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SNAME Technical Director Prof. Alan Rowen Retires

Professor Alan Rowen concludes his service on the staff of SNAME today following ten years at SNAME world headquarters. While officially “retired,” Prof. Rowen will continue to assist with some SNAME business under the new title of PE CE Course Evaluator and Coordinator. In this capacity he will evaluate papers submitted for PE credit and arrange book reviews.

Phil Kimball, SNAME’s Executive Director, remarked on Professor Rowen’s service to SNAME. “Alan provided a significant technical presence for the Society over the past ten years, and especially at Headquarters where he was quick to provide the staff with understandable explanations to complicated engineering subjects.”

Professor Rowen spent nearly a quarter-century on the faculty of Webb Institute of Naval Architecture directly prior to joining SNAME’s staff. He was Webb Institute’s first Rosenblatt Professor of Marine Engineering.



Professor Alan Rowen

After graduating from the Maritime College of the State University of New York in 1965 he sailed on merchant ships as a watchstanding engineer, later returning to the Maritime College as an Engineering Watch Officer and Instructor. Subsequently he joined the Naess Shipping Group, and later moved to London as Manager of New Construction, but returned to New York in 1977 to teach at Webb Institute. While at Webb Prof. Rowen worked as a research associate and as an independent consultant. He contributed to a number of publications that are widely used in the industry, by students at Webb Institute, and at other schools.

Prof. Rowen is a Life Fellow of SNAME. He served as chairman of several Technical and Research entities during his 40 years of membership in SNAME, including service as chair of the Ships' Machinery Committee from 1994 to 2000. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineers and an officer of the Institute's Eastern USA Branch.

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