIChE Foundation raised over \$1.4 million in 2014, a 33% increase versus 2013
- Endowment grew to \$1.134 Million, an increase of 48% versus 2013
- Increased funding to underwrite new and existing programs



Annual Fund Challenge: A Success!

We are proud to report that the AIChE membership rose to the occasion and earned the \$100,000 challenge gift pledged by the AIChE Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.

During the 2014 year, the AIChE Foundation received more than 1,000 contributions to the Annual Fund — a 25% increase over 2013. The generosity of our members was particularly impressive during the holiday season, generating twice the number of gifts received the year prior!

Thanks to this growing engagement, we are making great progress toward our goals by funding:

- Grants that enable international student chapter leaders to attend the Annual Student Conference
- Scholarships to support chemical engineering students from underrepresented minority groups
- Resources for young professionals working on K-12 and public outreach initiatives
- Start-up grants to support new local sections at home and abroad
- Workshops centered on recruiting and retaining women in the profession, and supporting their re-entry after family leave
- Education and training on topics of water treatment, renewable energy, and process safety

Thanks to all who were involved in the Challenge — with your continued involvement, we are certain 2015 will be another banner year for our Institute and our profession.

Endowment: Building for the Future

AIChE's Endowment supports the core of AIChE by ensuring long-term funding and financial stability for the Institute's most critical programs and initiatives. When a donor makes a gift to support the Endowment, whether unrestricted or designated to a specific area, such as an award or scholarship, that gift makes an impact for years to come.

We are absolutely thrilled to see the tremendous growth of AIChE's Endowment to \$1.134 million. We thank all of AIChE's Endowment donors for your leadership, foresight, and commitment to the future of AIChE and the chemical engineering profession.

AIChE Campaign: "Doing a World of Good"

The AIChE Foundation is in the "Quiet Phase" of a five-year, \$15 million fundraising campaign. The Campaign will fund five transformative priorities identified by the AIChE community as strategically imperative to support and advance chemical engineering and bring that expertise to bear in addressing societal needs:

- Attracting and Retaining the Best and the Brightest
- Education, Training, and Career Development
- Research and Innovation
- Safety and Ethical Practice
- Changing Perceptions



Reaching this goal will require the aid and support of every member of the AIChE community, as well as corporate partners and others who are passionate about meeting society's greatest challenges. Stay tuned for more information on this important endeavor as well as the lead donors. Questions? Please contact the AIChE Foundation at giving@aiiche.org.

Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) Future's Fund (MFF) Campaign: 100 Donors in 100 Days

This past September, MAC embarked on an ambitious campaign, seeking “100 Donors in 100 Days.” Thanks to the increased level of donor support and funding from the AIChE Foundation, MAC is well on its way to making great strides in the following areas:

- Scholarships for freshmen and upperclassmen, (including 3 new scholarships sponsored by MAC and the Women’s Initiative Committee)
- Revival of the Minority Faculty Forum
- MAC Archive project
- Resources for underrepresented young professionals

Look for more exciting MAC news as the group celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2015! Help recognize this exciting milestone with your donation to the MFF! For a list of the MFF’s Founding Donors, please see the Donor listings at the end of this newsletter and on the [AIChE website](#).

2015 Funded Programs

Donations made to the Annual Fund enable the AIChE Foundation to support key programs and AIChE initiatives that increase excellence in chemical engineering practice, education and awareness. Each year the Foundation invites our Operating Councils and Board Committees to submit proposals for funding that have the greatest impact on the Institute’s members and our profession. Since 2008, the Annual Fund has supported:

- Programs that magnify AIChE's global reach and effectiveness
- Educational initiatives that enhance undergraduate curricula and lifelong learning
- Engagement of young professionals who will become the next generation of leaders in our field
- Awareness and information on critical issues pertaining to energy, water and sustainability
- Products and services using the latest web technologies for today's on-the-go chemical engineers

We are pleased to announce the following programs that have been approved for funding in 2015 and look forward to their impact and success:

- **Engineers Without Borders (EWB):** Two EWB projects will provide opportunities for chemical engineering students, faculty and professionals to participate in international programs while increasing the visibility of AIChE in international endeavors. The projects will focus on the Grand Challenges, therefore having significant benefits to the global community. The grant will also include travel funds for the student participants to present their work at AIChE meetings.

[Read more here](#) about the Miami University’s Student Chapter’s exciting 2014 EWB trip to Muramba, Rwanda! Their task? Working with the community to map the existing water system to improve water quality.

- **International Student Chapter Video Challenge:** Led by the Young Professionals Committee, all AIChE student chapters have the opportunity to compete to create a 2-5 minute video of a pre-selected chemical engineering topic. The videos will be posted to YouTube and the winners will be the videos with the most “likes” in the Public Choice and Judges Choice categories. The winning video in each category will be scored on the basis of technical merit, creativity and presentation – with special notice to those highlighting ethical

and safety aspects.

- **“New” and Re-energized Local Sections Support Grant:** Starting a new local section is difficult for many reasons and often the most daunting is financial support. The Foundation will now offer funding to help support the creation of new local sections as well as to help revive sections that have met criteria to show interest in reactivation. The money will be used for kick-off events. In the case of some international local sections, the money is needed to cover costs to gain non-profit status.

2014 AIChE Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA — Highlights

AIChE Donor Recognition Dinner

The 8th Annual Donor Recognition dinner was held at the award-winning Abbatoir restaurant in Atlanta, GA on the evening of November 16th. Over 80 donors attended and mingled with friends and colleagues, new and old. A record 33 donors were honored for either joining one of the Foundation’s Giving Societies and/or whose cumulative giving level was raised due to their generous gifts to the Institute in 2014. David and Karen Eckhardt, were honored for their \$100K Endowment gift to the [Northeastern Student Regional conference](#), Andreas Acrivos was celebrated for the renaming of the Professional Progress Award in his honor and Rob Davis was recognized as AIChE’s “Fundraiser of the Year” for his outstanding leadership in “peer-to-peer” fundraising for the [Andreas Acrivos Professional Progress Award in Chemical Engineering](#).



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David Eckhardt and Foundation Chair, Peter Lederman

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Andreas & Juana Acrivos
June C. Wispelwey

2014 Fundraiser of the Year

Congratulations, Dr. Rob Davis (Dean & Tisone Endowed Chair, University of Colorado). Dr. Davis was recognized for his outstanding efforts fundraising for the newly renamed Andreas Acrivos Professional Progress in Chemical Engineering Award.



2014 Honors Reception and Ceremony

An intimate reception was held just prior to the Honors ceremony to recognize and celebrate this year's esteemed award winners, donors and sponsors. The ceremony also honored Dr. Andreas Acrivos, for whom the Professional Progress Award was renamed.



Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Kristi Anseth, (Distinguished Professor, HHMI Investigator, University of Colorado), presents the [William H. Walker Award](#) to AICHE President-Elect and Trustee, Dr. Gregory Stephanopoulos (Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology).



Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Kristi Anseth, (Distinguished Professor, HHMI Investigator, University of Colorado) presents Dr. Van N. Truskett (Jetting Technology Manager at Canon Nanotechnologies, Inc.) with the [Industrial Research and Development Award](#).

For a full list of awards, highlights and photos, please visit ChEnected [here](#).

AICHE/ScaleUp 2014 Essay Competition Attracts Increased Student Participation



Launched in 2007 to strengthen connections between industry and chemical engineering students, AICHE's ScaleUp program promotes technical expertise and professionalism in the future chemical engineering workforce. Through corporate sponsorship, ScaleUp provides subsidized AICHE membership for undergraduates, thereby engaging the next generation of chemical engineers in the profession early on.

One of ScaleUp's most popular vehicles for student engagement is the annual essay competition. To participate in the competition, a student must have a declared major in chemical engineering and

complete a written essay on a topic determined by a ScaleUp corporate sponsor. Winners of the competition receive \$500 awards which may be used as travel stipends to AIChE student conferences.

This year's essay competition outpaced previous competitions in terms of student response. A total of 106 essay submissions were received, far exceeding that of previous years. The caliber of essay responses this year was top-drawer as well. Says Wendy Smades, Project Development-Process Engineer at Dow Chemical: "The responses we received were double last year's submissions...both the number of responses and the quality of ideas were great, with a variety of ideas." In addition to Dow, corporate sponsors of the 2014 essay competition were Chevron, DuPont and UOP. [Click here](#) to learn more about all of our ScaleUp sponsors.

2014 Winners:

- Chevron:** Sam Albert, *Oregon State University*
Michael Richards, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- Dow:** Joshua Schley, *South Dakota School of Mines & Technology*
- DuPont:** Ingrid Paredes, *Rutgers University*
- UOP:** Tarynn Huitt, *Rowan University*



Sam Albert, Oregon State University, presented with Chevron's ScaleUp award from AIChE Executive Director, June Wispelwey.

AIChE 2014 Gala Raises Over \$330K to Support Engineering Diversity

This past December 5, AIChE honored Patricia A. Woertz, Chairman and CEO of Archer Daniels Midland; Ryan M. Lance, Chairman and CEO of ConocoPhillips; and Raj L. Gupta, Chairman, Avantor Performance Materials and Senior Advisor, New Mountain Capital, for advancing diversity in the engineering profession. Leaders from industry and academia came together to celebrate advances made in the profession and raise funds to support the expansion of diversity initiatives. Funding from the gala will provide support to a number of critical programs such as scholarships, grants to women to attend AIChE's meetings, K-12 and public outreach initiatives, programs for underrepresented chemical engineers, support for engineers in international student chapters, and AIChE's advocacy for retaining women in the profession and supporting their re-entry after family

leave. To read more about the Gala and view the photo gallery, please [click here](#).

To learn more about AIChE's diversity initiatives you can [click here](#) to visit the site.



Raj L. Gupta, Chairman, Avantor Performance Materials and Senior Advisor, New Mountain Capital; Patricia A. Woertz, Chairman and CEO, Archer Daniels Midland; Ryan M. Lance, Chairman and CEO, ConocoPhillips

Thank you sponsors. For a full list of Gala Sponsors, please [click here](#)!



Dante Bonaquist

Profiles

Corporate Responsibility: Dante Bonaquist

Dante Bonaquist is Senior Corporate Fellow and Chief Scientist at Praxair, Inc.

AIChE: What are you working on that may most positively impact society or the future?

DB: Every day at Praxair we strive to make our planet more productive. Sustainable development, particularly as it relates to energy and the environment, is a core value at Praxair. We help our customers worldwide improve their environmental performance and carbon footprint, while minimizing our own environmental resource intensity and maximizing our social and community contributions.

AIChE: How has your relationship with AIChE helped you to fulfill your professional and personal goals?

DB: AIChE, through its publications, conferences and forums, catalyzes the

exchange of information between people in industry, academia and government. It facilitates the discussion of opportunities, challenges and solutions and creates open platforms for innovation.

AIChE: Which of the five transformative priorities resonates most with you, and why?

DB: They are all very important but we believe that it starts with “Attracting and Retaining the Best and the Brightest.” People are our most important asset and drive our success. Development of diverse professionals who can make a positive impact at Praxair and in the world is a high priority for us. Our goal is to enable our diverse global population of employees to grow by providing them with opportunities to work on challenging problems that simultaneously address societal needs while creating value for Praxair shareholders.

AIChE: How does giving back to the profession play a meaningful role to you and your organization?

DB: Praxair cannot expect to continue to receive the benefits of a dynamic chemical engineering profession without giving something back. We do so by our active participation in and sponsorship of events and programs, offering attractive internships for students, sponsored university research and support for our employees.



Dr. Arvind Varma

Welcome AIChE's New Trustee, Dr. Arvind Varma, Purdue University

Welcome, Dr. Arvind Varma! Dr. Varma, an AIChE Fellow and 46-year Member, was appointed to the AIChE Board of Trustees at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Varma is the R. Games Slayter Distinguished Professor and Head of the School of Chemical Engineering at Purdue University. His research interests are in chemical and catalytic reaction engineering, and new energy sources. Dr. Varma was the recipient of AIChE's 2013 [Warren K. Lewis Award](#) for his contributions to chemical engineering education. For more about Dr. Varma, please [click here](#).

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2015 Spring Meeting and 11th Global Congress on Process Safety
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Does your company offer matching gifts? It's a great way for an individual to double or even triple the impact of their donation and for a company to support employees in their personal philanthropy and charitable giving. You give an amount and they donate the same. All you have to do is inquire. 100% of both donations directly fund AIChE programs in need of support.

AIChE has received matching gifts from the following companies in 2013- present:

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