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SOUTHWEST SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS' NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPLIERS DAY EDITION



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LETTER FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIR:

I hope this letter finds you well. As we conclude this remarkable year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for our achievements together as the Southwest Society of Cosmetic Chemists.

This year, we successfully hosted an exciting Suppliers Day and Holiday Party, fostering collaboration and networking opportunities. We also expanded our membership base, tapping diverse perspectives and experiences and championing diversity and inclusion. We continued to offer insightful workshops, seminars, and webinars, addressing the latest trends, regulatory updates, and technological advancements in the cosmetic industry. Lastly, we emphasized the importance of continued networking and collaboration amongst our members, fostering an environment that encourages collaboration and knowledge exchange.

I am truly grateful for your support and active participation. Together, we have shaped the future of the cosmetic industry, driving innovation, fostering diversity and inclusion, and building strong collaborative relationships. I am confident that with your continued dedication, we will achieve even greater milestones in the years to come. I would especially like to thank the members of the board, Stan, Nirmal, David and Kim, and Chrissy, for their hard work and commitment to advancing the success of the chapter.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Southwest Society of Cosmetic Chemists. I look forward to collaborating with you all and creating more memorable and impactful years ahead.

Sincerely,
Carrissa Dowdy
2024 Chair of SWSCC

NOTES FROM THE OUTGOING TREASURER:

It was an immense pleasure to serve the SWSCC board for the last 4 years, working with different board members with unique leadership skills. For all cosmetic chemists out there, I would say Treasurer role is just like QSing a formula where you make sure Assets and Liabilities match to 100%, in order to create a Continuous learning, Educational and Fun networking event, keeping SCC Regulations in mind.

Nirmal Shah
2024 Treasurer of SWSCC

LETTER FROM THE OUTGOING AREA III DIRECTOR:

It has been an honor to serve as Area III Director the last three years. I have made many great connections and been inspired by other volunteers throughout my tenure. The SCC has been an integral part of my 20-year career in the industry. For me, volunteer work is not always easy, but it is worth the effort. I count myself lucky to have worked with the Southwest, California, and Intermountain West chapters as they are full of intelligent, interesting, and warm people. I look forward to continuing building connections and community within the SCC and I look forward to future social events, education, and networking!

With gratitude,
Aaron J. Peterson





UPCOMING EVENTS

More details to come soon on time, place, price, and sponsorship levels.

- Jan. 16th - Antioxidants 101, 201, and 301 Presented by Sue Sperring from Symrise. Still accepting sponsors
- Feb 20th - Accepting abstracts for speakers (1 is currently being reviewed), accepting sponsors (1 has already agreed to sponsor)
- Mar 20th - Accepting abstracts for speakers (1 is currently being reviewed), accepting sponsors (1 has already agreed to sponsor)
- April 23rd - Golf Event. Jared Cole will be overseeing the event next year. All questions should be sent to him (Jared Cole jared.cole@barentz.com). Announcements will be made throughout the year.
- May 21st - tentative date for a daytime event that will involve lab activity. This will be an excellent opportunity to sponsor samples of ingredients for chemists to work with at the event. Still ironing out the details but wanted you to set a place holder.
- Austin and Houston events are still being planned.

******Please visit the SWSCC website for details and registration******

Hi-lights on social media - Please make sure you are on our Facebook, LinkedIn, etc... our wonderful Social Media team is posting all the time. We need to support and boost these posts as much as we can.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/southwestsc>

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Volunteers needed as leaders or members of the below committees.

- Education
- Newsletter
- Website
- Networking
- Promotions/Marketing
- Legacy
- Event Planning

Please contact Stan Djurich - stan.djurich@imcdus.com and SWCC123@gmail.com

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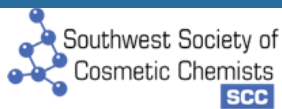
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SWSCC 2024 December GALA



Another special thank you to all the SWSCC Dinner Dance Sponsors and the team who put this event together.





Advantages of Membership

Membership with the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) connects you with professionals who undoubtedly understand the challenges and opportunities of industry. Our benefits can be categorized into three major reasons why professionals in the cosmetic and personal care industry make the decision to join the SCC.

Education

- Free and/or discounted access to content on the [SCC Media Library and Resource Center](#), the go-to digital platform for journal issues, webinars, annual meeting content, and other resources.
- Complimentary digital subscription to the [Journal of Cosmetic Science](#), our flagship technical publication. The Journal aims to provide readers with high quality, peer-reviewed technical articles covering basic and applied research in cosmetic science, as well as advances in technology and product innovation for cosmetics and personal care.
- Discounted and/or free registration for [Continuing Education](#) in various formats such as live webinars, classroom lectures, hands-on lab instruction, and more.

Networking

- **Exclusive** access to the online [Membership Directory](#), the up-to-date guide of nearly 6,000 contacts - the who's who in the Society.
- Opportunities to participate in a wide range of education and networking events at 19 [Affiliated Chapters](#) across Greater North America.

Events

- Discounted registration to the [Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase](#), the Society's hallmark event. Drawing more than 1,200 cosmetic and personal care community members and partners each December, highlights include: two full days of education on the latest industry innovations and research; a Showcase featuring more than 100 exhibitors and scientific posters; and multiple opportunities to expand your professional network and connect with cosmetic chemistry experts.
- Complimentary Membership in the [International Federation of the Societies of Cosmetic Chemists \(IFSCC\)](#) - a worldwide federation dedicated to international cooperation in cosmetic science. As a member of IFSCC, you will enjoy discounts at international events and receive access to both the IFSCC Magazine and KOSMET (housing over 84,000 international abstracts).





Announcing the 2025 Board Members

Chair - Stan Djurich
Chair Elect - Maurico Castro
Treasurer - Carrissa Dowdy
Treasurer Elect - David Stott
Secretary - Michelle Hines

Congratulations! We look forward to a wonderful 2025.

Comments from the Editor:

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Secretary of the Southwest Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SWSCC) for the past six years. It has been an incredible journey, and I am deeply honored to have been a part of such dedicated and passionate teams over the years.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your support, encouragement, and friendship. Your trust in my abilities has been a source of motivation and strength. I am grateful for the valuable experiences and the lasting relationships I have built during my time as Secretary.

I am excited to see the society's future endeavors and successes, and I am eager to support our mission in any capacity I can. Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your secretary. It has been an honor and a pleasure.

I hope you have enjoyed this addition of "THE SOUTHWEST CONNECTION." If you have questions or comments please reach out to me kvw75057@msn.com

This will be my last edition!

-Kim Wandell 2024 SWSCC Secretary

