



ASNT Lifetime Member  
**Sreenivas Alampalli** has been honored with inclusion by ASCE in its 2023

class of distinguished members for eminence and professional contributions to research, practice, and technology transfer in inspection, evaluation, testing, and monitoring of bridge infrastructure. Alampalli's unique engineering contributions include advancing NDT methods for quantitative evaluation of bridges to assure safety, developing a robust bridge inspection program, and pioneering applications of fiber-reinforced polymers for bridge applications.

Alampalli's research portfolio and leadership record are the products of a visionary government engineer and researcher who has spent much of his career promoting the development of numerous programs on bridge safety and management, not only for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) but for other state DOTs and federal agencies as well. From 2003 to 2006 he served on the international stage as a Director at Large on the ASNT Board of Directors.

After the Minnesota Bridge collapse in 2007, Alampalli was asked to lead the ASCE-AASHTO-FHWA Task Force to develop a white paper on critical research needs in the areas of bridge inspection and evaluation. More recently, while at NYS DOT he was tasked with the massive undertaking of migrating the US\$100 million annual inspection/evaluation program he managed from a state-specific system to an AASHTO element-based national system. In all, Alampalli has assembled 30 years' worth of asset management and policy development, building successful strategic public-private-academic partnerships, implementing data-driven decision-making processes and web-based software tools, advising senior management, effectively

managing a diversified and decentralized workforce, and more. He has authored more than 250 technical publications in civil infrastructure and made more than 150 presentations on infrastructure research. He has been very active with professional societies throughout his career including serving on several ASCE committees and journal editorial boards. He also chaired the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Committee AFF40 on Testing and Evaluation of Transportation Structures. He is the founding president of the International Association for Bridge Maintenance and Safety (IABMAS) USA National Group.

Alampalli started out in the Department of Irrigation in A.P. State, India, as an assistant executive engineer. He was an adjunct at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and eventually made his way to NYS DOT, Prospect Solutions, and then Stantec, where he has been since 2021. His doctoral degree is from Rensselaer in Troy, New York.

Selected honors include the Aftab Mufti Lifetime Achievement Award (2021) from the International Society for Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure, the Hall of Fame Award (2016) from the Make the Right Move Chess Foundation, the ASNT Bridge NDT Lifetime Service Award (2014), the ASCE Outstanding Projects and Leaders award (2021), and the ASCE Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research (2013).



Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) has welcomed **Keith Kesner** as a Project Director, bolstering the

firm's repair and rehabilitation expertise and knowledge of concrete performance for new and existing structures. He will join SGH's Structural Engineering division in New York City, partnering closely with professionals across the East Coast while operating out of Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania. Kesner brings more than 30 years of industry and academic experience, specializing in evaluating and repairing concrete, masonry, and steel structures; assessing concrete material performance and deterioration through NDT and corrosion analysis; and conducting facade inspections and repairs.



The Society for the Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering (SAMPE) North America search

committee is pleased to announce **Rebekah Stacha** as its CEO, effective 1 June 2023. Stacha is the first woman CEO for SAMPE in its 79-year history.

Stacha is a seasoned association professional with over 20 years of experience in leadership, publishing solutions, operations management, and people development. As Director of Multimedia and Publishing at the Society of Petroleum Engineers, she was instrumental in the organization's digital transformation, which streamlined workflows that increased efficiency and customer satisfaction. A graduate of the Mays School of Business at Texas A&M University with a degree in management, she is a Certified Association Executive and is an active member of several professional organizations including the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives, Society of Scholarly Publishing, and American Society of Association Executives.

## APPOINTMENTS

ASNT's **Dalton Vidosh** has been promoted to Accounting Manager. Vidosh will be overseeing the daily accounting cycle for ASNT and all its subsidiaries.

ASNT member **Raj Venkatachalam** has been promoted to Senior Systems



Engineering Manager at Varex Imaging Corp.

ASNT Lifetime Member **Don Locke** has started a new position as NDT Nadcap Auditor at Performance Review Institute.

HUVRdata, a next-generation Inspection Data Management Software Platform, has announced that ASNT Lifetime Member **Dave Bajula** is joining the HUVR Advisor Network (HAN). Bajula is the latest of nine industry veterans with backgrounds in a range of disciplines and asset integrity management technologies to join HAN. He brings more than 40 years of insight and perspective formed, in part, from his time as general manager of advanced NDT services at Acuren, as well as from his time as President and Chairperson of ASNT's Board of Directors.

ASNT Lifetime Member **Marybeth Miceli** has accepted an appointment to the Transportation Research Board: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine AKT60 Committee on Bridge Preservation. This is a three-year appointment, and Miceli will work with the committee to make strides on preservation, inspection, and monitoring methods.

North German high-tech company Automation Technology, located in Bad Oldesloe near Lübeck, is starting a new chapter in its 25-year company history by expanding to North America. The management of the office in the Boston metropolitan area will be taken over by US-American **Gretchen Alper**, who has already many years of experience in the field of machine vision.

MILESTONES

ASNT member **Anish Poudel** has been awarded the People's Choice Award for Best Presentation at the 2023 International Wheelset Congress conference.

CGM CIGIEMME S.p.A.'s **Eugenio Feneri**, Head of CGM Electrical Department, and **Matteo Borini**, Head of CGM Mechanical Department, have obtained the CMSE® - Certified Machinery Safety Expert certification. 

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NEW CERTIFICATIONS

ACCP Level II CWI

James Berg  
Tracy D. Blankenship  
William Braun  
Michael Curry  
Greggory Damis  
Bryan Doheny  
Eddie Estrada  
Veronica Garcia  
Chad Geary  
Dustin Haba  
Jacob Martinez  
Juan Mendez  
Kyle Morgan  
Randy Ramos  
Kyle Stevenson  
Robert Weatherholt  
Kyle Whitfield  
James Woods  
Roy J. Ybarra, Jr.

ACCP Professional Level III

Leighton McMillan, Jr.

ASNT NDT Level III

Niousha Amani  
Htet Lwin Aung  
Joshua D. Bell  
Stephanie Melissa Berry  
Young Tak Chun  
Paramaguru Dhayanalan  
Hitesh Grover  
Allan E. James  
Matthew A. Johnson  
Harold Jones  
Abdul Bari K P  
Raghupathy Kanniyappan  
Narasinga Rao Kolipaka  
Surekha Krishnan

Suraj Manjal  
Paul G. Mattison  
Efrain Munoz, Jr.  
Jamie M. Nehrkorn  
Donald A Niles, Jr.  
Sun Cheol Noh  
Joseph Perrone  
Tyler Pettit  
Slamet Riyadi  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Jishnu S. Ajay  
Derek J. Schneider  
Syedriaz Shamsudeen  
Bandaru Srinivasarao  
Antony Symonds  
Stephen Andrew Thompson  
Ikkuo Torisu  
Prabhu Velusamy  
Satish Vishwakarma

Mas Prasetyo Wibowo  
Brian A. Wright

ISQ - Oil & Gas (UTT)

Landon Ansley  
Steven Brooks  
Andrew Dugo  
Justin Edwards  
Pablo Garcia  
Brendan Higginbotham  
Richard Meade  
Ramon Mendoza  
Cecil Reiss  
Matheus Romano  
Matthew Sawyer  
Yong Ton  
Nathan Tullios  
Golden Ugobodu

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## JOHN CHEN

**ONE KBR Tech Fellow, KBR  
ASNT President (2023-2024)**

HOUSTON, TX

### **HOW DID YOU FIRST BECOME INVOLVED IN NDT?**

I started my graduate research project in 1995. It had to do with ultrasonic testing. Since then, I have been more or less working in NDT, mostly within the materials engineering field.

### **CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING?**

I have six ASNT NDT Level III certificates, a CWI from AWS, and a Professional Engineer license from six states. Every job I've had has provided training opportunities for me, on average a full week (maybe more) of away-from-your-job-type training each year for the past 20 years. A lot of this training has been directly in NDT techniques; others are attending seminars to learn new things.

### **WHAT'S YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?**

I received a BE in 1995, a PhD in 1999, and another PhD in 2005. They are all in materials engineering and welding engineering. I grew up in an atmosphere where my mother and father had always emphasized the necessity of college and graduate studies. So, I always thought a college degree is a must-have for all.

### **IS YOUR WORK FOCUSED ON A PARTICULAR FIELD?**

My day-to-day work focuses on routine NDT methods and procedures that have already matured and need be codified into industry standards. I review a lot of NDT procedures. The part of KBR I'm involved in encompasses engineering, procurement, and construction work. The company bids on large projects and after winning the projects—usually whole industry plants—the plants get designed and built. When the equipment, pressure vessels, piping, and so on, are being built in the shop and erected in the field, I make sure that the NDT procedures used meet construction code requirements.

### **DESCRIBE YOUR WORKING ENVIRONMENT.**

I work in an office most of time but there are occasions I need to visit shops or construction sites.

Sometimes I work alone; other times I am a member of a larger team.

### **ARE YOU INVOLVED IN YOUR SECTION?**

I've served in officer, director, committee chair, and committee member

positions for the Greater Houston Section. I've been serving at the national level for ASNT for awhile. I have served in officer, director, committee member, and committee chair positions (including Technical Editor of *Materials Evaluation*), and I start my term as President this July. I have come to know many, many individuals in the industry, who I would have never come to know if I had not been volunteering for ASNT.

### **HOW HAS NDT CHANGED DURING YOUR CAREER? WHAT TRENDS DO YOU SEE?**

Digitalization. This will continue and is an enabling technology for artificial intelligence.

### **WHAT'S BEEN YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE ON THIS JOURNEY?**

There are so many things to learn, at the same time new technologies are constantly coming out. It is overwhelming at times to keep pace with the new developments and frustrating at times to realize that I have never really understood anything. One of the challenges is to get used to that, yet not give up learning.

### **WOULD YOU SHARE WITH US A PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL BUCKET LIST ITEM?**

Once I had a wish to get a Level III in all the methods that ASNT offers a Level III certificate. Now I know how hard it really is to be truly qualified and certified in all methods.

### **DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE THAT INSPIRES YOUR WORK OR PERSONAL LIFE?**

Treat everyone the same way you want them to treat you.

**ME**

