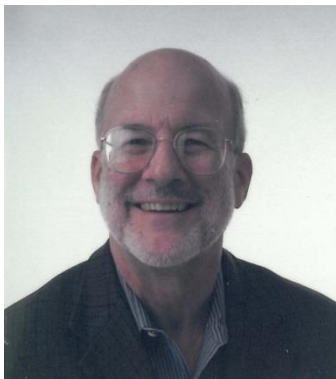




Joseph H. Comer, III
President Elect Acceptance Speech
2013 SNAME Annual Meeting & Expo
Awards Luncheon
Friday, November 8, 2013



Mr. President, Members of Council, distinguished guests,
Members of SNAME and Friends.

What a great honor to be elected as the Society's 9th
President Elect.

And it is very humbling to follow the previous 50 Presidents of
such stature in our industry.

I look forward to working with President Noble and Vice
President of Planning Rich Mueller, as the Society's Membership Chair this coming
year. With the encouragement of our President, our strategic plan has a Big Tent
initiative to provide real value to our whole Society. Not just the engineering and
design folks, but shipyards, operators and manufacturers of marine equipment.

Thinking about this Big Tent initiative over the last couple of years, I realized I am a
product of this type of dissemination of knowledge. Howard Bunch instilled in me
the idea of Ship Manufacturing and what it meant to the whole chain of events that it
takes to build a ship. Thank you Howard. And Prof. Armin Troesch for delivering
Howard's remarks.

Tom Mackey made sure I was engaged in SNAME – relentlessly. Thank you Tom.

And Bruce provided the business acumen 12 years ago when I decided to stop
working for shipyards and work for myself. Thank you Bruce.

This is part of the Big Tent that makes us SNAME. We are SNAME.

Please indulge me a couple of other examples.

Kirk Rawl was a shipyard purchasing agent who taught me how to technically specify large castings. We are SNAME.

Lloyd Mercer was an outside machinist who taught me why my calculations might not always work in the field. We are SNAME.

Don Rinehart was an EMD salesman who taught me that there was more technical information required to order an engine than just point to one in the book. We are SNAME.

Over 120 years ago the New York Times reported on Nov 28, 1892, 'It is announced today (Nov 27th) that the most prominent and influential persons in the shipbuilding and shipping interests of the United States have completed the preliminary organization of a professional society of high standing to be called 'The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers', whose object shall be to promote the art of shipbuilding in all its branches, both commercial and naval'.

The next time you need knowledge, that purchasing agent, outside machinist or manufacturer may be sitting right next to you at the SNAME Annual Meeting or a Section Meeting.

Thank you so much for your confidence. We are SNAME. Now the world over.