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Currently: General Manager / Xytrus; **Prior Experience:** Technical Service Manager National Starch and Chemical, Southeast Account Manager, TRI-K; **Educational Background:** SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, B.S. Paper Science Engineering, Northampton Community College AS Biology; **SCC National Activities:** Area IV Director, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, COCA, Councilor, Area IV; **Chapter Activities:** Treasurer, Chair Elect, Chair for Carolina Chapter



STATEMENT OF GOALS

To my amazement, I have been a member of the SCC for over 25 years. During my involvement with the society I have been fortunate to hold many positions both at the local and at the national level. Starting as a young scientist taking advantage of the educational seminars and meetings offered, to then holding local chapter offices and working with other team members to expand the presence of the SCC within the cosmetic industry, to holding an area director position. Through it all I have learned a lot, made some wonderful friends, and have expanded my professional network, which has proven time and time again to be of help in my professional journey. That is why I am passionate about giving back to our members and encourage you scientists to get involved.

The mission of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists is to further the interests and recognition of cosmetic scientists while maintaining the confidence of the public in the cosmetic and toiletry industries. If I am fortunate enough to be elected as an Area IV Director, I plan to focus on the following goals:

- **Growth:** Strive to support and aid in the growth of local chapters.
 - Continue to build networks between the various chapters, possibly share resources across borders so that we can provide the best science and opportunities to our members via joint meetings, webinars, etc.
 - Aid chapters coordination of chapter dates within Area IV and surrounding chapters, in brainstorming ideas, in discussion of successes from other chapters, in sharing resources of best speakers and contact information for affiliated support networks, and in encouraging chapters to think out of the box for future events that will pull in new members and increase meeting attendance.
 - Work as a conduit to disseminate information from the national level to local chapters for their continued success.

- **NextGen:** Support our NextGen Committee efforts to expand our outreach to young scientists, colleges and universities to cultivate leaders of tomorrow.
 - Continue to aid the national efforts to identify local colleges and universities who express interest in learning more about the SCC.

- Help implement a portal where our member companies can post intern opportunities and students can place resumes for possible employment.
- Encourage local chapters to reach out to educational sources to host meetings on site and invite students free of charge.
- Recruit emeritus members to get more actively involved in chapters to share their knowledge with members via meeting presentations, educational seminars, and or mentoring young scientists.

It has been my pleasure to serve in so many different roles within the SCC both on the chapter and national level. I continue to be inspired by those I have worked side by side with in this organization and hope to have the opportunity to share the knowledge I have gained with others and inspire them to continue the advancement of the society.

Thank you for your consideration.