

SOCIETY ELECTIONS

ASNT is a member-driven association, meaning that its members are responsible for governing the organization. This involves making and enforcing decisions through policy. Once a year, an election is held where members can vote for candidates for the Board of Directors, who then oversee the association's governance, leadership, and strategic planning. Following are some frequently asked questions about ASNT's election process.

Q: How are candidates for the Board of Directors selected?

A: ASNT revamped its selection process three years ago by creating a Leadership Development Committee (LDC). The LDC assesses the current Board's competencies, identifies gaps, and publishes a call for interest. The LDC also reaches out to members with demonstrated skills and leadership potential, inviting them to apply.

Q: When is the call published?

A: The call for interest is posted by 1 December each year. Applicants are invited to answer a few questions and share their experience via an online application, which is due by 1 January. The Committee may also directly solicit interest from qualified members. To be considered as a candidate, applicants must be members in good standing, have the support of their employer, sign a conflict-of-interest disclosure, and agree to fulfill the duties outlined in Policy J-03, "ASNT Board of Directors Job Description," available on asnt.org.

Q: What criteria are used to select Board candidates?

A: The LDC conducts a gap analysis to determine the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed on the Board. They focus on competencies required to lead ASNT toward its

strategic goals. Competencies such as financial acumen are always needed, regardless of specific objectives.

Q: How does the nomination process work?

A: The LDC reviews candidate applications based on criteria designed to fill competency gaps, and subsequently recommends at least four candidates to the current ASNT Board of Directors by 31 January. The Board reviews these recommendations, formally completes the nomination process, and places the nominees on a ballot for members.

Q: How often are elections held?

A: Per Policy G-01, "Nominations, Appointments, and Elections," elections are held every year for the ASNT Board of Directors. Elections are held online from 15 March to 15 April. Four directors are elected by the members to serve three-year terms.

Q: What if there are still competency gaps after the election?

A: If there are still gaps after the nomination and election process, the Board is authorized to appoint one Director each year to address these needs. This is a recent addition to the governance system and was used for the first time in 2024.

Q: Are write-in candidates allowed?

A: Per ASNT policy, write-in candidates are not allowed.


Q: How are officers of the Society selected?

A: The Board of Directors is responsible for electing the Vice President. The positions of President, Chair of the Board, and Immediate Past Chair of the Board are filled through a succession process. Officer terms are for one year.

Q: How can members get involved in ASNT's governance?

A: Members interested in leading ASNT are encouraged to get involved at various levels, including sections, committees, councils, and working groups. Volunteering in these areas allows members to learn about ASNT and demonstrate their skills. Opportunities can be found on the Volunteer Portal on ASNT's website at volunteer.asnt.org.

Q: How can I learn more about ASNT elections?

A: To learn more about ASNT's election process, please refer to Policy G-01, "Nominations, Appointments, and Elections," available at asnt.org. 

Q&A is a column intended to answer questions about ASNT's programs, publications, events, certification, and other happenings.

CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, OH
15 APRIL 2024
14 ATTENDING

► The Cleveland Section held a meeting at Mavis Winkles Restaurant in Twinsburg, Ohio. Speaker Peter Pelayo, Met-L-Chek Product Manager at McGean, presented the modern history of liquid penetrant inspection from a penetrant materials manufacturer's perspective. His talk included the changes in the test method from visible to fluorescent dyes and included the transition from mercury vapor UV lamps to LED UV lamps. Also addressed was the question, "How small of a crack can be found with penetrant inspection?"

COLORADO

DENVER, CO
11 APRIL 2024
8 ATTENDING

► The Colorado Section met at EVRAZ North America in Pueblo, Colorado. The meeting consisted of a tour and overview of the EVRAZ "Rail Weld Line," where rail is electrically flash butt welded to provide continuously welded rail to the railroad industry.

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GROTON, CT
15 MAY 2024
24 ATTENDING

► A joint meeting of the Connecticut Yankee Section and the AWS was held at the Elks Lodge in Groton, Connecticut. Max Richardson, a student in the Nuclear Engineering Technology program at Three Rivers Community College, was awarded a US\$500 scholarship for his essay on nondestructive testing in a nuclear power plant. This was followed by Martin Dahl of Rad Source Technologies, who delivered a presentation focusing on the company's new digital imaging inspection system.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, MN
18 APRIL 2024
15 ATTENDING

► "Weld Failure Analysis" was the focus of this Minnesota Section event and facility tour, held at Materials Evaluation and Engineering Inc. in Plymouth, Minnesota, and hosted by CEO and Principal Engineer Larry Hanke and Principal Materials Engineer Dan Grice. The event covered various failure analysis scenarios in a variety of materials and included a tour of their material characterization and testing laboratory and its capabilities.

SAUDI ARABIAN

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA
17 APRIL 2024
95 ATTENDING

► The Saudi Arabian Section held its sixth technical dinner meeting for the 2023-2024 program year at the Mercure Hotel Khobar in Al Khobar. Gareth Mugford, Product Manager for NDT Scanners & Solutions at Eddyfi Technologies, delivered a presentation on "Turnkey Phased Array Solutions."

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PARTICIPATE

SAVE THE DATE: SECOND ANNUAL ASNT FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Location: Wildhorse Golf Club,
Henderson, NV

Date: 19 October 2024

Get ready to swing into action at ASNT's exciting charity golf tournament! Whether you're a pro or just starting out, come join the fun and support a great cause before our annual conference kicks off.

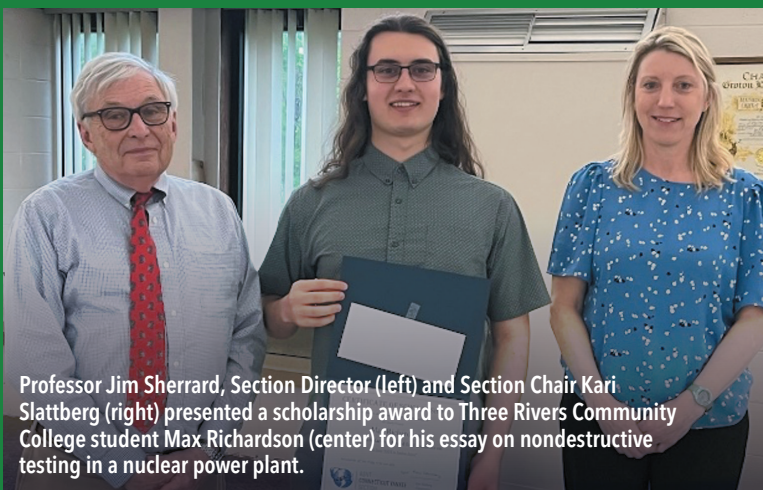
Network with industry pals, enjoy delicious food and drinks, and grab some cool swag. Plus, there are fantastic prizes up for grabs!

All proceeds benefit the ASNT Foundation, helping to advance nondestructive testing (NDT) through scholarships, grants, research, and workforce development.

Don't miss out! Make plans to join us for a day of golf, camaraderie, and giving back. More information will be posted on asntfoundation.org as it becomes available.

Save the date and see you on the green!

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Professor Jim Sherrard, Section Director (left) and Section Chair Kari Slattberg (right) presented a scholarship award to Three Rivers Community College student Max Richardson (center) for his essay on nondestructive testing in a nuclear power plant.