



In March 2025, ASNT Director of Publications **Jill Ross** earned the Graduate Certificate in Publishing

Management (GCPM) from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Designed for experienced publishing professionals seeking to advance their leadership and management skills, the GCPM program requires 18 credit hours, including 11 credits of core coursework and 7 credits of electives. This achievement, combined with her bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University and numerous other industry certifications and awards, reflects Ross's dedication to professional growth and her commitment to upholding excellence in ASNT publications and journals.



In February, the Naval Welding Institute (NWI) announced the addition of ASNT member **Lawrence**

(Larry) E. Mullins Sr. as Director of Workforce Development for the New England Region. In this role, Mullins focuses on collegiate outreach, program execution and oversight, student engagement, and pipeline cultivation.

Mullins is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a BS in Materials. With over 50 years of experience, his career spans nondestructive testing (NDT) in shipbuilding and work with building, bridge, vessel, and piping codes. He has extensive expertise in both nuclear and conventional power generation. He has worked in quality control for a major shipbuilder, as an Authorized Nuclear Inspector and later as an NDT coordinator in the commercial nuclear sector. In the late 1980s, he returned to shipbuilding, becoming an Advisory Engineer at a Naval Nuclear Laboratory, until around 2010.

After retiring from the Naval Laboratory, Mullins founded NXTndT in 2007. He is a practicing ASNT NDT Level III and ACCP Professional Level III, involved in performance testing, evaluation, and advanced technology development, as well as codes and standards.

Mullins collaborates with organizations including ASNT, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the British Institute of Nondestructive Testing, and the American Welding Society. He is also a Chartered Engineer accredited by the Engineering Council in London. Currently, he works as a technical advisor and subject matter expert for NDT under contract with the US Navy.



Boeing announced **Dana Deasy** as the company's new Chief Information Digital Officer and Senior VP

of Information Technology and Data Analytics. Deasy was elected to the role, which he assumed 31 December 2024.

Deasy oversees all aspects of information technology, information security, and data analytics. He reports directly to Boeing President and CEO Kelly Ortberg and serves on the company's executive council.

"Dana is a well-respected, global technology leader who has a track record of delivering on innovative technologies across large and complex organizations," said Ortberg. "With the need to stay vigilant to protect against cyber threats, and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence playing a larger role across all industries, our IT team will have a key role as we focus on meeting our safety and quality goals, delivering reliably for our customers and positioning ourselves for the future."

Deasy has more than 40 years of technology and leadership experience, having worked across multiple industries. Most recently, he served as the Chief Information Officer at the US Department

of Defense and before that, at JPMorgan Chase, BP, and General Motors. Deasy began his career in information management at Rockwell's Space Systems Division.



Lumentum, the Silicon Valley-based optics and photonics company, appointed **Michael Hurlston**

as its new CEO, succeeding Alan Lowe, who retired after leading the company since 2015. Hurlston, previously the CEO of Synaptics, officially took over on 7 February.

Lumentum, known for its high-speed optical transceivers used in AI data centers, as well as industrial lasers and 3D sensors, has seen significant growth since its spin-off from JDS Uniphase in 2015. Lowe will remain on Lumentum's board and serve as an advisor.

Hurlston brings extensive experience in optical communications, having previously served as CEO of Finisar before its acquisition by II-VI (now Coherent). His career includes leadership roles at Broadcom, Oren Semiconductor, and other technology companies.



The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI; Knoxville, TN) named **Andrew**

Pokelwaldt as its new Director of Education and Workforce on 31 January. In this role, Pokelwaldt will lead IACMI's education and workforce team, overseeing strategic planning and the execution of key initiatives and programs.

Pokelwaldt brings significant experience in workforce development and training, including Composites Instruction Credentials (CCT-I), marine manufacturing, and technical writing for composites manufacturing. He previously served as Director of Workforce

Training and credentialing at the American Composites Manufacturing Association (ACMA) and as Training and Development Manager at Brunswick Recreational Boat Group in Knoxville, Tennessee. Most recently, he was the corporate technical training manager at Newell Brands in Maryville, overseeing workforce programs across the US, Europe, and Latin America.

Pokelwaldt holds a master's degree in Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In addition to his civilian career, he is a retired dual-career military veteran, having served 20 years in the US Marine Corps and US Army.

APPOINTMENTS

Peter Pi was appointed International Sales Manager at The Gill Corp. (El Monte, CA) in January. With more than a decade of experience in the aerospace sector, Pi brings deep knowledge and expertise that The Gill Corp. said will be instrumental in serving airlines, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) companies, and OEMs throughout the China-Asia-Pacific region.

RETIREMENTS

After a decade of dedicated service, **Dale Brosius** has announced his impending retirement from the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI), effective 1 July 2025. Brosius is currently Executive VP and Chief Commercialization Officer (CCO) for IACMI.

DEATHS

Jay Kumler, President of Jenoptik's North American business and Jenoptik Optical Systems, passed away on 10 February 2025, at age 61.

Kumler served in those roles at Jenoptik for many years. As a member of the Jenoptik Executive Management Committee, he actively shaped the development of Jenoptik's photonics-based business in the US.

"Not only did Jay have a huge impact on our company, but he was also a distinguished scholar, a passionate entrepreneur, and an inspiring mentor to many startups and new talents in the entire photonics industry," said Stefan Traeger, President and CEO of Jenoptik AG.

Kumler earned a BS in Physics from Miami University (Oxford, OH) and a MS in Optics from the University of Rochester (New York). He designed optical systems for United Technologies and Bell Laboratories before founding Coastal Optical Systems in 1991, which Jenoptik acquired in 2001.

With nearly 40 years in optics and photonics, Kumler published 20 technical papers, book chapters, and patents. He was an SPIE Fellow, served on the SPIE Board of Directors, and was a founding sponsor of the SPIE Startup Challenge, which is held during the Photonics West trade fair every year. He also served on the Advisory Board of the Luminate Accelerator and loved mentoring younger optical engineers and entrepreneurs.

Kumler regularly spoke on photonics and was passionate about advancing the industry. He was especially proud of his contributions to the Hubble Space Telescope, NASA's Mars Perseverance rover, and the X Taara wireless internet terminal, which was named a *TIME* magazine "Best Invention of 2024."



NEW CERTIFICATIONS

ACCP Level II CWI

Rene Bazaldua
Isaiah Holguin
Martin Howe
Kenneth Howell
Kory Rafferty
Jason Smith
Mackenzie Smith
Roger Tarrant

ASNT 9712 Level II

Mathew Ceron
Jason Schamber

ASNT 9712 Level III

Krutik Shah

ASNT NDT Level II

Benjamin Corke

ASNT NDT Level III

Ian Ashkar
Friday Atanawhemera
Amit Balyan
Kranthi Battu
Samuel Cartozzo
Jesus Chavez
Grisell Cruz
Aynalem Getanhe
Aneesh Gopi
Timothy Harrison
Jeffery Hartman
Haris Iqbal
Rohit Kumar
Ashok Kumar Mahankali
Devin Martin
Tiju Varghese Mathew
Jack Minkler
Gourahari Nayak
Myeong Su Park
David Pirie
Anthony Quesenbury
Ajit Kumar R
Tamilselvan Seeralan
Norman Taormina
Suresh Babu V

IRRSF

Daniel Bullock
Frank DeAngelo
Jeffrey Eagen
Christopher Falls
Eddie Gentry
Kody Harlow
Michael Hodge
Matthew Lester
Kiernan Litwiler
Connor Martin
Mark Rink
Mark Roberts
Ashleigh Sloan
Cole Waxley
Kevin Wells
Isaac Young

ISQ - Oil & Gas

Lucas Barr
Majid Calil
Andrew Carpenter
Michael Devine
Rudy Espinoza
Chad Esteppe
Joseph Harris
Gregory Manbeck
Andrew Marquez
Jesus Martinez
Ryan Mouser
Paul O'Connell
Jared Raggio
Gabriel Rodriguez
Blake Rosberg
Randy Ruble-Colman
Connor Sarmiento
Tremayne Stephens
Yao Tang
Mason Unthank
James Voorhees
Micah Wilson
Grayson Wolf
Zachariah Zieke
Ruben Zuniga

Naval Shipbuilders

Richard Mills
Anthony Romano
Joe Veale

SOCIETYNOTES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ASNT BYLAWS

In accordance with the ASNT Bylaws, Article VII: Amendments and Revisions, Section 1 - Proposals to Amend or Revise the Bylaws, this is to notify the members of ASNT's intent to revise the Bylaws as described below.

The Executive Committee proposes the following changes:

- ▶ Combine the positions of President and Chair of the Board, under the title of President.
- ▶ Change the terms of office for President and Vice President from one year each to two years each.
- ▶ Eliminate the position of Immediate Past Chair.
- ▶ Add the President of ASNT Foundation to the Executive Committee.

Members may submit questions or comments on the proposal by 16 April to Secretary Jill Ross at secretary@asnt.org. The Board will review all feedback before voting. All submissions and responses will be posted on ASNT's website. The revision will be adopted with a two-thirds vote of the Directors, excluding the CEO.

CHARLOTTE

CONCORD, NC
11 FEBRUARY 2025
15 ATTENDING

► The Charlotte Section held its January meeting at Afton Tavern in Concord. Guest speaker Carlos Rosburgh from CLR Testing delivered a presentation on Nadcap auditing.

COASTAL GEORGIA

STATESBORO, GA
27 JANUARY 2025
42 ATTENDING

► The Coastal Georgia Section held a technical meeting on the campus of Georgia Southern University. A guest presenter from the Office of Materials and Testing Technical Assistance Unit at the Georgia Department of Transportation spoke about the use of the GSSI rolling density meter for the compaction of asphalt roadways, as well as the use of nondestructive testing (NDT) for concrete pavement inspection.

GREATER HOUSTON

DEER PARK, TX
12 FEBRUARY 2025
54 ATTENDING

► The Greater Houston Section hosted its February meeting at the Republic Grill at Battleground Golf Course in Deer Park. Dinner was followed by a technical presentation on HTHA (high-temperature hydrogen attack) inspection, given by Mark Carte from Becht Engineering.

KUWAIT

FAHAHEEL, KUWAIT
18 FEBRUARY 2025
48 ATTENDING

► The Kuwait Section hosted a technical presentation and dinner at the Kohinoor Hotel in KHS-4-Souksaba, given by section officer Sangili Gunasekaran on the basics of ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A (2024) and ANSI/ASNT CP-189 (2024). Included in the discussion among the members were basic NDT; 2024 changes, corrections,

and new requirements; and explanation and specific requirements of the time of flight diffraction and phased array ultrasonic testing techniques. In addition, in-line inspection, magnetic flux leakage, infrared thermography, acoustic emission testing, and guided wave techniques were discussed, as well as remote field testing and eddy current testing differences, and profile and close proximity radiographic testing techniques.

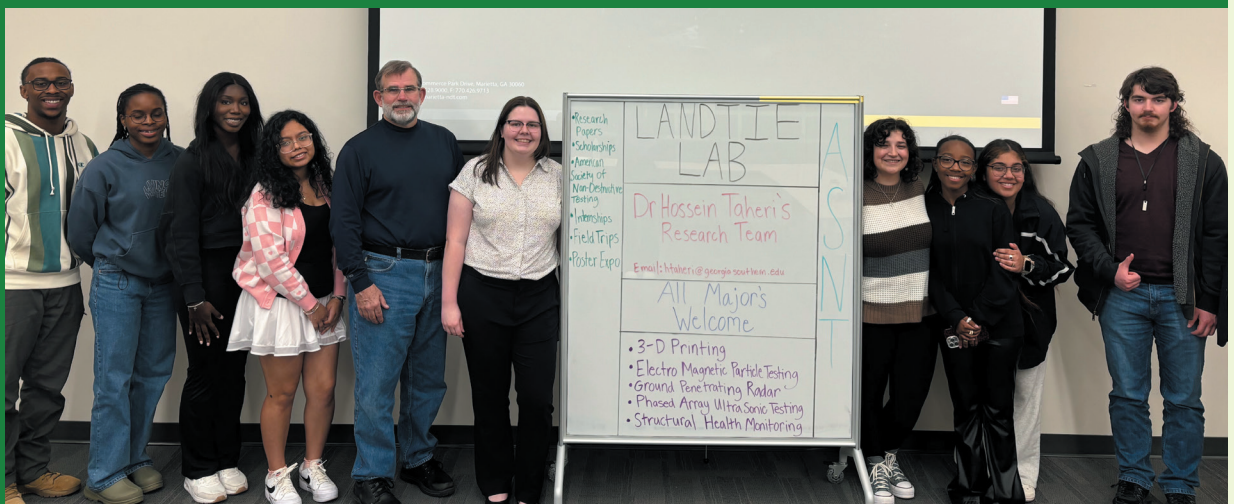
LEWIS & CLARK

PORTLAND, OR
11 FEBRUARY 2025
6 ATTENDING

► Six members of the Lewis & Clark Section met at NPI (NDE Professionals Inc.) in Portland and held a Zoom call with the Pacific Northwest Section for a discussion led by ASNT Director of Business Development Peter Roy.

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SPOTLIGHT COASTAL GEORGIA



Concepts of conventional ultrasonic testing, eddy current, and X-ray inspection for industry applications were discussed in a presentation given by Marietta NDT at a Coastal Georgia Section meeting held on 17 February at Georgia Southern University.