



ASNT ADVANCES GLOBAL GROWTH

In a recent interview prerecorded for ASNT Rewind, which took place on 19 March 2025, Paul Lang, ASNT Chief Global Strategy Officer and the Executive Director of ASNT Certification Services LLC, shared insight into ongoing developments in nondestructive testing (NDT) certification, training, and global outreach. These advancements reflect ASNT's commitment to aligning industry practices and standards with emerging technologies and strengthening international collaboration.

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION WITH AWS

One of the key topics discussed was ASNT's cooperative relationship with the American Welding Society (AWS). This partnership aims to harmonize certification requirements and streamline processes for professionals in both organizations. A primary focus has been integrating AWS's Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) program into the ASNT 9712 certification framework. This effort ensures that CWIs can seamlessly transition into ASNT's certification process while meeting standardized industry requirements.

Lang emphasized the importance of this partnership, stating, "We've worked closely with AWS to identify gaps and ensure that CWIs can move smoothly into the ASNT 9712 program. This collaboration helps both organizations and, most importantly, the professionals seeking certification."

Additionally, the partnership has led to the future dual branding of AWS's Certified Radiographic Interpreter program, and other initiatives further strengthening cross-certification opportunities. With 40% of ASNT's members also holding AWS certifications, this

initiative provides professionals with greater flexibility and recognition across disciplines.

NEW AUTHORIZED TRAINING ORGANIZATION ACCREDITATION

ASNT has also launched an Authorized Training Organization (ATO) accreditation program, responding to industry concerns about training consistency and quality. Lang highlighted that training varies widely in effectiveness, and the ATO program aims to standardize instruction quality by accrediting educational institutions (such as universities, community colleges, trade schools, and other training institutions).

"The biggest issue we've seen is the wide range in training quality. Some programs are exceptional, while others fall short. With the ATO program, we're creating a consistent benchmark for training institutions to meet industry expectations," Lang explained.

The program recently completed beta testing, with the first accredited organization already listed on ASNT's website and two more nearing final approval. ASNT anticipates an official launch in

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the coming months, with applications opening soon. This initiative is expected to enhance training credibility and bring consistency to the NDT industry. To date, Lang said that they have received more than a hundred inquiries on the accreditation and how to go about obtaining it, indicating a high interest within the NDT community.

EXPANDING ASNT'S GLOBAL REACH

Since its establishment in 2023, ASNT India Pvt. Ltd., an entity of ASNT Inc., has been expanding its influence by offering certification exams, training programs, webinars, and industry events. ASNT Certification Services has an agreement with ASNT India to administer exams, reinforcing the organization's presence in the region.

"ASNT India has been a fantastic addition to our global strategy. It's allowing us to directly engage with professionals in the region, making certification more accessible and efficient," Lang noted.

Building on this momentum, ASNT is collaborating with AWS to open a second facility in India. This expansion aims to provide direct access to industry professionals, reducing reliance on US-based assessments and strengthening ASNT's global standing.

THE FUTURE OF NDT CERTIFICATION

Looking ahead, Lang identified technological advancements as both a challenge and an opportunity for NDT

certification. Innovations in artificial intelligence (AI), augmented reality (AR), and virtual reality (VR) are revolutionizing the industry but pose difficulties when applied to a certification framework developed over 50 years ago.

"We're at a critical point where we need to reassess how we evaluate competency. AI and AR are changing the game, and we must adapt our certification methods to reflect these advancements," Lang said.

ASNT is actively exploring ways to modernize competency assessment. Lang emphasized that the traditional Level I, II, and III certification model may need to evolve to accommodate emerging technologies and new methodologies. ASNT is committed to collaborating with industry stakeholders to develop a future-ready certification system that ensures continued excellence in NDT.

"I think in the future we will be evolving into a different type of certification system, in which we assess individuals on their competency for NDT," said Lang.

CONCLUSION

ASNT Certification Services LLC is making significant strides in enhancing certification programs, standardizing training, expanding global reach, and adapting to technological advancements. "The challenges we face today are exciting because they push us to innovate and improve," said Lang. "ASNT is dedicated to ensuring that certification evolves with the industry, and I look forward to seeing how we shape the future of NDT." **ME**

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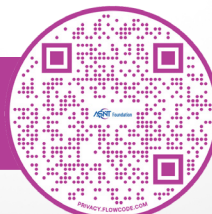
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ASNT'S VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

The Volunteer Summit, scheduled for the end of May, is designed to be a dynamic and impactful event that engages, recognizes, and inspires volunteers across all levels of the organization. Through a carefully curated selection of workshops, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities, the summit will provide volunteers with valuable insights, tools, and resources tailored to their specific roles and responsibilities.

This gathering will bring together volunteers from diverse backgrounds and experience levels, creating a collaborative space where knowledge-sharing and mentorship can flourish. By fostering meaningful connections between volunteers, staff, and leadership, the event will help strengthen relationships, encourage dialogue, and reinforce a sense of belonging within the organization.

Additionally, this event will serve as a platform to celebrate the dedication and contributions of volunteers, recognizing their efforts in driving ASNT's mission forward. Through keynote speeches and panel discussions, attendees will gain a renewed sense of purpose and motivation, leaving with a deeper understanding of how their work contributes to the Society's broader vision.

Ultimately, the Volunteer Summit will enhance volunteer engagement and cultivate a stronger, more connected community, empowering participants to continue making a meaningful impact in their respective roles. ASNT staff and seasoned volunteers will serve as facilitators.

Q: Who is invited?

A: Any member of ASNT interested in volunteering, including section leaders, those interested in committee and council work, speakers, and instructors.

Q: What is the registration fee?

A: Registration is free. However, attendees are responsible for their own transportation and hotel accommodations.

Q: Where is the Volunteer Summit being held?

A: The Volunteer Summit will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch.

Q: When is the Volunteer Summit?

A: The meeting dates are 30 May-1 June. Friday evening will kick off with a meet-and-greet, followed by a full day of workshops and learning on Saturday. ASNT will host dinner on Saturday night, followed by a half day of workshops and learning on Sunday.

Q: Where can I find out more information?

A: To register or learn more about the event, go to <https://asnt.eventsair.com/volunteer-summit-2025/>.

Q: Where can I learn more about volunteer opportunities with ASNT?

A: To learn more about available volunteer opportunities with ASNT, visit <https://www.asnt.org/membership/volunteer>. **ME**

SOCIETYNOTES

2025 ELECTION NOTICE

ASNT has partnered with Intelliscan Inc. to conduct the 2025 Board elections. On 14 March, all eligible voting members of the Society received an email with instructions and a link to vote online. The voting period will remain open through 11:59:59 p.m. (ET) on 15 April 2025. Please note that the following member categories are not eligible to vote in ASNT elections: Associate, Student, and Complimentary. To view the ballot and candidate biographies and videos, go to asnt.org/election. Do not miss your chance to have a say in the future of your Society!

SHIP FOR LESS AND SAVE BIG

FedEx and UPS raised their shipping rates by an average of 5.9% for 2025. The good news? ASNT members can save 50% on FedEx Express and 20% on FedEx Ground by enrolling in the free FedEx Advantage program through PartnerShip®, an ASNT benefit provider. PartnerShip also released a report (scan the QR code below) analyzing the rate increases, so you can see what to expect and how to manage these price hikes. Both resources are a great way to stay ahead of rising costs and keep your shipping budget in check. Find out more by visiting partnership.com/asnt.

