

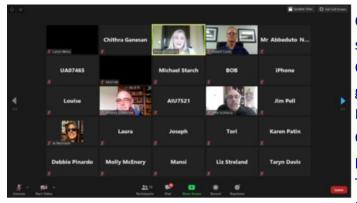
# Michigan SCC - News from the Mitten

SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS — MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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## A Message From Chapter Chair Rhonda Solberg

This Summer has been unique in many ways! Humid, 90°F weather, wearing facial masks while in public, curbside pickup, limited social engagement, and working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we close the Summer vacation season, I hope you were able to visit some places that lowered stress and brought some joy.



Our first *virtual* chapter meeting in May was a great success! It was well attended and well received. Robert Coots, Ph.D., Research Consultant at Colonial Chemical gave a technical presentation entitled "Formulating Dioxane-Free Personal Care Products." Thank you, Dr. Coots! Also, a special thank you to Caryn Weiss, our producer, who seamlessly transitioned from Microsoft Teams to Zoom when technical difficulty occurred. I appreciate all who participated.

Your Board and Committee Members continue working hard to keep you informed of advancements in cosmetic science, as well as, implementing new ways of engagement. It's in that spirit that I wanted to share information about our upcoming virtual September chapter meeting. It will be held on September 17 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. Alison Griffin, Regional Head, Sudarshan North America Inc., will present "Decoding the Crystal Ball: Color Trends - Where they come from and how they translate for Cosmetics, Fashion, Home & Décor." This meeting is free to anyone who would like to attend. Please register for the event on our website at: https://www.sccmi.org/event-information.

A reminder that our local chapter elections are just around the corner. Being an SCC MI officer is a great way to engage, learn and network in the Cosmetic industry. Please consider supporting our chapter and reach out if you are interested in helping next year.

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

**Rhonda Solberg** 

2020 SCC MI Chapter Chair

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Our Next Meeting Will be Held via Teleconference on September 17 Please register on our website: https://www.sccmi.org/event-information

Our September meeting will feature a Presentation from Alison Griffin from Sudarshan North America

Alison has over 25 years of experience in the cosmetic and personal care industry. She has worked on the finished goods side (Avon Skin Care Lab) and the ingredient supplier side of the industry. She has worked for pigment suppliers for 10 years (EMD, Sandream, Sudarshan). She is past NYSCC Chapter Chair and recipient of the Chapter Merit Award.

Her presentation "*Decoding the Crystal Ball*" will review historical trends (that are still popular today) as well as various marketing groups and companies that influence the colors that we wear each year. Fashion, media, and color cosmetic trends for 2020-2021 will also be reviewed.









The editor welcomes news items and short articles for publication in our newsletter. Please submit your information directly to Mike Starch at msstarch@att.net

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Help us make our Member News page better! Send me your news items about SCC members. We are looking for announcements about promotions, births, marriages, and other news.

Send suggested news items to msstarch@att.net

# **SCC Member News**

## **Obituary**

# Gary R. Agism

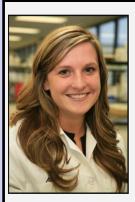
sing and recite the classics.

t is with deep regret we announce the passing of Gary Agism (72), on Friday, May 15th from complications related to COVID-19. Gary, a proud graduate of Grinell College, was a member of the SCC for more than 40 years, most recently with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the SCC. He was employed by Pfizer Consumer Healthcare since 1984 holding multiple patents and also served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1973. Gary was a devoted mentor, educator, and friend to the society. He always had a smile and was often known for delivering the last presentation at the SCC National Meetings on Friday afternoons, drawing a full house, where he would not only present top-quality science, but would



A beloved and colorful fixture known not only for his industry knowledge, but also his colorful vests, Gary was a frequent speaker at chapter events for many years. He also served the SCC in various roles during his membership including Area Councilor, Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chair, Area Director, National Committee Member and/or Chair (Constitution and Bylaws, Nominations, COCA, COSA, CEP Advisory, Medal Award), and various national officer seats culminating in his role as SCC President in 2009.

Another reminder of the toll that COVID-19 has taken on our society in 2020. I was fortunate to hear Gary speak and also interact with him at several SCC meetings. Such an upbeat, funny, and friendly person. He will be missed.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### Aimee Herbel

Aimee has been promoted to Senior Research Scientist — Formulation at Amway. She joined Amway in 2010 as an analytical scientist. In 2017, she completed her Masters' Degree in Pharmaceutical Science with an emphasis in cosmetic science.

Aimee has contributed greatly to the success of several Beauty and Personal Care projects. Most recently, she has taken on the role as the formulation lead for the Artistry Studio Skincare project.



# The COVID-19 Pandemic Has Caused Many Changes for Events Scheduled for 2020—See below and Page 5

We're in the middle of an ever-evolving situation but we'll all be together again soon. In that spirit the...

SCIENTIFIC MEETING & SHOWCASE

We have learned that the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual SCC meeting will now be a virtual event that will take place December 7-11<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier). More details to be announced.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15, 2020!

SAVE THE DATE! #SCC74

Rhonda has learned that TEAMWORKS will now be a virtual event with a date to be announced





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### Beauty & Happiness - Pushing Boundaries The 31st IFSCC Congress 2020 Yokohama



I am delighted to announce the first IFSCC Virtual Congress 2020 Yokohama during October 21-30, 2020. It will feature an online distinguished lecture given by the Nobel Prize Winner Yoshinori Ohsumi, Ph.D., more than 70 oral and over 500 poster presentations, available on-demand so that you can view them anytime you wish.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to cancel in-person congress in Yokohama, Japan and hold a virtual congress. This has been an exceptionally difficult decision, but the safety and health of our community are more important.

The Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Japan (SCCJ), the host of the Congress of 2020, is an academic society with a membership of over 1,800 chemists and a history of over 70 years. We have had the pleasure to host the IFSCC Congress three times. With a most sincere heart, we are looking forward to your attendance to the 31st IFSCC Virtual Congress 2020 Yokohama.

With this new attempt, we aim to take a big step into a bright future by holding a successful virtual academic congress and assure you an exciting, exceptional experience.

Let us all take the opportunity to network virtually in this difficult year, among the theme 'Beauty and Happiness- Pushing Boundaries'!

I would also like to thank you for your understanding and patience while we are working on unfolding further details of the 31st IFSCC congress and its transformation to a virtual format.



31st IFSCC Congress Yokohama, Japan your saver

Yoichi Shimatani

President of the Organizing Committee of the IFSCC Congress 2020 Yokohama





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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Solo Labs</u>, a full-service contract mfg. of personal care products and OTC topical drugs is looking for a formulation chemist to work in our R & D Department.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BS Degree in Chemistry or other sciencerelated field
- At least 1-2 years of practical experience in the development of skin and hair care products

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Send your resume to Dr. Eugene M. Frank (Sr VP Sales and Technical Services): gene@sololabsinc.com Ethox Chemicals, LLC, a leading specialty surfactant company is seeking an Account Manager for the personal care market. This person will be responsible for maintaining and expanding relationships with existing clients and prospective new accounts, promoting new and alternative ingredients, and obtaining and evaluating feedback on samples and new technologies

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BS Degree in Chemistry or a related field
- A minimum of 5 years of sales experience with 3 years in the personal care industry
- Excellent follow-up, communication, and computer skills
- Willing to travel with some overnight stays

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Send inquiries to Mr. Chris Welch (VP Sales): cwelch@ethox.com

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