

## Great Lakes Chapter

### Winter 2020 Chapter Newsletter

#### President's Message



Aaron Mertens, Microbiologist, STERIS Technical Service Manager, ISPE GL Chapter President

Happy New Year to all, albeit a bit late! The big news for the Great Lakes Chapter is the Board election results. Thank you to those who voted and congratulations to the following members elected to the GL Chapter Board:

- David McAlonan – Vice President
- Sara Brothers – Treasurer
- Jordan Rhoades – Secretary
- Andrea Frazer – Board Member
- Joe Robinson – Board Member
- Allen Koester – Board Member
- Chris Pardo – Board Member
- Chris Timmerman – Board Member
- Rick Corbett – Board Member
- Tim Fry – Board Member



ISPE Great Lakes Chapter Annual Meeting Attendees (left to right): Jordan Rhoades, Sara Brothers, Chris Timmerman, Chris Pardo, Andrea Frazer, David McAlonan, Aaron Mertens, Allen Koester

I am pleased to announce new members this year, which is a welcome addition to a core group of “seasoned veterans”!

The Great Lakes annual board meeting was held at the new Jacobs office in Cincinnati, Ohio in early January 2020, with eight members in attendance. Thanks to Jordan, Andrea, and their Jacobs colleagues for organizing the meeting and for allowing us use of their facility.

In 2020, our chapter will continue supporting our members through professional networking and educational events. As in 2019, the focus is to host smaller regional events in specific geographies. Planning is underway for events in Chicagoland and Cleveland this Spring, while the Pharmaceutical Engineering Career Night is scheduled for March 4th at the University of Cincinnati. Madison, Wisconsin has been identified as a target location for an event in the fall. Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in volunteering on these event committees, contact Chris Timmerman, the chapter's volunteer chair.

Additionally, we are looking for technical content for the GL Chapter Quarterly Newsletter. If you have a short article on a hot industry topic, please submit directly to me for possible publication. This is a great way to share your expertise and become more involved.

Lastly, I would like to thank all ISPE members and the Great Lakes Chapter Board. Your continued support and involvement guarantee another successful year ahead.

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# ISPE Training /Great Lakes Chapter Events

## Pharmaceutical Engineering Career Night

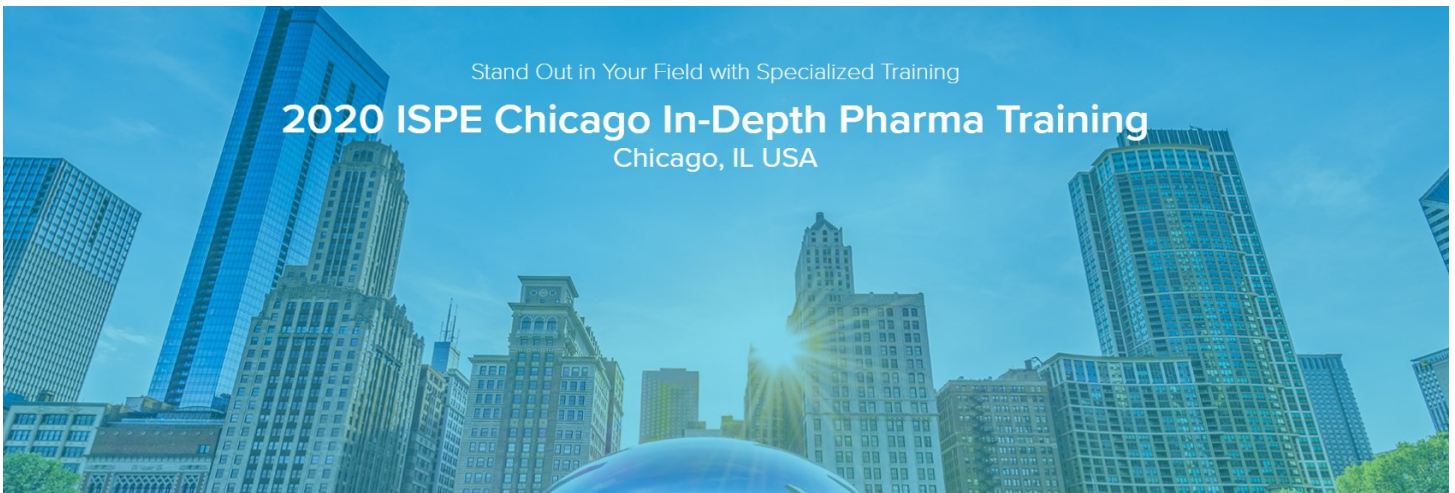
University of Cincinnati ISPE Student Chapter and ISPE Great Lakes Chapter

A career night was held at the University of Cincinnati on Wednesday, March 4, 5-7 pm at the Richard E. Lindner Center. A group of industry panelists lead discussions on careers in the Pharmaceutical industry, and answer student's and attendees questions ranging from professional development to industry specific topics. The panelists included: Joel Das, Process Department Manager, Jacobs; Rick Schroder, Chemist / Engineering Manager - Newman Sanitary Gasket Co., General Manager - Newman Diaphragms, LLC.; Rick Corbett, Pharmaceutical Projects / Project Management Department Manager, Plus Group

The session was attended by 40 persons. Thanks to all who helped in making this event a success.



## 2020 ISPE Chicago In-Depth Pharma Training



### Deep Dive Pharma Training Courses—May 19-20, 2020

See the following link for more information.

<https://ispe.org/training/2020-may-chicago>.

## Coming Soon— Lake County/Chicago Area Education and Networking Event

The ISPE Great Lakes Chapter and Women in Pharma are in the planning stages of a networking and educational event to be held in the Chicago area for our members in that region. Date and location have not yet been set. Look for more information in the near future.

# Great Lakes Chapter welcomes new members!

The Great Lakes Chapter consists of members in the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. The Great Lakes Chapter of ISPE welcomes 22 new members in January-February 2020. Please welcome them to the organization and the pharmaceutical industry.

**Ms. Rebecca Anderson - Principal Pharma Engineer, Phillips-Medisize**

**Stephen Bonnes - Group Leader, Fresenius Kabi - 3159 Staley Road Grand Island, NY 14072**

**Anna Burnham - , Elanco Corporation**

**Ms. Robin Carroll - Director, Global Reg Intel & Policy, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.**

**Dr. Sharon Chen - Sr. Director, Head of Process Development, Athersys Inc**

**Stephanie J. Flood - QA Specialist, Northstar Medical Radiolotopes**

**Bill Guilfoile - Director of Comecer North America, COMECER**

**Weronika Halicka -**

**Philip Richard Horstmeyer - Process Engineer, Eli Lilly**

**Rick Jones - Consultant, CAI**

**Lindsay Dana Kraynik - Global Digital Integrations Manager, ThermoFisher Scientific**

**Kavya Kumar - Validation Manager, Catalent**

**Michael Lohmeyer -**

**Timothy Mussman, Sr. - Principal Engineer, SAVIS**

**Christopher M. Nolan - Principal Compliance Specialist, AstraZeneca**

**Mr. Brian C. Peterson - Staff Validation Engineer, Performance Validation Inc**

**Barrett Randolph - Director of Business Development, Symbiote**

**Neil Reichel - Sr. Business Analyst, Digital Transformation, AstraZeneca**

**Brian Rose - Process Engineer, Kimberly-Clark Corp - 2100 Winchester Rd, NEENAH, WI 54956**

**James Sharp - Sr Project Engineer, Fresenius Kabi**

**Joel Stewart - Validation Engineer, Performance Validation**

**Mr. Lee Wilburn - Founder and President, CrossPath Group**

# Webinars

ISPE understands your professional needs and is here to help with our new **FREE Pharma Best Practices Webinar Series** available to everyone! Each webinar will feature leading subject matter experts covering critical, relevant topics in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

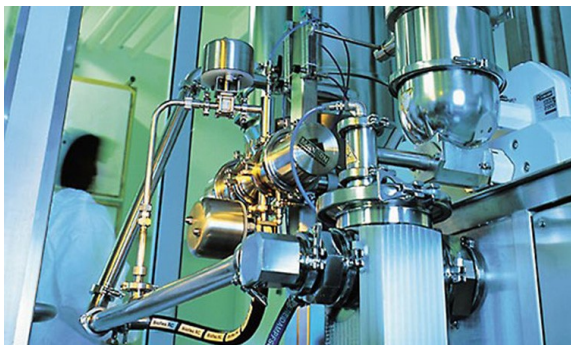
ISPE Members have the benefit of unlimited access to the webinar recordings - even if you don't sign up for the webinar. Nonmembers that attend a webinar will have access to the recordings for 30 days. So, if you're not a Member - [Join today!](#)

## Upcoming Webinars



### [Learn How Implementing Global Best Practices in Asset Management Improves Pharma Operations](#)

Thursday, 26 March  
Time: 1100 - 1200 EST



### Continuous Manufacturing in Biotech Processes: Challenges for Implementation

April  
Time: 1100 - 1200 EST

Registration Coming Soon



### Extractables and Leachables

Thursday, 21 May  
Time: 1100 - 1200 EST

Registration Coming Soon

See the ISPE Website for links to these and other Webinar recordings (Free to ISPE Members).

## Recordings of Past Webinars

ISPE Members have the benefit of unlimited access to the webinar recordings 30 days after the live webinar.

## 2020 ISPE Conferences



### [2020 ISPE Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Conference](#)

1 - 3 June 2020  
Boston, MA



### [2020 ISPE Continuous Manufacturing Workshop](#)

3 - 4 June 2020  
Boston, MA



### [2020 ISPE Annual Meeting & Expo](#)

1 - 4 November 2020  
Philadelphia, PA

## Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to get involved with other professionals in the Pharmaceutical industry? Do you have a special skill or passion? Would you like to see new or different events to help you in your career? The Great Lakes Chapter of ISPE is looking for volunteers to help with organization of events in your area. If you are interested, reach out to the board members listed .

### ISPE Great Lakes Chapter Committees—Get involved with the Great Lakes Chapter

**Cleveland Events Committee:** This committee plans the Cleveland area chapter events. Contact: Aaron Mertens; [aaron\\_mertens@steris.com](mailto:aaron_mertens@steris.com)

**Chicago Event Committee:** This committee plans the Chicago area chapter events. Contact: David McAlonan, [McAlonDW@Middough.com](mailto:McAlonDW@Middough.com)

**Cincinnati Committee:** This committee plans the Cincinnati area chapter events. Contact: Andrea Frazer; [Andrea.Frazer@jacobs.com](mailto:Andrea.Frazer@jacobs.com)

**Young Professionals & Student Chapter Committee:** Chris Pardo, [Cpardo@biotech.com](mailto:Cpardo@biotech.com)

Committee involvement is a great way to become more involved with our local chapter and the international organization. Serving on a committee facilitates an expansion of your local network and members involved in committees will be considered for open Board of Director positions .

## Technical Articles Wanted:

Do you have a technical discovery or best practices that you would like to share with the Pharmaceutical Industry? This is a great way to get recognized by your peers for the great work that you do every day. We are looking for technical articles for the Great Lakes Quarterly Newsletter> If you have something you would like to contribute, please send to Aaron Mertens, [aaron\\_mertens@steris.com](mailto:aaron_mertens@steris.com) or Allen Koester, [allen.koester@skanska.com](mailto:allen.koester@skanska.com)

## 2020 IPSE Great Lakes Chapter Board

### Officers

President – Aaron Mertens, Steris, Technical Services Manager

Vice President – Dave McAlonan, Middough, Sr. Project Manager

Treasurer – Sara Brothers, Jacobs Engineering, Senior Project Manager

Secretary – Jordan Rhoades, Jacobs Engineering, Process Engineer

### Board Members

Board Member – Allen Koester, PCI Skanska USA, Sr. Project Manager II

Board Member– Tim Fry, JDI Group, President/Principal Architect

Board Member– Andrea Frazer, Jacobs Engineering, Process Engineer

Board Member—Joe Robinson, CAI, Regional Manager, Midwest

Board Member– Chris Pardo, PSC Biotech, Business Development Associate Manager

Board Member—Chris Timmerman, CAI, Project Manager / Validation Engineer

Board Member—Rick Corbett, Process Plus, Director-Pharmaceutical Project Management

**Linked In** Visit the Great Lakes Chapter Linked-In Page at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4928599/>

## Membership/ Become a member and grow with us!

Discover the advantages of an ISPE Membership for every stage of your career. Whether you are new to the pharmaceutical industry or a seasoned professional, ISPE is your Society of Choice

### Networking Opportunities

Whether networking at face-to-face events or collaborating online, the value of ISPE is in the links forged between industry professionals with common work challenges, connecting professionals and companies to practical guidance and dialogue between industry and global regulators.

**Membership Directory:** Connect with 18,000+ other Members from nearly 90 countries around the world with the Membership Directory.

**CoP Online Discussion Forums:** Ask questions, find solutions to common problems and share your industry knowledge and expertise with colleagues from around the world.

**Affiliates and Chapters:** Attend events, collaborate and share best practices in your local geographic region and language.

**Networking Events:** Interact with fellow industry colleagues at a wide variety of face-to-face networking events at global ISPE conferences and the ISPE Annual Meeting.

### Technical Resources

Guidance Documents, industry-leading publications, and on-demand training courses and webinars provide practical information and solutions to real-world problems.

**Guidance Documents:** Get special savings as an ISPE Member on industry Guides that provide the collective knowledge of leading thinkers on manufacturing best practices, regulatory compliance and international trends and best practices.

**Pharmaceutical Engineering Magazine:** Your complimentary subscription to Pharmaceutical Engineering magazine gives you access to valuable information on the latest scientific and technical developments, regulatory initiatives and innovative solutions to real-life problems and challenges.

**Review and Comment on Regulatory Guidance:** Pharmaceutical professionals at all stages of their careers turn to ISPE for the latest regulatory information. Help shape your industry by providing input into ISPE's official industry response to draft guidance from regulatory agencies around the world.

### Professional Development

Industry-leading education and training, global volunteer opportunities and industry-focused career solutions allow ISPE Members to grow their professional knowledge and skills.

**Education and Training:** Save on a variety of education and training programs, including ISPE global conferences, onsite training delivered at your company, online webinars and courses, and professional development and networking events conducted through your local Affiliate or Chapter.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteer with ISPE to gain professional experience and recognition in the industry. ISPE Volunteers experience the personal benefits of volunteering while having the opportunity to make a difference and influence the industry we serve. Learn more

**Career Solutions:** Get noticed by the right people in our industry. Post your resume or job opportunity today to be seen by employers and job seekers specializing in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

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