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North American Geosynthetics Society – 2015 Election Nominee Biographies

The NAGS 2015 Election will be held from 3 December – 17 December 2014. Ballots will be cast electronically, each member in good standing may cast one vote each for President Elect and Treasurer. There are 3 open Vice Presidential seats on the board. Each NAGS Member in good standing may cast up to 3 votes for the Vice Presidential seats, the order of selection of up to 3 candidates does not affect the weight of the vote – each vote shall count as one point for the candidate. The three candidates with the highest number of votes will be the successful candidates.

If you have any questions about the voting process you may contact:

For questions concerning the election process or candidates please contact

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CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT ELECT - TERM 2015-2017



RICHARD BRACHMAN

Dr. Brachman is a Professor of Civil Engineering at Queen's University. He has been an active volunteer in the geosynthetics field serving: on the Editorial Board of both Geotextiles and Geomembranes and Geosynthetics International, as a Vice-President of NAGS, and as the Chair of the Geosynthetics Division of the Canadian Geotechnical Society. Dr. Brachman's expertise is on assessing the physical response of geosynthetic liners and buried structures using innovative large-scale experiments, field studies and numerical analysis. His unique scholarly contributions are related to determining the effects of stress, temperature, chemicals and time on soil-structure interactions that directly impacts how well, and how long, they perform their function. He is a co-author of the prominent book Barrier Systems for Waste Disposal Facilities. He has received six Best Paper Awards for works published in the Canadian Geotechnical Journal, Geotextiles and Geomembranes, and Geosynthetics International. His geosynthetic contributions have also been recognized with the IGS Award from the International Geosynthetics Society and the Geosynthetics Award and the Canadian Geotechnical Colloquium from the Canadian Geotechnical Society.

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CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER – TERM 2015-2019



COREY BOBBA

Corey Bobba, P.E., PMP has a B.S. and M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Rhode Island. Mr. Bobba works for the Federal Highway Administration, currently in the Rhode Island Division, as the Program Development Team Leader. He and the team are responsible for stewardship of federal funding that supports surface transportation, including coordination of programs and projects with state, municipal, federal, and many other partners and customers. Corey has held multiple positions in multiple locations, with broad and varying responsibilities over 13+ years. His experience spans project and program stewardship and oversight activities in engineering delivery, systems planning, performance management, innovation and technical assistance, and product and process improvement for local and national initiatives. He is a member of the TRB committee on Strategic Management and a past member of the Transportation Earthworks and Foundations of Bridges and Other Structures committees. He is the current treasurer of NAGS.

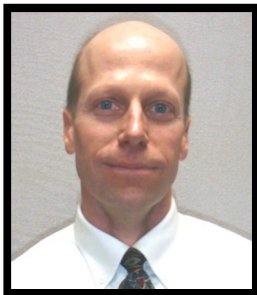


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CANDIDATES FOR 3-VICE PRESIDENTIAL SEATS – TERM 2015 - 2019



STAN BOYLE

Stan Boyle, Ph.D., P.E., is Vice President and Technical Director for Shannon & Wilson, Inc., working from their Seattle, Washington office. Stan is a geotechnical engineer with expertise in MSE retaining walls, reinforcement geosynthetics, construction on soft soils, ground improvement, lightweight fill, dams, levees, and landslide characterization and stabilization. Stan earned a PhD from the University of Washington under Dr. Bob Holtz in 1995, where he studied the deformation characteristics of geosynthetic reinforced soil retaining walls.

Since entering consulting engineering practice in 1996, Stan has stayed active in the geosynthetics industry by participating at geosynthetics conferences and designing numerous projects that have included geosynthetics, such as: MSE walls, reinforced slopes, embankment base reinforcement, drainage composites, filter and separation geotextiles, geomembranes, and lightweight EPS embankments.

Stan is the Organizing Committee Chair for the Geosynthetics 2015 conference, and was previously a Technical Session Co-Chair for Geosynthetics 2013 and a Session Chair for Geosynthetics 2009. He is active in a number of professional organizations, including the ASCE/G-I Seattle Section Geotechnical Group, Geo-Institute, ACEC, and ISSMGE.



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JOHN S. MCCARTNEY

Before joining the UC San Diego faculty, John S. McCartney was an associate professor and Lyall faculty fellow at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has received several research awards, including the ASCE Casagrande award in 2013, the J. James R. Croes medal from ASCE in 2012, the DFI Young Professor Award in 2012, the NSF Faculty Early Development (CAREER) Award in 2011, and the Young IGS Award from the International Geosynthetic Society in 2008. His teaching efforts were recognized by the 2012 Shamsheer Prakash Prize for Excellence in Teaching of Geotechnical Engineering. For his service on ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock, he has received the President's Leadership Award in 2013 and the Richard S. Ladd D18 Standards Development Award in 2011. He is active on the editorial boards for ASCE Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering (JGGE), ASTM Geotechnical Testing Journal (GTJ), Computers and Geotechnics, Geosynthetic International, and Soils and Foundations. He received BSCE and MSCE degrees from the University of Colorado Boulder and a Ph.D. degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.



DHANI NAREJO, PH.D., PE

Dr. Dhani Narejo is a geotechnical and geosynthetic engineering consultant based in Conroe, TX. He is a registered professional engineer in the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana with more than fifteen years of experience. He graduated from Drexel University in 1994 with a Ph.D. in Geosynthetic and has published more than 75 peer-reviewed papers. He has designed projects with geosynthetic on all five continents in such fields as erosion control, earth retention systems, liner systems, slope stabilization and geotechnical field investigation. Dr. Narejo is a member of the North American Geosynthetic Society and International Geosynthetic Society, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Society of Testing & Materials. He has been twice recognized by the International Geosynthetic Society for his contribution to the geosynthetic literature.



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ANAMARIE STRALLA

Anamarie Stralla is a native of Nevada who relocated to the Washington D.C. metro area in 2000. Anamarie received her degree from Georgia Technical College in Applied Technology and has been actively employed in the geosynthetic industry since 1983, with a particular emphasis on: erosion control, drainage and stormwater management. Anamarie is currently the Sales & Customer Service Director of Maccaferri, Inc. where she has worked for over 20 years. Anamarie has extensive experience working with various agencies, engineers, distribution companies and manufacturers providing

Anamarie a comprehensive understanding of the industry and its participants. As a NAGS representative Anamarie would work to support an increased effort by NAGS to engage its members and to develop resources & services aimed at supporting the growth of the geosynthetic discipline throughout the Americas via education.
