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My fellow Members and Colleagues:

I have been privileged to be elected to serve you during this exciting but challenging time in the history of our industry and of our Society. These challenges come with a certain bit of risk if not dealt with properly; yet opportunities for the growth of our membership and the enhancement of the professional standing of our Society and its members exist if we plan properly. If our Society is to not only survive, but thrive in these changing times, we need to have a Strategic Plan, a blueprint or chart that will guide the Society safely through the turbulent waters ahead. Building upon the able work of my predecessor, President Rosenblatt, and after extensive review by the Council and the Executive Committee; I am pleased to present to you this Strategic Plan. Over the coming months and years, it is my hope that this Plan will be used locally by the Members and each Section's Executive Committees, and nationally and internationally by SNAME's governing bodies, Staff, and Standing Committees to guide their work; in the fervent hope that the goals and aspirations put forth in the Plan may be realized. In doing so, I believe that the mission of our Society will be furthered, and the maritime industry as a whole will benefit. "

I'd like to express, on behalf of all of us in SNAME, my sincere thanks to Bill Hurley and his Planning Committee for an outstanding job in creating this clear and comprehensive roadmap for our Society.

Roger H. Compton  
President