

# SCCOOP

**VOL 60 | ISSUE 3**

## Join the Team!

Shape Our Financial Future as  
Treasurer-Elect

Contact us at [chair@midwestscc.org](mailto:chair@midwestscc.org) to apply

Read our Chair's letter, Elvi's E-Block on **PAGE 2**

See what committees are available to join on **PAGE 5**

Read our member spotlight on **PAGE 9**



# ELVI'S E-BLOCK

Hi Midwest!!!

I hope this news letter finds each of you enjoying a wonderful summer season filled with warmth, relaxation, and cherished moments with family and friends. Whether you're exploring the great outdoors, embarking on new adventures, or simply savoring the joys of summer close to home, may this season bring you happiness and rejuvenation.

The May event at Encore! By Little Gem in Oak Park was a delightful gathering featuring a small, intimate meeting with speaker Howard Epstein. The focus of the event centered on successful marketing and sales of cosmetic products, particularly

those featuring natural ingredients. Epstein emphasized that beyond compelling storytelling, authenticating natural ingredients through recognized certifications such as Bio Cosmetique, Cosmos Natural/Organic, and Ecovadis is crucial to meet consumer expectations. He highlighted the evolving trend of "Super Foods" in skincare, noting that while these ingredients offer nutritional benefits when consumed, their efficacy for skin health requires rigorous biological assays and human clinical-type testing. Epstein's presentation provided insights into identifying beneficial components in super foods, conducting biological assays with relevant skin biomarkers, and establishing protocols for human testing to confirm skin benefits. It was an informative session that underscored the importance of scientific validation in natural ingredient skincare formulations.

Do you want to get involved in the SCC but don't know where to start? Ask me today! Volunteers are essential, and we have immediate openings for specific positions. "Balance the Books with Us: Become our Treasurer Elect Today! Contact Me to Get Started."

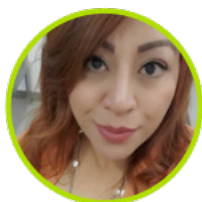
I regret to inform you that we will not be holding a summer meeting this year. However, we eagerly anticipate reconvening in September and are excited to see everyone again. Whether you're firing up the barbecue or enjoying fireworks, I hope you have a fantastic Fourth of July holiday with your loved ones. Stay safe and enjoy the summer break!

Midwest, I love you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

God bless you.

Elvia Iniguez, your 2024 MWSCC Chair.

# MEET *the* BOARD



Elvia Iniguez

Chair

I recently founded Nats Research and Testing. My experience in the personal care industry spans more than 16 years. The motto of life has always been, to be like a sponge, which means to soak up as much knowledge as possible. For the last couple of years, being a member of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists has felt like a family. My daughter's pride keeps me motivated and passionate!



Megan Peboontom

Chair-Elect

I have been in the chemical industry the majority of my career but specifically personal care for the last few years. I am currently in a senior sales role at Aurorium (combination of 7 companies including Jarchem and Vertellus). I am very impressed by the SCC organization and very grateful to be on the board and involved!



Sarah Lopez

Treasurer

I am a dynamic and accomplished chemist who is embarking on an exciting new journey in the realm of sales with Caleb Chemical. My transition from the laboratory to the sales floor promises to be a refreshing perspective, ensuring that Caleb Chemical continues to provide its customers with creative chemical solutions customized to your needs.



Rebecca Wietting

Secretary

I'm from Texas and New Mexico but have lived in the Midwest for over 20 years now. I have a BS in Chemical Engineering and an MBA. I transitioned from engineering into personal care sales many years ago and have loved it ever since! I'm currently the Midwest Regional Sales Manager for CHT. I've been the Chair and Co-Chair for Teamworks on several occasions. Now, I am enjoying the role of Secretary. Traveling to fun vacation spots is one of my passions along with my family.

# MEET *the* BOARD



Jack Ryan

Newsletter

With over 3 ½ years in the chemical industry, I currently handle account management at Ravago Chemical. The collaborative spirit and collective impact within the SCC community inspired me to be more involved. I am very appreciative of this opportunity!



Shechinah Dunmore

Program &  
Membership

I am in charge of Membership and Programming for the MWSCC. I have been an active member for almost 4 years but in the past 2 years have become more involved and I love it! I have a MS in Chemistry and have been working in the Personal Care field as a R&D/ Product Development Chemist for 3 ½ years with many more years to go!



Cyril Bajracharya

Marketing & Social  
Media

I am a Research Chemist at Stepan with 12 years of experience in the personal care industry formulating in categories such as leave-on, rinse-off, oral care and hot fill products. In his free time, Cyril likes to explore other cultures through food.



Daniela Alvarez

Newsletter Ad  
Manager

My degree was a Biology B.S and I graduated from Benedictine University. I have 14 years of experience in the fragrance industry, as a representative of Orchidia Fragrances in Downers Grove IL. I have worked in Quality Control, Latin America business development and as a Sales representative for the Midwest.

# JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES

Contact us at [chair@midwestscc.org](mailto:chair@midwestscc.org) to apply

## **Policy & Bylaw**

Chair | Elvia Iniguez

## **Tech Symposium & Nominating**

Chair | Megan Peboontom

## **Program & Membership**

Chair | Shechinah Dunmore

## **Marketing & Social Media**

Chair | Cyril Bajracharya

## **Newsletter Sponsorship**

Chair | Daniela Alvarez

## **Hospitality & Registration**

Chair | Breaona Luker

## **Newsletter**

Chair | Jack Ryan

## **Scholarship**

Chair | Heather Grimm

## **Teamworks**

Chair | Amanda Rountree

## **Outreach**

Chair | Anatoly Damshek

## **Finance**

Chair | Frank Wagner

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

**Barentz.**



**Responsible Beauty**  
 Personal care ingredients & specialty chemical supplier.  
 Visit us at [www.barentz-na.com](http://www.barentz-na.com)

**Silab**



World leader in engineering natural active ingredients

[www.silab.fr](http://www.silab.fr)

**Ingredion.**  
Be what's next.

Discover clean, multi-functional, biodegradable ingredients for innovative beauty.



**Essential INGREDIENTS.**


Distributing Ingredients from the Finest Manufacturers

770.831.9010  
[essentialingredients.com](http://essentialingredients.com)

**FLAV'ENTIAL®** **MMP**  
 Flavonoids by MMP

Plant derived Antioxidant and Anti-Inflammatory with Natural UVA/UVB Absorption

**FLAV'ENTIAL®**  
 Baicalin  
 Apigenin  
 Phloretin  
 Myricetin  
 Luteolin  
 Puerarin  
 Hesperidin  
 Silymarin



[www.mmpinc.com](http://www.mmpinc.com)

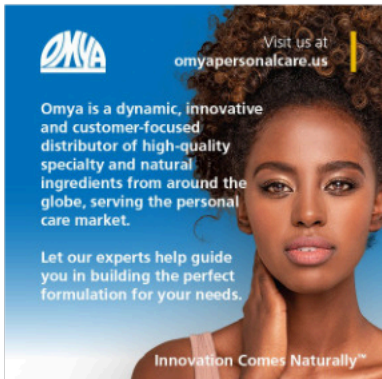
**Omya**

Visit us at [omyapersonalcare.us](http://omyapersonalcare.us)

Omya is a dynamic, innovative and customer-focused distributor of high-quality specialty and natural ingredients from around the globe, serving the personal care market.

Let our experts help guide you in building the perfect formulation for your needs.

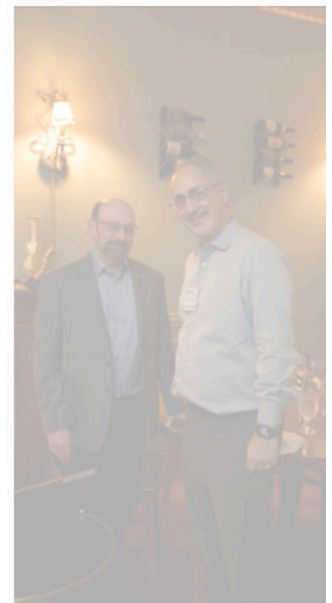
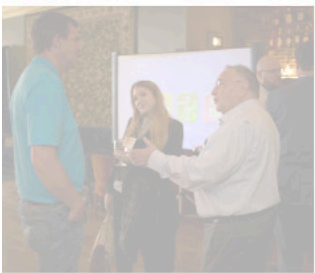
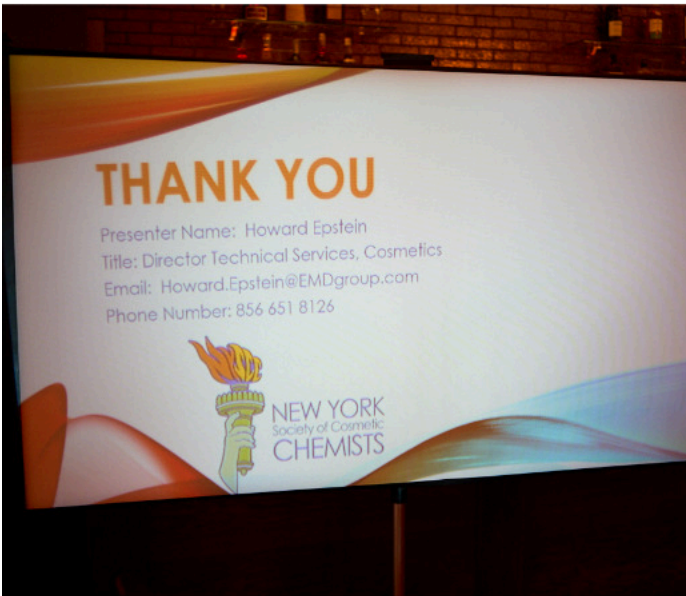
Innovation Comes Naturally™



**symrise**

[www.SymSelect.com](http://www.SymSelect.com)





THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

**Proud to be a leading Innovation service provider**



At DeWolf Chemical, an Azelis company, we're rethinking the role of a traditional distributor, offering a blend of expertise, ambition, and experience in our position as an innovation service provider. We're proud to partner with our suppliers to bring you a range of sustainable formulations, innovative solutions, and pioneering digital platforms.

Our expert team of formulators are at your disposal for advice at any stage of product development from concept to manufacture.

Contact us at [info@dewolfchem](mailto:info@dewolfchem) for more information on how we can support you!

Innovation through formulation  DeWolf




**Formulatory expertise that is shaping tomorrow's Beauty**

Co-create with IMCD technical and commercial experts at [imcdus.com](http://imcdus.com).

 Creating a world of opportunity

**PaLantic**  
Natural & Organic Ingredients

Bulk Supplier & Prices,

- Speciality Oils
- Butters & Waxes
- Essential Oils
- Exotic Oils Africa/Amazon

Warehouse Chicago & New Jersey

PaLantic Naturals LLC [sales@paLanticnaturals.com](mailto:sales@paLanticnaturals.com)  
Kenny Paté 630 788 536  
[www.PaLanticNaturals.com](http://www.PaLanticNaturals.com)



**C**  
SERVING THE MIDWEST

**Advanced Solutions**  
FOR PERSONAL CARE

SURFACTANTS | SILICONES | FUNCTIONAL SPECIALTIES  
ANTI-AGING | PRESERVATIVES | OLEOCHEMICALS

Coast Southwest is a full-service chemical distributor that provides superior ingredients, innovative technology, and advanced solutions from coast to coast.

**LET'S TALK:**  
Olivia G. Cimo | General Manager, Midwest  
[ocimo@coastsouthwest.com](mailto:ocimo@coastsouthwest.com)

**CoastSouthwest**

**Integrity Ingredients Corporation**  
"Your Innovation Partner"

Clean Beauty is Integrity Ingredients



2255 Jefferson Street  
Torrance, CA 90501  
Main: (310) 782-0282  
Toll Free: (877) 765-0282  
[www.integrityingredientscorp.com](http://www.integrityingredientscorp.com)  
[info@integrityingredientscorp.com](mailto:info@integrityingredientscorp.com)



**DEXTERRA**  
CLEANSE

[WWW.SOUTHERN-CHEMICAL.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHERN-CHEMICAL.COM)

# MEET MEGAN PEBOONTOM

Aurorium

SALES & MARKET DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

## What made you choose this career path?

Funny enough, I didn't directly choose it, I had a job opportunity at a chemical company and ever since it's been like Hotel California...can't leave 😊. I do love the personal care industry and have been very happy to be a part of it.

## What's your current role in the industry?

I am a Sales & Market Development Manager at Aurorium and Chair Elect of the Midwest SCC. Aurorium is 7 chemical companies combined into one, two of them being Vertellus and Jarchem. We are so excited about the innovation and partnerships that will continue to grow.

## How long have you been a member?

About 4.5 years

## Advice for past self or current/future members?

Get involved! You don't have to take a board seat if you don't have the capacity. There are so many committees available that you can join to participate and help support this volunteer organization. Please reach out if you're interested!



## What's your favorite Midwest SCC moment?

We have some amazing people who continue to go above and beyond to support the organization who band together to get things done and that's amazing to see and be a part of but we can always use more!

## What's a fun fact about yourself, outside of the SCC and your professional life?

I love to travel and kayak.

## What do you want to accomplish in retirement?

Be financially comfortable to be able to travel and live my best life!



# EVENT SCHEDULE

2024

13  
FEB

Jacqueline Tarrant  
Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse

19  
MAR

TeamWorks 2024  
Donald E. Stephens Convention  
Joe's Live (Bub City)

9  
APR

Narjis Askar  
The Elm, La Grange

14  
MAY

Howard Epstein | EMD Electronics,  
Surface Solutions  
Encore! by Little Gem, Oak Park

SEP

Flavorchem  
Nineteenth Century Club, Oak  
Park, IL

8  
OCT

Chicago local meeting  
Topaz Cafe, Burr Ridge

NOV

TBD

Want to register now? [Click here to register for all of our events.](#)

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

**2M LAURICHEM**



Innovation in Every Ingredient: Your Key to Unmatched Formulation Solutions



**CRODA**



**From concept to creation**

At Glenn Corp, an Azelis company, our knowledge and experience in Personal Care is beyond skin deep: our people have the passion and expertise to dive into the market, identify trends and advise you of the latest innovations.

Our team of skilled industry experts and formulators are at your disposal for advice at any stage of product development from concept to manufacture.

Contact us at [info@glenncorp.com](mailto:info@glenncorp.com) for more information on how we can support you!

Innovation through formulation



visit [azelis.com](http://azelis.com) or [glenncorp.com](http://glenncorp.com)

**BARNET**  
Where Science Meets Fashion



Barnet offers a collection of unique, well tested specialty Bio-Actives and Sytem Formers for the personal care industry.

Contact us today for more information on our product offerings and our exclusive Suite of Services  
[sales@barnetproducts.com](mailto:sales@barnetproducts.com) | [www.barnetproducts.com](http://www.barnetproducts.com)

**CHEMYUNION**

**WE CREATE SUSTAINABLE HIGH PERFORMANCE INGREDIENTS**

- Peptides
- Green Plant Extracts
- Impactful Delivery Systems
- Pharmaceutical Technologies
- Organic/Inorganic Synthesis

**Proven Effective for your Products**

We create safe and effective ingredients using our state-of-the-art facility that meets all international standards. Our laboratories are extremely well-equipped; this allows us to initiate and execute rigorous protocols that prove the high-performance of our products. This continuously inspires full confidence in our partners.

[chemyunion.com](http://chemyunion.com)




Specialty Blends  
Mild Surfactants  
Natural Soaps

30 Industry Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435 | 815-726-3243  
[joan@generalsurfactants.com](mailto:joan@generalsurfactants.com)

# Article Guidelines

The Midwest Chapter hosts 8 newsletters a year. You can make \$100 per approved article and be eligible for an additional \$500 reward for our Article of the Year award. We encourage your participation as a subject matter expert! Submit all content to [chair@midwestscc.org](mailto:chair@midwestscc.org) and [newsletter@midwestscc.org](mailto:newsletter@midwestscc.org) for review prior to payment and publication.

## Do's:

- Keep your content to 2 pages worth of content with words and graphics (if applicable)
- Write original content on cosmetic science how to's, ingredient information, techniques, research, regulations, primary data, trends, case studies, tips/tricks, etc.
- If not cosmetic science based, focused content on professional skills such as interviewing, communication, time management, staying organized, negotiating, leadership, etc.
- Focus on education and engaging the audience
- Cite sources utilized
- Use INCI names only when referencing raw materials

## Don't:

- Exceed 1000 words or over 2 pages worth of content
- Include trade names or marketing material and sound like a sales pitch or marketing bulletin
- Make unsubstantiated claims

Further questions? Reach out to us on our [contact page](#).

# General Meeting Sponsorships

## Tier 1 - Gold - \$1000

Feature a poster  
5 minute speaking opportunity  
Small table for prototypes/raw material showcase  
Newsletter mention with short blurb  
Mentioned onsite at the meeting by the board  
Social media post on all of our platforms with National reach

## Tier 2 - Silver - \$500

Feature a poster  
Newsletter mention with short blurb  
Mentioned onsite at the meeting by the board  
5 minute speaking opportunity  
Small table for prototypes/raw material showcase

## Tier 3 - Bronze - \$200

Feature a poster  
Newsletter mention with short blurb  
Mentioned onsite at the meeting by the board

Custom Tier: Have something else in mind in terms of outreach? Perhaps you're looking to sponsor happy hour or giveaways. Let's work together to create the best value added promotion for your company and our chapter. Reach out to us on our [contact page](#) to discuss further.