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SNAME Past President Keith Michel Elected to Membership in the National Academy of Engineering

(Alexandria, Virginia) Keith Michel, past-president of SNAME joins a very select group with his election to the National Academy of Engineering, NAE, and this reflects on his accomplishments as a designer of ships and their gear, his contributions to maritime safety and a clean environment through his work with IMO, ABS, USCG and the Marine Board of NRC, past-president of SNAME and now, as president of Webb Institute.

Founded in 1964, the National Academy of Engineering is a private, independent, nonprofit institution that provides engineering leadership in service to the nation. The mission of the National Academy of Engineering is to advance the well-being of the nation by promoting a vibrant engineering profession and by marshalling the expertise and insights of eminent engineers to provide independent advice to the federal government on matters involving engineering and technology.

The NAE has more than 2,000 peer-elected members and foreign associates, senior professionals in business, academia, and government who are among the world's most accomplished engineers. They provide the leadership and expertise for numerous projects focused on the relationships between engineering, technology, and the quality of life.

The NAE is a member of the National Academies, which includes the NAE, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and the National Research Council (NRC), which serves as the principal operating arm of the academies. The NAE operates under the same congressional act of incorporation that established the National Academy of Sciences, signed in 1863 by President Lincoln. Under this charter the NAE is directed "whenever called upon by any department or agency of the government, to investigate, examine, experiment, and report upon any subject of science or art."

Keith joins an elite group of SNAME members who have been elected to the NAE over the years, including such luminaries as William Francis Gibbs, H. F. Todd, and Henry Schade. SNAME now has approximately 18 members of the Academy and a number of deceased members including the above.

On behalf of all SNAME members, we congratulate Keith on his election which brings well deserved recognition for his contributions to our profession.

SNAME is a leading international professional society of individual members in the maritime and ocean community. Founded in 1893 as the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, SNAME comprises over 7000 professionals throughout the world and membership is open to all qualified applicants