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Industry Leaders Address SNAME Volunteers at the Weekend Training Event

(Alexandria, Virginia) Industry leaders addressed a group of SNAME volunteers, who all serve worldwide in leadership roles within one of the 17 established Sections and 37 Student Sections during a session called, “The Face of SNAME,” which took place on the morning of Saturday, June 7 at the 2014 Chair Elect Seminar in Houston, Texas. The distinguished panel was one of the many highlights of the weekend-long event and members, staff, and guests were involved in learning about SNAME operations, developing relationships and planning for 2015.

The panel, “The Faces of SNAME” was organized by President-Elect and Regional Vice President of Membership, Joe Comer to show that SNAME is not just for naval architect and marine engineer but SNAME includes all the facets of the industry, from shipbuilders to recyclers, to educators and designers, to builders and operators, and to students and manufacturers. Each panelist was specially brought in to represent one of these facets of the Society and to truly prove that “We are SNAME....All Over the World.”

Simon Lee, representing the Shipbuilders has been appointed President of AmFELS since January 1, 2014 and has garnered extensive overseas experience over his 19 years with Keppel. Mr. Lee has project and shipyard expertise in engineering, procurement, construction, hook-up and commissioning of offshore drilling rigs and production platforms. He has managed various projects on drilling rigs, production platforms, FPSO module fabrication and integration.

John Dabbar represented the operators as the Global Marine Manager for ConocoPhillips. Mr Dabbar has 30 years of experience in the commercial, operations, and engineering in the pipeline and marine transportation sectors. He joined the company in 2005, managing oil and gas transportation for the Russia/ Caspian region base din Stavanger, Moscow, and Astana Kazakhstan, and was on the board of the Buka-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline Co.

Colin Shields, representing the Students, is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Michigan and finished his Master’s degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering this year. He currently works as a graduate research assistant in the Advanced Naval Research Concepts Lab and will pursue a Master’s degree in Industrial Operations Engineering with a focus on Complex Systems next year. Colin is a past Section Chair at the University of Michigan as well as the 2013 Chair of the Student Steering Committee.

Robert E. Randall, Ph.D., P.E. represented the Educators as Professor of Ocean and Civil Engineering and holds the Bauer Professorship in the Ocean Engineering Program within the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering. He is also the Director of the Haynes Coastal Engineering Laboratory and Director of the Center for Dredging Studies. His research has been in the areas of offshore, coastal, and dredging engineering. Dr. Randall authored the book “Elements of Ocean Engineering” in 1997 (1st edition) and 2010 (2nd edition).

Roy Arnold represented the Manufacturers in his current position as the CEO and President of IMECO, Inc. He established IMECO, Inc. in 1992 to apply modern, innovative domestic and international technologies and systems to shipbuilding in the US. IMECO is also strongly involved in the movement to shift in system responsibility from the shipyard to the system supplies, and handles the aspects as a System Integrator of Cargo Handling Systems, deck machinery, HVAC, fire alarm and fire suppression, electric propulsion, Azipod, and automation, including dynamic positioning systems.

Scott McClure, a Fellow of the Society represented the Designers as President of Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc. Since becoming President of ACMA, he has led the company in designing the conversion of tankers and semisubmersibles to floating production units. Mr. McClure is also the Regional Vice President for the Central and Gulf Region.

And finally, Roberto Noce, representing the Recyclers/ Forensic, Roberto Noce is currently the General Manager of Moss Maritime Inc., a company part of the Saipem Group. He has 25 years experience in engineering, marketing and management roles in the O&G technologies and services industry. Mr. Noce's background includes startup of new technology companies and business unites, travel to build new markets, leading multicultural and cross-functional teams in global marketing and business development initiatives.

The 90 some attendees interacted with these industry leaders to better understand the various facets of our maritime business.

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 who have pursuits in the industry.

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