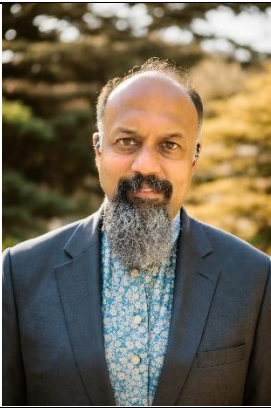




SCHC 2026 Election Officer Candidates Biographies

President Atanu K. Das, CHMM, SDSRP	
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Atanu Das, a long-standing SCHC member, currently serves as Vice President on the SCHC Board of Directors. Through his Board service, he has gained a deeper understanding of the challenges the Society faces in delivering value-added membership. Atanu hopes, by continuing his service to the Society through Board participation, to carry on the three pillars of the Society - Education, Networking, and Stewardship. Atanu actively participates on the Alliance, Professional Development, and External Communication committees to get a “real-time” pulse on the Society’s ongoing needs.

Atanu graduated from Arizona State University with a Master's degree in Hazardous Waste Management and has over 30 years of experience in Safety and Environmental Management. He is the owner of SDSWriter, LLC, where he leads a team of consultants responsible for researching, authoring, and updating OSHA-compliant Safety Data Sheets and their international equivalents, as well as assisting clients with regulatory compliance issues related to global hazard communication. Atanu chairs the CHMM recertification committee under the direction of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management. He is also the creator and host of Hack Your Hazcom, a podcast dedicated to workplace safety. Additionally, he actively participates in the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals. In his “spare” time, he serves as a school board president and mentors community members to become more involved in civic leadership. He enjoys being a first-time “empty nester” while both of his kids are in college.



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Officer

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Vice President	
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Katie McGee

Katie McGee has more than 20 years of experience in hazard communication. She began her career at SiteHawk (now Sphera), where she quickly became known for her ability to take on diverse responsibilities. Over the years, her work has spanned customer education and communication, project management, regulatory compliance, and SDS authoring.

In her current role as a Senior Regulatory Analyst at Sphera, Katie manages regulatory content, leads training and education initiatives, monitors and analyzes regulatory changes, and serves as a subject matter expert both internally and externally. As a member of SCHC, she has served on the Board since 2022 and currently holds the position of Board Chair. Her involvement has included professional development coursework, participation on the former Forum Committee, and presenting multiple posters. She is a Registered Specialist in SDS and Label Authoring and holds a B.S. in Biology with a concentration in Animal Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Middle Tennessee State University.

Outside of work, Katie values time with her family, including her husband and three teenagers. She is active in her church community, where she has led committees. She currently teaches a middle school class and serves as the Cubbies Director for her church's Awana club. In her free time, she enjoys sewing clothing and the occasional quilt.

Personal Statement: My motivation for serving wherever I am needed comes from the important role SCHC played at the beginning of my hazcom career and continues to play today. I vividly remember what it felt like to be new to this field, realizing how much I had to learn, and experiencing the support this community offered. SCHC reminded me that I wasn't alone and that others face similar compliance challenges. SCHC remains a critical resource for hazard communication professionals. Regulations are not slowing down or becoming less complex, which only increases the importance of this organization. I want to help ensure SCHC continues to be an essential, valuable resource for all hazcom professionals.



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Secretary / Treasurer Darcy Evans	
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Darcy Evans is the Senior Manager Chemical Regulatory Compliance at Hexion Inc., where he leads a team supporting global regulatory compliance and hazard communication. He is based at Hexion's corporate headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

Since joining Hexion in 2010 as a Regulatory Compliance Analyst, Darcy has taken on leadership responsibilities within systems and process management. Prior to Hexion, he worked as an SAP consultant with ICC and previously held roles in Research & Development, Technical Service, Business Intelligence, and Quality Assurance at Borden Chemical.

Darcy has 31 years of experience in the chemical industry and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo. He joined SCHC in 2012 and currently serves as a member of the SCHC Board and as the current Board Exhibits Liaison. Over the years, he has been actively involved in the External Communications, Professional Development, and Arrangements Committees, as well as the Finance Sub Committee. Darcy also contributed to the development and creation of the SCHC Mentoring Program.

Personal Statement: SCHC has had a significant impact on my career by strengthening my knowledge of hazard communication and helping me remain informed in an ever evolving regulatory environment. The professional development courses and conferences have provided tremendous value throughout my career.

Beyond the technical knowledge, SCHC has also provided opportunities for networking, building meaningful professional relationships, and developing lasting friendships. I would like to see SCHC continue to grow by attracting and retaining members while further expanding its professional development programs and opportunities.



SCHC 2026 Election

Board of Directors

Candidate Biographies

Board of Directors James Lee	
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James Lee joined SCHC in 2011 and is currently serving on the Heritage, Professional Development, and External Communications committees.

James is a Sr. Compliance Analyst with Veralto Water Segment located in Loveland, Colorado, which includes several subsidiaries, such as Hach Company, ChemTreat, and Trojan Technologies. All these companies manufacture and sell chemicals and instruments that deal with testing of water or treatment of water. His main responsibility is to provide global regulatory compliance support for water quality analysis and treatment chemical products, as well as regulatory advocacy on behalf of the organization. His company's mission is ensuring water quality for people around the world.

James has been in the current role for around 10 years. Previously, he worked as an analyst with 3E Company, providing regulatory information support and consulting to chemical companies and as an intellectual property (IP) attorney for various law firms.

He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Emory University and J.D. from University of Missouri -Kansas City Law School.

When not at work, he is occupied with taking care of his two young children. In spare time, James devotes his time in running and training for ½ and full marathons, 3D printing, and activities related to his local church.

Statement for the Board Ballot:

As James' motto is to be a constant learner (both for work and parenting), he hopes to help SCHC become the leading teaching platform for all chemical hazard communicators as best as it can be, which would lead to making a positive change to the environment and human health one small step at a time.

In addition, knowing how SCHC provides excellent networking opportunities: not only connecting with other industry professionals, but with relevant regulators, which is extremely useful for regulatory advocacy. Often, it is not what you know but who you know. James wants to help continue this legacy of SCHC providing those opportunities for the members' career growth and to advocate their cause.



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Board of Directors

Candidate Biographies

Board of Directors Claire Mathis, MPH, CPPS	
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I have 10+ years of consulting experience, first working for an occupational and environmental health sciences firm, and since 2022, I have been with H2 Compliance providing Product Stewardship & Compliance services. I achieved my Certified Professional Product Steward® credential in September 2022, through which I am able to see the broader impacts of chemical hazard communication and regulatory compliance on the product lifecycle. I am passionate about product safety and compliance and the impacts these features have on the market, consumers, workers, and the environment.

After joining SCHC in 2022, I quickly volunteered with the Program Committee. I was appointed as the Program Committee Chair in March 2023 and served as the Chair through 2025. As Chair, I was responsible for preparing the Annual Meeting Program agenda, including organizing speakers, developing a comprehensive schedule, and coordinating with the Arrangements, Professional Development, Poster Session, Alliance, and Member Engagement committees, Board of Directors, and Officers to ensure a successful event. I continue to actively serve on the Program Committee, offering active support and advice in preparing for the Annual Meeting Program and more recently, the Virtual Table Talks.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and being involved in my local community. I also particularly enjoy the precision and science behind my cooking and baking hobby.

Personal Statement: SCHC has served as my primary source of professional development and growth the past four years, and I am eager to give back to this organization through Board service. I am deeply committed to advancing the Society's mission of strengthening chemical hazard communication, enhancing product stewardship, and fostering the exchange of knowledge across our professional community. Information sharing is the key to improving our practice over time.

As outgoing Chair of the Program Committee, I understand the Board's critical role in providing strategic leadership, supporting committees, and guiding initiatives that ensure members remain informed, engaged, and aligned with evolving industry standards and best practices. Additionally, SCHC's broader purpose – to promote the improvement of chemical hazard communication, educate members, and increase awareness of emerging developments – closely aligns with my own passion for professional development, education, idea sharing, and elevating the profession through collaborative, forward looking leadership. Through Board service, I hope to contribute meaningfully to these efforts and help shape the Society's continued growth and impact.



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Board of Directors

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Board of Directors Senthil Pichandi	
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Senthil Pichandi is Vice President, Global Product Safety & Regulatory Affairs at Henkel, where he leads global product safety, regulatory compliance, and stewardship for the entire adhesive technologies business. With over 30 years of experience, he has built and led high-performing, cross-functional teams across 20+ countries, driving both compliance excellence and business value. Recognized for his strategic thinking and transformational leadership, Senthil has successfully shaped global product safety frameworks, developed performance-driven operating models, and led initiatives that balance regulatory rigor with innovation and sustainability. He has deep expertise in chemical regulatory policy, risk mitigation, crisis management, and stakeholder engagement, and has consistently partnered with R&D, Sustainability, Supply Chain, and Commercial teams to proactively address emerging regulatory challenges.

A strong advocate for industry collaboration and thought leadership, Senthil is actively involved in the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC), where he contributes to the Program Committee, Mentoring Program, and broader industry dialogue. He also serves in leadership roles across multiple industry associations, including chairing regulatory affairs Committee for Adhesives & Sealants Council (ASC) and thought leadership committees (Product Stewardship Society), helping shape policy perspectives and advancing best practices within the chemical industry.

Senthil holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Science in Macromolecular Chemistry. He has received multiple awards for leadership, innovation, sustainability, and team collaboration, reflecting his commitment to excellence and impact.

Beyond his professional work, Senthil is passionate about mentoring the next generation of product stewardship professionals and fostering a culture of continuous learning and collaboration across the industry.

Personal Statement: I am honored to be considered for a position on the SCHC Board and strongly believe in the critical role SCHC plays in advancing the science, practice, and impact of hazard communication.

As our industry evolves, we are experiencing a fundamental shift—from compliance-driven regulatory support to proactive product stewardship and value creation. This transformation presents an opportunity for SCHC to further elevate its role as a strategic partner to both industry and regulators.

If elected, my priorities will focus on:

1. Elevating SCHC as a Strategic Voice

Strengthening SCHC's position as a leading, credible industry voice that proactively shapes hazard communication standards, policies, and global dialogue.

2. Advancing Product Stewardship Excellence

Expanding SCHC's scope and influence to reflect the evolving role of product stewardship—connecting hazard communication with sustainability, innovation, and business impact.

3. Strengthening Member Value & Engagement

Enhancing programs, resources, and networking opportunities to ensure SCHC continues to deliver measurable value to its members across all career stages—from early professionals to senior leaders.

4. Investing in Talent & Mentorship

Building on SCHC's strong mentoring foundation to develop the next generation of leaders, ensuring continuity of expertise and long-term growth of the profession.

5. Driving Cross-Industry Collaboration

Fostering stronger connections between industry, regulators, and academia to address emerging challenges such as Chemicals of Concern, digitalization, and global regulatory convergence.

Closing Positioning Statement

With my global leadership experience, strong commitment to SCHC, and passion for advancing the field of product stewardship, I am eager to contribute to the Board and help shape the future direction of society.



SCHC 2026 Election

Board of Directors

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Board of Directors Amy Polinske	
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I am a Regulatory Affairs professional with more than 11 years of experience in hazard communication, product stewardship, product certification, and global chemical inventory compliance. I'm known for being organized, detail-oriented, and focused on getting the job done well. I have led Safety Data Sheet (SDS) authoring, handled regulatory submissions and inquiries, and supported certification efforts across both industrial and pharmaceutical sectors. I value building strong, practical working relationships with clients and suppliers to help meet business needs and address regulatory challenges.

I currently serve on the Arrangements Committee and act as a liaison to the Program Committee. Through these roles, I've gained a solid understanding of what goes into planning the annual meeting as well as the organization's monthly virtual events.

As regulations continue to change, hazard communication remains an important part of staying compliant across different regions. SCHC provides a space where professionals can stay informed and learn from one another. I would like to support that mission by contributing to a community that values practical knowledge, integrity, and continuous improvement in regulatory affairs, while also helping grow membership and engagement.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading, golfing, attending concerts, and spending time with family, friends, and my dog. Thank you for considering my candidacy for the Board. I welcome the opportunity to help strengthen member engagement and support collaboration throughout the year.



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Board of Directors

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Board of Directors Nick Stone, MS, CHMM	
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Nick Stone, MS, CHMM, is a Senior Product Safety Specialist at Abbott with a focus on SDS authoring, regulatory strategy, and data quality. He has over 12 years of experience in chemical regulatory compliance and hazard communication, including prior roles at VelocityEHS where he provided strategic and regulatory thought leadership supporting global chemical management software and programs. Nick has developed deep domain expertise in interpreting complex chemical regulations and translating them into practical, actionable solutions. He brings extensive experience in hazard communication, regulatory interpretation and advocacy, and global regulatory frameworks, along with a strong working knowledge of product stewardship principles. An SCHC member for nearly a decade, Nick has been an active contributor to the Alliance Committee for approximately three years, supporting OSHA fact sheet development, regulatory partnerships, and initiatives that improve efficiency and member value.

Nick is enthusiastic about the future of hazard communication and is committed to advancing SCHC as a modern, agile, and forward-thinking organization that delivers clear value to its members. His vision is to help SCHC embrace emerging technologies like AI and digital tools, strengthen regulatory and NGO partnerships, and enhance the value of SCHC content and the annual conference through more interactive, practical, and engaging formats. Having benefited from SCHC throughout his career, Nick is motivated to give back—helping bridge the gap for the next generation of professionals while ensuring SCHC continues to deliver meaningful, real-world impact for members at all career stages. Outside of work, Nick enjoys spending time with his wife and two young sons, cooking, and traveling—with Mallorca, Spain among his favorite destinations.