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Robert Austin is currently in a technical service chemist position with Houghton International, where he has been employed for 31 years. Previously held positions include: formulating chemist, pulp and paper mill chemicals (primarily defoamers for these applications); quality manager; and project manager for the chemical management position. In his current position, Robert is the liaison between customers and Houghton's R&D lab, reporting back to the lab field trial results on newly developed products.

Robert holds a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from Drexel University in Philadelphia (1977) as well as a M.S. Degree in Engineering Management from Drexel University (1982). He has spoken to annual STLE meetings twice and been an author on a third paper. He is a STLE-certified Metalworking Fluids Specialist, first earned in 2005 and renewed in 2008.

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