



Congratulations to the Newest Appointed SNAME Committee Chairs and RVPs for 2012

Mr. Edward N. Comstock, SNAME President, announces the new Committee Chairs for 2012. These Chairs play a critical role in leading the activities of the Society, maintaining the highest levels of industry professionalism. Mr. Comstock has expressed his deep gratitude for the contributions the departing chairs have made and is an enthusiastic supporter of all of our volunteer Committee members, Chairs and Vice Presidents.

Mr. Edward M. Lewandowski, Senior Defense Fellow at CSC Advanced Marine Center, is the new Annual Meeting Papers Committee Chair. This Committee selects the papers to be read before the Annual Meeting and specifies the rules and procedures for their presentation and discussion. **Dr. Xiaozhi (Christina) Wang** is stepping down to take on a new role.

Dr. Xiaozhi (Christina) Wang, Director, Marine Technology, Corporate Technology at the American Bureau of Shipping and SNAME Fellow, is the new Chair of the Journal of Ship Research Committee. The Committee has general charge of editorial policies for the "*Journal of Ship Research*," publishing highly technical papers on applied research in hydrodynamics, propulsion, ship motions, structures and vibrations. **Dr. Robert F. Beck**, SNAME Fellow and Herbert C. Sadler Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan is stepping down.

Mr. Philip J. Grossweiler of M&H Energy Services, is the new Chair the Public Policy Committee, tasked with developing the Society's public position on industry issues and positioning of the Society as a leading international authority on maritime issues.

SNAME Fellow, **Mr. John A. Malone**, Principal Consultant at Malone Consulting Services, now serves as the Chair of the Fellows Committee. The Committee reviews the Fellows nominations, recommending members for approval by the Council. **Mr. Naresh M. Maniar**, a long-standing SNAME Fellow, is stepping down.

Mr. Sean P. Walsh, Senior Naval Architect at Gibbs & Cox, is the Co-Chair of the Joint Strategic Alliance Committee (JSAC). The JSAC was chartered in 2003 to coordinate activities and interests between the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) and SNAME, with an initial thrust to bring ASNE members into the technical panels of SNAME's T&R program. It is one of the few truly joint committees with co-chairs who alternate as Committee Chair. **Capt. Paul J. Roden** (USCG Ret.) has stepped down to take on another critical role.

Capt. Paul J. Roden, USCG (ret), head of Fairbanks Morse Engine Washington Operations, has been serving as the Chair of the Joint Education Committee since the spring of 2011. The mission of the Joint Education Committee is to coordinate education and professional development programs supporting SNAME and ASNE students and professionals who are studying and working in the disciplines of naval architecture, marine engineering, ocean engineering, naval engineering, and associated fields.

Dr. Leigh S. McCue, Assistant Professor in the Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), is the new Student Steering Committee (SSC) Advisor succeeding **Dr. Richard C. Boutwell**, the recipient of the 2011 Faculty Advisor's Award, who has stepped down. **Dr. McCue** is also the Chair of the new Faculty Advisor's Committee.

Mr. Mark D. Groden, a Class of 2012 Senior in the University of Michigan's Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, was elected as the Chair of the Student Steering Committee (SSC). Mr. Groden will oversee the elected student group of SSC officers and SSC members, the leadership of all SNAME Student Sections. **Mr. Nathan T. Hagan**, a Class of 2012 Senior at Webb Institute and SMART Scholar has stepped down.

Mr. Stefan Wolczko, Naval Architect at Guido Perla & Associates, is currently serving as the Chair of the Young Professionals Committee. The Young Professionals helps transition student members into associate members and provides professional life and develop programs for those in early stages of their careers. Past Co-Chairs, **Mr. Matthew H. Unger** and **Mrs. Lauren G. Homer** were instrumental in creating the Student Steering Committee and the Young Professionals and continue as members of the Young Professionals Committee.

Mr. Jim A. Harbach, Professor of Engineering at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, is Chair of the new Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology (ABET) Committee. The Committee works to ensure that the academic programs of colleges and universities, which are related to the various marine disciplines, are kept current, relevant and prepare graduates for entry into practice in the field.

Along with the above mentioned Committee Chairs, the Society would also like to recognize the new Regional Vice Presidents from the following three Regions:

- Atlantic South Region: **Mr. Robert J. Gies**, CVN 79/80 Program Manager, Newport News Shipbuilding
- Central & Gulf Region: **Mr. Scott C. McClure**, President, Alan C. McClure Associates
- International Region: **Mr. Harilous N. Psarftis**, Professor, National Technical University of Athens

We would like to thank the following Regional Vice Presidents who have completed their terms of office:

- Atlantic South Region: **Mr. William M. Hayden**, Senior Naval Architect, Waller Marine, Inc.
- Central & Gulf Region: **Dr. Frank G. Bercha**, President, Bercha Group
- International Region: **Mr. Stavros Hatzigrigoris**, Managing Director, Maran Tankers Management, Inc.

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