

## BIOGRAPHY & CANDIDATE STATEMENT - KAREN CHUN 2026

### **Biography:**

Karen Chun is Vice President of Sales, Cosmetic Ingredients, at Symrise and has spent more than 30 years in the cosmetic and personal care industry. After beginning her career as a cosmetic chemist, she discovered a passion for connecting science with business and transitioned into sales, where she has built a career partnering with customers and industry leaders. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of California, Irvine.

Karen's involvement with SCC has been a constant throughout her career. A dedicated volunteer, she has served the California Chapter in numerous roles, including Secretary, Treasurer, and two-time Chairperson. She also served on the National SCC Board as Area III Director and Treasurer. Karen is passionate about giving back to the organization that has played such an important role in her professional development and is committed to ensuring SCC continues to educate, inspire, and connect its members.

### **Candidate Statement – Vice President Elect:**

Throughout my career in the cosmetic industry, I've had the opportunity to work with customers, formulators, marketers, technical teams, and commercial leaders. These experiences have given me a deep appreciation for the important role SCC plays in our industry. SCC is not only a place where science advances, but also where relationships are built, people grow, and future leaders are developed. That's why I am running for VP-Elect. I would welcome the opportunity to support the Society and help continue the great work already underway. The Board of Directors has established a strategic plan focused on advancing cosmetic science and strengthening the organization. I would be honored to contribute to these efforts by supporting the following priorities:

### **Member Engagement**

I want SCC to be a place where members feel welcomed, connected, and supported throughout their careers. I would like to help continue programs that bring together two of SCC's greatest strengths: education and networking.

## **Chapter Value**

Chapters are often where members first become involved, build relationships, and begin their leadership journey. I would like to support chapters in finding ways to engage members, attract emerging talent, and share successful ideas and best practices across the organization, particularly for smaller chapters that may face greater volunteer challenges.

## **Infrastructure**

A strong organization depends on a strong foundation. I support clear processes, open communication, and responsible financial stewardship to help ensure SCC remains healthy and sustainable for years to come.

## **Outreach & Awareness**

I would like SCC to continue being recognized as the trusted voice of cosmetic science while also highlighting the rewarding careers and opportunities our industry provides. By increasing awareness of our profession, we can help inspire future scientists and leaders.

I am grateful for all that SCC has provided throughout my career and would be honored to serve the membership as VP-Elect.