



The US Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has named

Kathryn L. Beers as the new director of the agency's Material Measurement Laboratory (MML).

MML, one of NIST's six research laboratories, conducts measurement science research in the chemical, biological, and material sciences and contributes technical expertise to the development of standards. MML has more than 850 staff members and visiting scientists performing fundamental and applied research to advance measurement science in ways that promote innovation, protect health and safety, and improve quality of life.

A polymer chemist by training, Beers joined NIST as a National Academies/ National Research Council (NRC) postdoc in 2000 after earning a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University. She later served as director of the Combinatorial Methods Center in the Polymers Division and led the Renewable Polymers Project in the Polymers Division and the Polymers and Complex Fluids Group in the Materials Science and Engineering Division.

Beers also served as deputy division chief of the Polymers Division at NIST and as the assistant director for physical sciences and engineering in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In 2020, she became manager of the Circular Economy Program, which focuses on standards and technologies needed to support a more sustainable economy.



The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing (BINDT) has announced the appointment of **Corinne**

Mackle to Deputy CEO, alongside her current responsibilities as Head of Publishing, Media, and Marketing and

Editor of the Institute's publications. In her new role, Mackle will deputize for CEO David Gilbert both internally and externally as appropriate.

Mackle has been a member of the Institute's senior management team since 2012 and regularly attends meetings of the Institute's key committees and working groups, including Council, to assist and inform as the committees develop, refine, and implement their strategic objectives. She joined the Institute's publishing department in 2005 and has been instrumental in the continual development and improvement of all publications, communications, and promotional activities. She has served as editor of the Institute's publications, including its journal, *Insight*, and *NDT News*, since January 2018.



NDT Global introduced **Aly M. Marson** as the latest addition to their team of commercial account execu-

tives in the US region. With over seven years of experience at NDT Global, Marson brings a wealth of knowledge to the industry and a passion for educating companies on ultrasonic inline inspections.

Ahmed Al-Dadah has departed his position as Senior Vice President of Integrated Solutions at KBR Inc. after six years with the company. "At Integrated Solutions, we grew our team to over 7000 strong across the globe over the past few years," Al-Dadah said, "and through implementing the Reimagine KBR strategy, together we delivered outstanding results through the team's exceptional performance and dedication."

APPOINTMENTS



Barry Schieferstein, CAE, CMP, DES, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer (COO) of

ASNT. Schieferstein joined ASNT in 2018 and served over six years as Director of Events, playing a key role in planning and executing significant events that boosted the organization's industry presence. As COO, he will oversee and optimize daily operations and revenue-generating activities, excluding ASNT's subsidiary companies.

Before joining ASNT, Schieferstein spent most of his adult life in retail sales management. In 2013, he transitioned to conference planning, discovering a passion for orchestrating large-scale events. His career in conference planning included positions with the Ohio Department of Higher Education and The Ohio State University, providing valuable experience and a solid foundation for his role at ASNT. He is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) by the Events Industry Council, and certified Digital Event Strategist (DES) by the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA).



Nealy Wheat, CAE, SPHR, took on the role of Chief Financial and Administrative Officer (CFAO) at ASNT starting

this month. In this expanded position, she is responsible for providing strategic financial guidance, ensuring robust financial management, and overseeing the administrative operations of ASNT and its subsidiaries. Her oversight extends to finance, human resources, marketing and communications, business development, and information technology functions.

Wheat joined the ASNT team in January 2024, bringing over 20 years of experience in association management across a variety of sectors including statewide trade and professional organizations, international charities, and chambers of commerce. She is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).



Dalton Vidosh was promoted to Director of Finance at ASNT beginning this month. Vidosh joined

ASNT in 2018 as an Accountant, then in 2022 transitioned into the role of Senior Accountant, where he excelled in managing complex financial tasks. He was promoted to Accounting Manager in 2023, where he played a pivotal role in streamlining financial processes and fostering team cohesion. Reporting to the CFAO, Vidosh will collaborate on strategic financial planning and budgeting and oversee monthly financials, the annual financial audit, and tax preparation.



Debbie Segor, CAE, has been promoted to Director of Marketing and Communication at ASNT. Prior to

this role, she worked as the Marketing and Communication Manager responsible for developing and executing email marketing strategies to drive engagement, conversions, and brand loyalty. In her new role, Segor will oversee the creation and implementation of strategic marketing initiatives, manage the organization's brand and messaging, and lead the marketing team in driving engagement and growth. She has worked at ASNT for nearly nine years, spending her first five years in the membership and engagement department.



Garra Liming has stepped into the role of Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs for ASNT. Liming has

been a dedicated ASNT staff member for 17 years, serving as the Director of Marketing and Communications for the past decade. In this new position, she will oversee the society's advocacy and legislative affairs agenda. Reporting directly

to the CEO, she will be instrumental in shaping and executing ASNT's public relations strategies, managing government relations activities, and advocating for the organization's mission and interests to external stakeholders, including policymakers, government agencies, the media, and ASNT volunteers and members.



New Associate Editor **Stefanie Laufersweiler** joined the ASNT publishing department in May.

As part of the publishing team, her focus will largely be on contributing to ASNT's journals, *Materials Evaluation* and *Research in Nondestructive Evaluation*. Laufersweiler brings years of publishing experience to her role at ASNT. She began her career at *Columbus Monthly* magazine in Columbus, Ohio, before transitioning to F+W Media, a global publisher of fine art, craft, and sewing books. There, she advanced to the role of Senior Editor. After leaving F+W Media, she focused on her family and pursued a freelance writing and editing career. Laufersweiler lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband, Matt, and their four children, and she still enjoys writing about artists when she has time.

Paul Lang has taken on the role of Chief Global Strategy Officer in addition to his continuing roles as Executive Director of ASNT Certification Services LLC and Director of Global Certification and Accreditation for ASNT.

Kelly Florian was promoted from Digital Marketing Specialist at ASNT to Digital Marketing Manager effective 1 July 2024.

Jesus "Jesse" Hernandez was recently named Facility Manager of the ASNT Houston facility, after serving as its Lead NDT Technician since January 2023.

RECOGNITIONS

The International Committee for Non-Destructive Testing (ICNDT)

recognized several members of ASNT for making major contributions in the field of NDT. The following awards were presented by ICNDT on 27 May 2024 at the opening ceremony of the 20th World Conference on Non-Destructive Testing (WCNDT) in Incheon, Korea:

- ▶ Pawlowski Award, for the promotion of NDT internationally: **David Gilbert**
- ▶ Roentgen Award, for NDT science and technology: **Shant Kenderian, PhD**
- ▶ Sokolov Award, for NDT research: **Roman Maev, PhD**

In addition, the Committee recognized **Misty Haith, PhD**, and **Hojeon Seo, PhD**, with the Young Achiever Award, for achievement of young people in NDT.

RETIREMENT

Aqueos, who specializes in marine construction, commercial diving, vessel contracting, and ROV (remotely



operated vehicle) services, announced the retirement of **Travis Detke**, effective 31 May 2024. Detke worked for Aqueos the past 12 years, serving as its VP of Operations for 10.5 years and as VP of Sales for the remaining 1.5 years. He is retiring with over 50 years of oilfield experience, including 47 in the offshore diving industry. Detke, known for his focus on safety and his support of the diving industry, began his offshore career with Subsea International in the North Sea, came ashore with Subsea in various positions, and subsequently worked with Global Industries, TransCoastal Marine, Aquatica/Cal Dive International, and Aqueos. **ME**

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**ASNT President (2024-2025)
Senior Director, Varex Imaging
HOUSTON, TX**

HOW DID YOU BEGIN YOUR CAREER IN NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING (NDT)?

Probably like most people who are in NDT: by accident. I was in my second year at Marshall University, pursuing an accounting degree. I ran into a friend from high school who told me, "If you're bored, come see what we do." I started working for a company that did in-house nondestructive evaluation (NDE) for a company that built power plants. That was 1978.

with customers, doing training, applications development, and helping with techniques and procedures. I travel probably 40 weeks out of the year. I've been to every continent except Antarctica, and every state in the US. I've had the opportunity to see so many places.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE CONSIDERING A CAREER IN NDE?

Learn as many different things as you can. While it's great to be really good at one thing, it's also important to have a working knowledge of everything in NDE, because it changes, right? The hot button of today may be gone tomorrow, so the more you can learn and get exposed to, the better.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE WORK THAT YOU CURRENTLY DO?

I work for a company that manufactures digital imaging equipment and X-ray machines, so my main method is radiographic testing, and that's where I've been for the last 16 years. I spend a lot of time face-to-face

HOW HAS THE NDT INDUSTRY CHANGED THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER?

Until the mid '90s, we were very focused on construction and equipment fabrication. But then there was a big shift in what NDE is primarily used for. Today it's so much more in-service NDE, since assets are being required to last longer. Bridges, airplanes—you pick any industry, and the NDE focus is on maintaining existing assets. We still do construction, but not on the same scale as we did 30-40 years ago.

YOU'RE ABOUT TO START YOUR TENURE AS ASNT PRESIDENT. IS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU'RE EXCITED TO WORK ON?

I'm fortunate to be involved with the ASNT Strategic Management Committee, and we've got a lot of things teed up. Certainly, drawing more people into the industry is very important. Also, reviewing our legacy programs and models for training and certification—they work, but they're 60 years old. The industry and much of what we do has changed. What is the workforce of tomorrow, what are the skills needed, and how do we prepare people for it? That's my primary focus for the next couple of years.

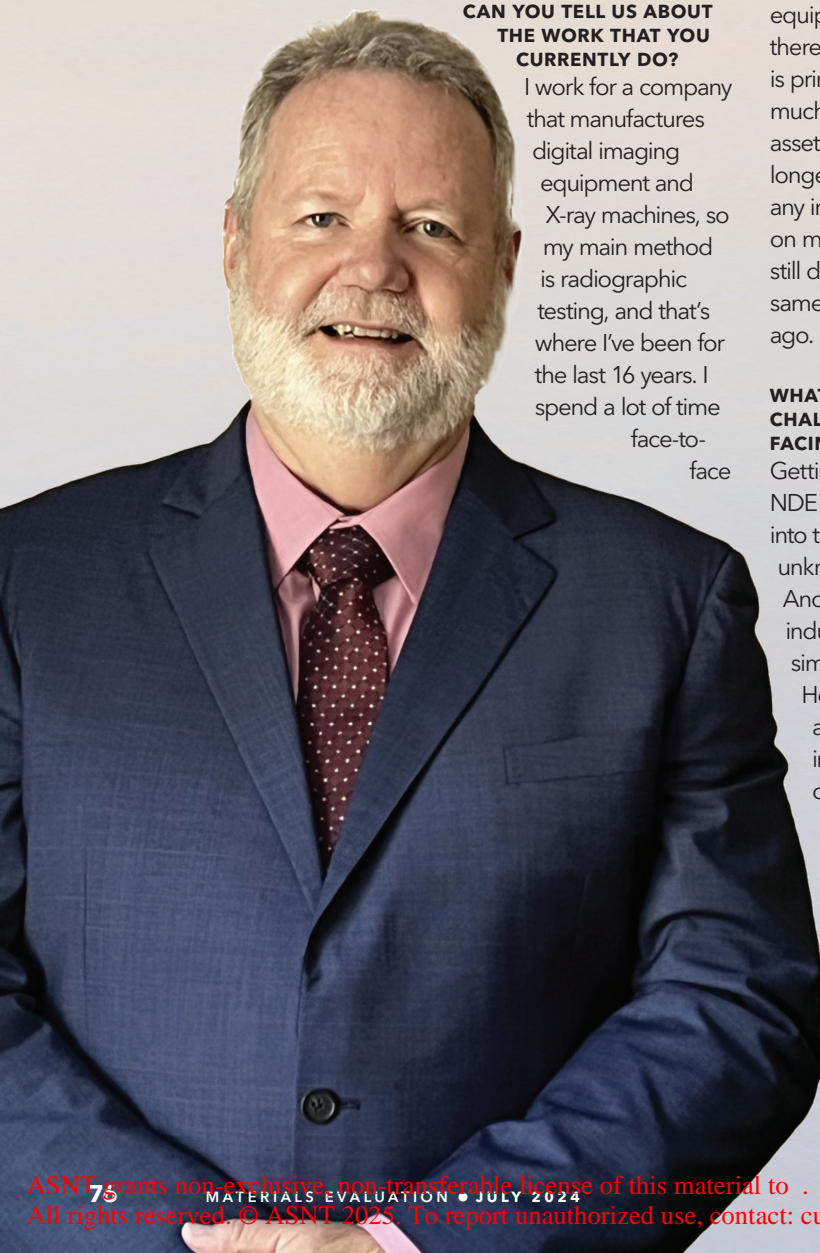
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACING THE INDUSTRY?

Getting people to know what NDE is about and bringing them into the profession. It's such an unknown field, but so important. And, at least in the US, the industry is so understaffed, very similar to every skilled trade.

How do we get the word out about NDE and its importance in day-to-day life? I think that's our biggest challenge.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE THAT INSPIRES YOUR LIFE?

Particularly in our business, you see the catastrophes that can happen if we fail to do NDE or fail to do it correctly. My go-to saying is, "There's never a wrong time to do the right thing." **ME**



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