

“President’s Message”  
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It is an honor to have been selected as your President and to lead our Society in achieving the goals we have set for it - goals that will result in SNAME being the foremost Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Society in the world.

I have always been of the opinion that Naval Architects and Marine Engineers are essential to the National Security of Maritime Nations, especially America. The logic is simple. America is, as many other Maritime Nations are, an “Island Nation,” which depends on Maritime transportation for over ninety (90) percent of its imports and exports. America’s strategic defense policy is based on force projection and forward deployment, and, most recently, defense of the Homeland, with over 90,000 miles of coastline. As the world’s leading economic and military power this requires the most robust maritime industry in the world, serviced by the best commercial vessels, a superior Navy projecting power and keeping the sea lanes open, an outstanding Coast Guard protecting the Maritime Domain and a world class Marine Transportation System.

Our profession, supported by our Society has its foot in the “keel” of this Maritime Strategy. What we do and how we do it is important, and our achievements and contributions require the “best people” - our membership.

The course ahead for our Society has been carefully plotted by an incredible leadership team and by a strong support staff. Joining this membership crew are hundreds of enthusiastic SNAME Student Members, 153 of whom participated in the Ft. Lauderdale Annual Meeting last October. These young members are our future.

As the year advances I will report on our progress in maintaining our course. But for now, as is our tradition, and on behalf of all the Membership I want to recognize the stewardship and dedication of Dr. Roger H. Compton and his leadership team. Roger has not only kept us on course, but also improved every aspect of SNAME’s performance.

As you know he has been a mentor and teacher in our field for over 35 years and is planning to write a book on Naval Architecture. It is sure to be a best seller. Thank you Roger, for your outstanding service to our Society. And now please join me in the endeavor to make our Society more relevant to our Maritime Heritage and Industry than it has ever been before...Happy New Year.

Admiral Bob Kramek