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SNAME President Rich Mueller with members of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Singapore (SNAMES) at the 2026 International Conference on Computer Applications in Shipbuilding in Singapore. *From left to right:* Dr. Ang Joo Hock (SNAMES President); Rich Mueller (SNAME President); Dr. Arun Dev (SNAMES Honorary Fellow and SNAME Fellow); Dr. Yang Mengyao (Newcastle University); Livio Deltin (SNAMES Technical Chairperson); Dawn Setoh (SNAMES council member); Ivan Stoytchev (SNAMES Publication Chairperson); and Dr. Ng Chunwee (SNAMES Honorary Secretary).

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



A WEEK AWAY—AND MUCH TO CELEBRATE

Soon, we will be gathering in Houston for the 2026 SNAME Maritime Convention. By now, I hope you have explored the website, registered to attend, and started planning your time there. My own planning usually involves identifying the sessions I want to attend and then discovering that several of them happen at the same time. That is a good problem to have!

This year, there is much to look forward to and much to celebrate. Our theme, Shaping the Future: Technologies and Processes to Improve Shipbuilding, Design, and Operations, speaks directly to the work our members do every day. As someone who leads a marine design firm, I appreciate the many opportunities to explore how new technologies and better processes can help us deliver better ships. SMC brings those possibilities into focus through technical sessions, panel discussions, and exchanges with people who understand the practical challenges of our profession.

The Innovation Stage in the Exhibit Hall and Marine Log's live podcast will add fresh opportunities to discover what companies and colleagues are developing. I look forward to hearing both what is new and how it can be applied. The best ideas are often the ones that send us home thinking, "We should try that."

At our Awards Gala Dinner, we will also take the time to celebrate the people whose accomplishments have strengthened our profession. The gala provides an opportunity to recognize technical achievement, leadership, and service and to thank our colleagues whose contributions deserve our attention and appreciation.

Equally encouraging is the opportunity to meet those who are just beginning their careers. Through student design activities, research presentations, and career connections, we will see the talent and enthusiasm that will carry our industry forward. Take a few minutes to speak with a student or young professional. Ask about their interests, share something you have learned, and listen to their perspectives. A small investment of your time can make a lasting impression.

Of course, a convention of this scope takes considerable effort. I want to thank our volunteer organizers, authors, reviewers, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and SNAME staff. The program we are about to enjoy reflects more than a year of preparation and a shared commitment to our Society.

My invitation to everyone who is attending is simple: Arrive with a question you want answered, explore a topic outside your usual interests, and introduce yourself to someone new. Let's make the most of what this SMC 2026 gathering offers. If you have not already registered, visit the SMC website for details.

I look forward to welcoming you to Houston, and to celebrating the people, ideas, and accomplishments that make SNAME such a valuable professional community.

Fair winds and following seas,
Rich Mueller, *President* | *president@sname.org*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SNAME ANNUAL MEETING & VOTE

SNAME's Annual Meeting, also known as our business session, will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on 30 October 2026, in conjunction with the SNAME Maritime Convention (SMC). Importantly, we will be conducting a vote to select our next president, who will take the SNAME helm and continue the hard work and progress that Rich Mueller has contributed during his tenure as our president. We will need a quorum — 100 members, at a minimum — to conduct this vote. Voting will be conducted both electronically via a link sent through the conference app and by paper ballot.

In addition to providing the opportunity to be part of the process in selecting our leadership, our Annual Meeting provides insights into how the organization is doing financially, and areas that SNAME leadership is focused on, such as new T&R panels, membership growth, and education initiatives.

If you are a SNAME member attending SMC, you are encouraged to participate in these important governance and business discussions and exercise your right to vote.



HQ UPDATE



IT'S EVENT SEASON: LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

Maritime event season is here. A quick AI search suggests that each fall brings more than 100 major maritime events worldwide, plus many smaller conferences, workshops, and training sessions. Even SNAME's Upcoming Events Calendar is packed, including many Section-hosted programs.

What makes an event worth attending?

At the recent SSI World Shipbuilding Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, one idea stood out to me. SSI CEO Denis Morais said attendees should leave with actions—not just education and connections.

I agree.

The industry's challenges are generally well understood, and many potential solutions have been identified. What is often missing are the calls to action — the concrete, measurable, and coordinated steps we should take to turn ideas into progress.

The first event I attended this Fall was the SNAME Propeller & Shafting Symposium, a niche conference organized every two years by SNAME Technology and Research Panel M-16 and hosted by the Hampton Roads Section. In conversations with attendees, many cited the symposium's high-quality technical content as a key draw. However, the most valuable takeaway was not simply the presentations themselves, but the exchange of lessons learned and practical insights that could be applied immediately in their work.

As we plan for SNAME Maritime Convention (SMC) 2026 in Houston (28-30 October 2026), it is worth asking ourselves what we, as the conference organizers, can provide that enables attendees to take action they otherwise never would have taken had they not attended our conference. How can we create opportunities that move beyond information-sharing and inspire meaningful progress?

Over the next few months, in addition to SMC, I will be attending the Western Europe Section (WES) Symposium (13 November, London, UK), METSTRADE (17-19 November, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and the International WorkBoat Show (2-4 December, New Orleans, LA, USA). While I look forward to connecting with SNAME members, expanding my knowledge, and discovering new ideas, I also commit to leaving each event with at least one actionable takeaway.

In a season packet with events, making connections and gaining knowledge are important. Taking action is what ultimately creates value.

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SNAME AT THE SSI WORLD SHIPBUILDING CONFERENCE



Denis Morais (SSI)



Peter Wallace (Lloyd's Register)



Anthony Rhoda (Tridentis), David McCracken (Tridentis), and Liz Bouchard (SNAME)

PROPELLER & SHAFTING SYMPOSIUM



SNAME M-16 Panel



M-16 Panel Chair Zac Schramm (LamaLo USA)

THE GIVING CIRCLE



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MEMBER PROFILE

ROBERT M. CONACHEY



Without the dedication, expertise, and long hours contributed by members, SNAME could not make its annual SNAME Maritime Conference (SMC) the dynamic meeting of the minds that it is each year. Long-time SNAME member Robert "Bob" M. Conachey is one of the people who has played a key role in making the conference happen; for the 2026 gathering at the end of October, Conachey is serving in the key role of SMC Papers Committee Chair, a responsibility he has taken on for the past six years.

Conachey, now retired, worked as a Senior Principal Engineer at the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) for 35 years. Conachey, now retired, has been an active SNAME member for years.

A stellar career

After receiving a bachelor's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Webb Institute, Conachey began working as a naval architect for Exxon International in the Tanker Department, but he wasn't there long-term.

"Exxon decided to curtail their tanker operations, so I decided to try the marine engineering side of the maritime business at ABS," he says. "I worked on numerous interesting projects involving plan review of rotating equipment, and I was a member of various standards development committees. I was a member of the International Association of Classification Societies Machinery Panel for three years, and I developed four Guides and Guidance Notes related to Reliability-Centered Maintenance and Vessels Operating in Low Temperatures."

ABS was using Big Data to improve classification services during this time, and that influenced him to pursue a master's degree in industrial engineering.

Finding SNAME

Conachey became a member of SNAME as a student at Webb Institute to take advantage of publications that were used in course work and attend annual and section meetings for networking opportunities. "I was active in New York Metropolitan Section activities, and later when I was working for ABS, and the company moved to Houston, I became active in the Texas Section with paper presentations on behalf of ABS," he says. "SNAME is an excellent resource for knowledge and networking."

In 2020, Conachey became actively involved in helping with SMC, serving as the SMC Papers Committee Chair.

"I enjoy the variety of papers presented," he says. "With my dual background, I seek a balance between the hull and machinery side of the business. Many outsiders consider our profession a very narrow niche within engineering, but in fact, SNAME members have to be familiar with about 35 of the 40 or so engineering disciplines to do their jobs effectively.

"The technical program at SMC has expanded into other areas of the engineering disciplines that many members may not be familiar with," Conachey says. "Advanced calculation methods in hydrodynamics; faster computing hardware; Big Data analysis; increased application of statistical analysis; merger of space operations; recovery with purpose-built marine structures; autonomous vehicles; and carbon-free propulsion trends — these comprise just a fraction of the solutions that SNAME members are working on today."

In hopes of continuing to increase interest in participating in SMC, Conachey regularly encourages professionals to submit papers and attend the convention.

"I tell authors to submit papers to let other members know what they are working on," he says. "These papers generate new ideas and solutions that can be used to further our profession. We have assembled 24 papers for SMC 2026 on a wide variety of topics that are of interest to all the membership of SNAME."

Accomplishments and future plans

Conachey has a long and successful career in the maritime industry to be proud of, and he considers the development of the Reliability-Centered Maintenance Guide to be one of his most significant accomplishments,

"This is a process to develop the most effective and economical maintenance program —applying appropriate tasks while considering risk," he says. "Vessel operators who have applied this process have achieved significant improvements in machinery and structural reliability."

SMC 2026 will be Conachey's last year serving as SMC Papers Committee Chair.

"I urge any SNAME member who is interested in this position to volunteer for this critical role," he says.

Conachey plans to remain active by continuing to contribute to the area of knowledge management and working to help students make connections with professionals and gain experience in the industry.

"I will also be volunteering with students who are working on their senior year Capstone Project at Texas A&M University's Department of Ocean Engineering," he says. "This is an opportunity for students to work on real projects with industry professionals."

SNAME is grateful to Bob Conachey for playing such a crucial role in SMC for so many years and for all of his invaluable contributions to SNAME and the community at large!



MEET OUR 2026 FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

In 2026, more than twenty members representing 12 out of 20 professional Sections reached the 50-year membership milestone. We hope that they continue their legacy of inspiration to SNAME members for many years to come. Congratulations to all!

Robert G. Allan	Canadian Pacific Section
Roderick J. Allan	Hampton Roads Section
Eric Anderson	Pacific Northwest Section
Jim Antrim	Northern California Section
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SEE YOU AT THE SMC 2026 MEMBER LOUNGE!

Stop by the Member Lounge during SMC 2026 to meet our team, learn about SNAME programs and initiatives, and discuss ways to get involved. Find out how you can benefit by tailoring SNAME benefits to your specific career stage.



Here are a few opportunities to take advantage of in the Member Lounge:

- Renew your membership, check your status, and update your SNAME profile.
- Take professional headshots, and check out student posters.
- Considering joining SNAME? We will be there to answer your questions and help you get aboard.
- Learn more about SNAME's vast technical library, including leading textbooks, reference works, and research volumes. Preview materials firsthand and order publications that support your professional or educational needs. One of the many perks of being a member is receiving discounts on publication purchases.

The Member Lounge is a go-to hub for SMC 2026, and we are looking forward to welcoming you there.

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MAGGIE NATE REPRESENTS SNAME AT THE NSC WATERBORNE TRANSPORT GROUP



The Waterborne Transport Group (WTG), affiliated with the National Safety Council, held its 2026 Fall Meeting on 6 October in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was a day of learning, networking, and collaboration with maritime safety professionals from across the industry. The meeting brought together safety leaders, operators, and industry professionals to share best practices, discuss emerging challenges, and strengthen safety throughout the maritime sector. SNAME was invited to present at this event, and distinguished SNAME member Maggie Nate, Director of Government Business Development at TAI Engineers, volunteered to present on behalf of SNAME and share her thoughts as a safety and survivability subject matter expert.

Founded 14 September 1917 following the Titanic tragedy, the WTG is dedicated to advancing safety on waterways worldwide. Aligned with the National Safety Council's mission to save lives, the WTG focuses on preventing maritime-related incidents and occupational injuries in the marine industry. WTG members, all safety professionals, meet twice a year; these meetings feature expert speakers from agencies such as the USCG, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), NOAA, and MARAD, followed by peer roundtables to exchange lessons learned and best practices. Participants represent a wide range of vessels, including tankers, tugs, cruise ships, offshore support and research vessels — U.S.-flagged and international, ocean-going and inland.

Nate's presentation, "Designing for a Bad Day," focused on the intersection of survivability and safety, and how emerging trends in the maritime industry influence both. She noted the value of SNAME to this audience of maritime owners and operators, and she discussed how venues like this provide a useful forum to discuss and improve safety.

Nate talked about the challenge the industry faces as so many new kinds of technology are being introduced at once and noted that the T&R program can help address safety topics for emerging technology through bulletins and white papers. This is particularly important as the technology now being implemented in the fleet does not yet have a documented casualty record concerning its use; the industry needs to address safety parallel to new technology introduction.

Nate specifically mentioned how Panel SD-11 on Post Incident Safety Assurance is aligned with the efforts of the WTG and the needs for owner/operator participation and input.

Thanks to Maggie Nate for representing SNAME at this important event!

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Highlighted Webinars from Summer 2026

Access to the SNAME Webinar Library is free to all active members. The following is a selection of recent virtual events presented by sections around the world.

NAME Career Paths from Technical Expert to Industry Leader

Speakers: Panel Session with Peter Noble, Maggie Nate, and Vicky Dlugokecki

Watch here

Summary: Presented by the SNAME Mentoring Program. Three industrial leaders discuss how they progressed from being technical experts to becoming leaders in the maritime industry.

Risks of Major & Complex Oil & Gas Projects from a Marine Warranty Survey Perspective

Speaker: Sritama Sarkar

Watch here

Summary: Presented by the SNAME Western Europe Section. Major and Complex Offshore Projects involve major capital investment, multidisciplinary engineering, many stakeholder interfaces, challenging offshore execution conditions, and significant technical, commercial, regulatory, operational, and HSE risks. Given the high-value nature of offshore assets and the complexity of transportation and installation activities, such developments are typically insured under a Well Construction and Operations Risk policy, which includes compliance with Marine Warranty Surveyor (MWS) recommendations. This webinar examines transportation and installation risks for high-value, long-lead assets used in deepwater and ultra-deepwater oil and gas developments with floating production facilities. It highlights how MWS oversight helps mitigate risks associated with SIMOPS, heavy lifts, and dropped objects.

FOR MORE WEBINARS, VISIT THE SNAME WEBINAR LIBRARY HERE.

DRY DOCK COURSE: REGISTER EARLY FOR DISCOUNT!

In August, we announced that we have partnered with DM Consulting to offer its Dry Dock Training Course in Washington, DC (1-4 December) and Norfolk, VA (8-11 December).

This course is internationally recognized and accredited, and it is certified for 32 Professional Development Hours. Participation includes practical exercises, an exam, and dedicated time for reviewing participants' unique challenges.

Sign up before 1 November (Washington, DC) and 8 November (Norfolk) for early registration savings! For more information regarding SNAME training programs, contact education@sname.org.

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NEW T&R PROJECTS AVAILABLE AT SMC

October has been a busy month for T&R. In addition to supporting SMC 2026, several long-term projects have been completed: I am very happy to announce the release of a new T&R bulletin and two research white papers!

T&R Bulletin 5-8 (2026) *Submersible Vehicle Systems Design: Structural Principles*

Written by Functional VP for Technology Alberto Morandi, the bulletin addresses this topic as part of an update of the SNAME Submersible Vehicle Systems Design book published in 1990 (sometimes referred to as "the orange book").

The challenge is that at deep submergence, crushing pressures can reach more than 1,000 times atmospheric pressure; to survive in this environment, submersibles must be at the pinnacle of structural engineering. So what are the standards, engineering principles and methods that underpin the safe design of these amazing structures? This bulletin tells you!

T&R Research White Paper R-61 *Reevaluating Assumptions in Ocean Wave Mechanics for the 21st Century*

Sean Kery has spent years on this project. Many ocean engineering and naval architecture projects begin their numerical modeling or scale model test programs by consulting a sea state table; there are several popular ones to choose from. These are based on hindcasts or mathematical models that were mostly developed long before massive data sets were readily available. The problem is that these tables have different definitions of what constitutes each "Sea State," which adds to the ambiguity of what Sea State means for use in requirements language.

This study, using up to 13 million semi-hourly readings from 118 sites in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Great Lakes, shows that the probability of occurrence and the wind speed correlations are very location-dependent. These analyses are based on Hind-Count data rather than mathematically devised hindcasts and are a much better snapshot of what the real ocean is doing in any applicable place and time. This report and the analysis spreadsheets are available through SNAME T&R.

T&R Research White Paper R-62 *From U.S. National Policy to the Shop Floor*

T&R Panel SP-21 Shipyard Productivity has released its first white paper, authored by the Panel Chair João Casares, Ph.D. The paper develops a diagnostic causal map of U.S. maritime-industry constraints, traceable to federal documents; it connects the map to the shop floor production mechanisms that hamper shipyard productivity by using Factory Physics models. The work provides a starting point, with a structured policy-to-engineering exploratory framework. It delivers a precedence order of constraints based on sensitivity response to productivity underperformance.

Perusal copies of the bulletin and two research papers will be available in the Member Lounge at SMC.

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SNAME CREATES A DYNAMIC FORUM IN ATHENS

The 9th International Symposium on Ship Operations, Management, and Economics (SOME 2026), organized by the SNAME Greek Section, took place on 15–16 September at the Eugenides Foundation Conference Center in Athens. More than 200 people registered and attended.

At the heart of the symposium was an extensive technical program comprised of 41 peer-reviewed papers co-authored by 145 experts from 14 countries. The breadth and international character of the program reflected one of its fundamental objectives: It brought together academia, industry, classification societies, shipowners and operators, technology providers, and young researchers in an environment where established thinking can be challenged; emerging technologies critically examined; and practical solutions explored through rigorous scientific and engineering dialogue.

The technical program focused on seven themes: Decarbonization and Alternative Fuels; Decarbonization Measures and Wind-Assisted Propulsion Systems; Decarbonization Measures and Regulatory Impact; Autonomous Shipping; AI Maritime Applications; Fuel Consumption Optimization; and Ship Design and Operations – Holistic Approaches to the Shipbuilding Industry.

Two high-level panel discussions addressed Carbon Capture Technologies and Nuclear Energy in Shipping. Two keynote presentations examined the Prospects of the IMO Net-Zero Framework and the Electrification of Shipping.



Panel No.1: Carbon Capture Technologies



Panel No. 2: Nuclear Energy in Maritime

While many questions remain unresolved, the discussions in Athens reinforced an equally important conclusion: The maritime industry's transition must be founded on sound science, rigorous engineering, open professional dialogue, and solutions that are both environmentally responsible and operationally realistic. SOME 2026 was made possible through the generous support of its sponsors and partners.

SOME 2026 photos and a detailed report can be found online.

SOME 2026 proceedings can be found here.

UPCOMING GLOBAL INDUSTRY EVENTS:

28 – 30 October 2026 – SNAME Maritime Convention 2026, Houston, TX

10 –11 November 2026 – Marine Log's Ferries Conference & Expo, Seattle, WA

17 - 19 November 2026 - Metstrade, Amsterdam

2 –4 December 2026 – International Workboat Show, New Orleans, LA

20 –24 June 2027 - International Marine Design Conference (IMDC) 2027, Cambridge, MA

13 –15 October 2027 - World Maritime Conference (WMTC) 2027, Lisbon, Portugal

UPCOMING SECTION EVENTS:

29 October 2026 - Safer & Smarter Gas Operations: Lessons from Training - Greek Section In-Person Event (Contact: SNAME Greek Section, snamegreeksection@sname.org)

13 November 2026 - 16th Annual SNAME WES Symposium - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event – In-Person / Virtual (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

18 November 2026 - Time-domain Motion and Loading Analysis for Naval Architects - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event – In-Person/Virtual (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

18 November 2026 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - November 2026 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

2 December 2026 - Can We Assess Environmental Impacts As Well As Cost Streams? - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event – In-Person/Virtual (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

2 December 2026 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - December 2026 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

13 January 2027 - Response-Based Structural Assessment of Ships - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event In-Person/Virtual (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

13 January 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - January 2027 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

3 February 2027 - The Conquest of the Sea (Part 4): The Naval Architects and Marine Engineers - Western Europe Section Virtual Event (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

10 February 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - February 2027 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

UPCOMING SECTION EVENTS:

3 March 2027 - Maritime Decarbonisation and the Low-to-Zero Carbon Fuel Challenges - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event – In-Person/Virtual (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

24 March 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - March 2027 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

7 April 2027 - Risks of FSRU/FLNG Terminal Projects - Western Europe Section Hybrid Event – In-Perso/Virtual (Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

14 April 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - April 2027 Technical Meeting (Student Papers Night) - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

4 May 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - May 2027 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

5 May 2027 - Floating Wind Bankability: Technical Risks and Investment Readiness - Western Europe Section Virtual Event (Contact: Keith Lilley, klilley@outlook.com)

2 June 2027 - NY Area Joint Marine Societies - June 2027 Technical Meeting - New York Metro Section Hybrid Event (Contact: Alex Koziol, alekoz47@gmail.com)

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