



You deserve an UPGRADE!

Thank you for your years of loyal support to SNAME. We think, we believe, we know you deserve an **Upgrade....an Upgrade** of your membership! You are invited to **Upgrade** your membership from that of an Associate Member to Full Member.

Full membership in SNAME requires a level of competence and experience in engineering or science closely allied with the marine industry. If you have been an Associate Member for 15 years or more and believe you may qualify for Full Membership, we encourage you to submit an application which will be promptly reviewed by the Applications Committee.

Our bylaws explain that a Member must have a level of competence in NA, ME, OE or other associated engineering or science field.

The grade of Member may be accorded exclusively to persons having competence and important experience in naval architecture, marine engineering, ocean engineering, or another phase of engineering or science closely allied with the marine industry. A candidate who is a graduate of a recognized technical institution or other institution satisfactory to the Society shall have had not less than five years of increasingly important engineering or scientific experience indicative of growth, competency, and achievement, at least two of which shall have been in responsible charge of work. A candidate possessing a Professional Engineer's license or equivalent will be deemed to have given evidence of engineering or scientific experience indicative of growth, competency and achievement with at least two years in responsible charge of work. Alternatively, a candidate who is not a graduate of a recognized technical institution shall have had not less than nine years of engineering or scientific experience indicative of growth, competency, and achievement, at least two of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

You may be asking yourself, "Why should I upgrade my membership? What are the benefits? Why should I take advantage of this offer today?" Upgrading your membership:

- **Recognizes** your accomplishments and experience,
- **Rewards** your loyalty to SNAME and years in the industry and
- **Qualifies** you for a **new certificate** while **retaining your original join date** (an important consideration for future potential Society awards and recognition)

And best of all, there is no charge for an upgrade, and your annual dues remain at the same level.

Should you wish to make the upgrade, there are just a few steps involved:

1. Go to www.SNAME.org,
2. Click on the "**Membership**" tab on the top navigation bar,
3. In the drop down menu, choose "Join, Renew or Upgrade Your Membership,"
4. Select "**Upgrade Your Membership**" and click on "**SNAME Membership Application**,"
5. On the application, select "**Change Your Grade to**" and choose "**Member**,"
6. Be sure to include your membership number, updated contact information and provide updated industry experience and related accomplishments. Documents may be attached electronically.
 - Your upgrade request will be reviewed by the Applications Committee and
 - You will be quickly notified when confirmed.

It's as simple as visiting the SNAME website, and in a few clicks, you can **UPGRADE** your membership. We value you as a SNAME member and would like to show you our appreciation thru an upgraded title which bears added recognition and prestige.

Should you have any questions or require assistance on the application form or references, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Davis, Membership Services at (201) 499-5058, or via email at ldavis@sname.org.

Take advantage of this offer today! Apply for your upgrade!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Ostin".

Nancy Ostin, Director of Membership & Marketing

PS: Don't miss out anything SNAME. Be sure you are getting the most out of your SNAME membership. Contact the Membership Department with any questions, or with any ideas you wish to share. We are always here to listen and engage our members!