# Report from ANS & Post Election Wrap-Up: What does it mean

for nuclear energy?

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#### A Bit About Me

- 9 years in US Navy
- 5 years at NRC
- Nuclear industry









#### A Bit About Me

- 1985 EXCEL
- All 104 nuclear plants
- Global presence











### **Special Thanks**

DC ANS
Executive
Committee







#### **Topics Covered Today:**

- Status in the US
- Impact of the Election
- ANS Update & Successes









#### **US Update: New Builds**

 Last year significantly advanced nuclear power in US



- Two new reactors licensed
- Some divisiveness in nuclear community, especially at Nuclear Regulatory Commission





#### **US Update: New Builds**

First new licenses issued in 30 years

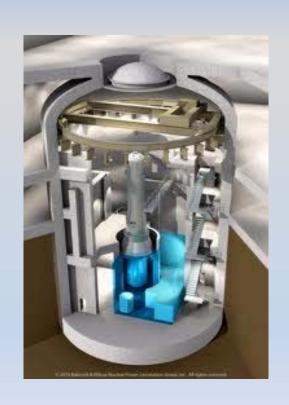
- Two new plants licensed for construction in the southeast
- Represents a new chapter in US nuclear energy
- Not possible without ANS support and a knowledgeable local population





#### **US Update: Technology**

- Leading the world in development of SMR technology
- Important work in converting weapons uranium into fuel
- Fulfilling US role in nonproliferation







#### **US: Current Snapshot**

- Hurricane Sandy plants easily withstood hurricane, but some still offline
- Any media or public concern about another Fukushima not realized







#### **US: Current Snapshot**

- Still challenges ahead –
   Exelon profits down 50%
   as a result of higher
   nuclear fuel costs and
   lower energy prices
- Waste Confidence Rule study still pending







**US Update: Elections** 

- Second Obama term will be adverse to increased fossil fuel use
- Continued support for wind and solar
- Hot/cold support for nuclear
- Unfortunately, cut funding for SMRs at Savannah River





#### **US Update: Elections**

- Balance of power has not changed
- Dysfunction and gridlock likely to continue







#### **US Update: Elections Cont'd**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Obama Admin will remain declared supporter of nuclear
- Fiscal pressures will weigh on nuclear R&D
- Little forward progress on waste







#### **Election & ANS: Yucca Mountain**

Under Obama administration, for political, not scientific nor technical reasons, funding was withdrawn from licensing application







#### **Election & ANS: Yucca Mountain**

- Obama has withdrawn license application; NRC work has stopped
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- Court may very well order NRC to finish work on license in '13
- Further progress tough -Harry Reid still Majority Leader







#### **ANS Successes: Yucca Mountain**

 ANS recognized the importance of the site, and the technical importance of the licensing process



- President Loewen publicly objected, urging NRC commissioners to complete licensing process
  - Sent letters to commissioners
  - Letter covered in national media outlets







### Yucca Nuclear Site Returns Aug 28, 2011 12:34 PM EDT Leadling nuclear scientists are challenging the government's decision to abandon our only proposed nuclear waste repository, Daniel Stone reports exclusively.

Yucca Mountain, long touted as the answer to the <u>nation's nuclear waste problem</u>, was canceled by the Obama administration in 2009. But now the country's leading group of nuclear scientists and engineers is demanding tha In a strongly worded letter

obtained exclusively by The Daily
Beast, Eric Loewen, president of
the American Nuclear Society,
this week urged the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission to

complete the agency's mandated

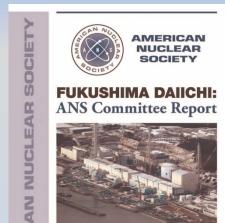
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started four years ago

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#### **ANS Successes: Fukushima**

- Issued Fukushima Report on 1st Anniversary
- Recognized world-wide
- Seminal resource for Scientists,
   Engineers, Students, Policy Makers,
   Citizens



A Report by The American Nuclear Society Special Committee on Fukushima

March 2012





#### **ANS Successes: SMRs**

- Remarkable opportunity for the future, both at home and abroad
- Proud to say I was Program Chair for SMR Conference at November, 2011 ANS Winter Meeting



2011 ANS
Winter Meeting and
Nuclear Technology Expo

ctober 30-November 3, 2011 Washington, DC Omni Shoreham Hotel

EMBEDDED TOPICAL MEETINGS:
 1st ANS SMR 2011 Conference

- Young Professionals Congress 2011
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

  Nuclear Export Control and Legal Aspects
- Neutron Cross Sections for Nucle Engineers

Official Program



Eager to begin thinking about 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fission!



### ANS Successes: President's Session on Radiation

- Conducted at ANS Annual Meeting in June 2012
- Issued a report focusing on Linear No Threshold model
- Questioned the validity of assumptions







### ANS Successes: President's Session on Radiation

- Suggested more realistic approach to
  - Address health
  - Mitigate hazards
  - Set appropriate limits for sensible and realistic avoidance of radiation exposure





### ANS Successes: International Support

- Society supports robust international sections
- I've recently visited local sections in Austria, France, and India







### ANS Successes: Other International Support

I represented ANS as

ANS Vice President/Presidentelect at IAEA







### ANS Successes: Other International Support

As ANS Vice President,
President-elect, I served
as General Chair for the
Middle East and North
African New Nuclear
Build Conference in
Dubai





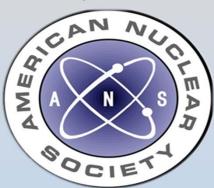


#### My Contribution to ANS

- Lifetime member since 1981, Organization member since 1986
- Member, Board of Directors, 1998-99, 2010- present
- Public Education Program Board of Trustees, 1992-2007
- Chair, Special Committee on Business Advisory, 1996-2000
- Vice President/President Elect 2012-2013
- Member of the following committees, 1996-2004: Finance, Membership, International and Public Policy
- Chair, Professional Divisions Committee, 2000-2010
- Chair, Special Committee on Young Member Development
- Vice Chair, Special Committee on Development, 2007-2009
- President, Eagle Alliance, 2007-Present
- Member, Special Committee on Utility Integration & Integration Oversight, 2007-present
- Member, Finance Committee, 2010-present
- Chair, Board Special Committee on ANS Transformation, 2010-2011
- Chair, Membership Committee, 2009-Present
- General Chair, 1996 ANS/ENS International Winter Meeting
- General Chair, 1998 ANS Meeting of the Americas
- Technical Program Chair, 1st ANS SMR Conference, 2011
- Participated in Infrastructure I, Infrastructure II, and Infrastructure III initiatives.
- Involved in numerous activities and initiatives to enhance the value and operation of the ANS.







One: Strategic Plan Implementation/Integration

- Manage strategic plan implementation/integration
- Ensure all ANS constituent units support and integrate plan consistently
- Create goals, metrics
- Drive ANS financial sustainability through Strategic









#### **Status:**

1) Working with Planning Committee and other ANS Committees to plan the consistent implementation and integration of Strategic Plan and the development of metrics and goals









#### **Status:**

2) Working with Treasurer and Finance Committee to provide for financial sustainability while still investing in ANS (like a business) to ensure our relevance/creditability and providing value to our members







Two: Membership Development

- Open ANS to <u>ALL</u> NS&T Professionals
- Incorporate <u>ALL</u> Local Section Members into National
- Create new membership category, dues structure
- Enhance membership experience through offerings/value
- "15 by 15" 15,000 members by 2015



#### **Status:**

1) Working with Membership Committee to roll out new Membership Development in early 2013







**Three:** Advance Special Committee on Utilities Integration

- Expand concept to other constituent groups;
   e.g., reactor vendors, suppliers
- Leverage possible coordination of ANS events with other organizations





#### **Status:**

- 1) Working closely with the Special Committee on Utilities Integration
- 2) Planning to establish Special Committees for:
  - a) National Labs
  - b) NSSS Vendor
  - c) Nuclear Suppliers
- 3) Working with HPS, WNA, ENS, NAS, ASME and others to better integrate our events



**Four:** Advance relationships with government organizations through ANS Washington office and other Committees (CINTAC)







#### **Status:**

1) Working with ANS Washington office to establish closer connections with Congress and all governmental offices





**Five:** Work with new Executive Director to streamline and improve governance and performance and increase transparency







#### **Status:**

1) Working with new ED to identify more efficient means of ANS Staff conducting business and the development of processes and procedures for all activities so the mechanics of ANS conduct of business are base lined and transparent





**Six:** Support fundraising efforts for Center for Nuclear Science and Technology Information







#### **Status:**

1) Identifying and calling on potential donors





Seven: Fiscal and financial management

- Establish new revenue streams
- Maintain overall costs
- Ensure sustainability of ANS







#### **Status:**

- 1) Evaluating new ANS revenue streams such as:
  - a) Meeting coordination
  - b) International outreach
  - c) International Society support and governance
- 2) Evaluating current costs versus value to determine new courses of action





#### **Status:**

3) Evaluating revenue and expenditures versus the level of member satisfaction





**Eight:** Expand Member Participation

- Enhance clear path for all members to participate in leadership and governance
  - National Society
  - Professional Divisions
  - Local Sections
  - Student Sections
  - Standards Working Groups





#### **Status:**

- 1) Identification and removal of impediments to Members participating in all levels of leadership and governance of Society
- 2) Advertising at all levels of opportunities for service to Society





**Nine:** Enhance international relevance, influence and perception

Support ANS growth globally







#### **Status:**

Have visited following countries since July 1, 2012. Spoke to nuclear industry and government leaders and Nuclear Society

Mexico, UK, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, South Korea, China, Austria, France





#### **Status:**

Met with and presented to following International Local Sections:

- Latin American Local Section
- Austria Local Section
- French Local Section
- India Local Section





**Ten:** Support current initiatives

- Support President Corradini's priorities
- CNSTI Rollout and promote Center, support fundraising, make CNSTI functional and visible within and outside ANS
- Support external education, outreach and communication generally



Center for Nuclear Science and Technology Information



#### **Status:**

- 1) Supporting presentations regarding the center and discussing pledges with industry leadership
- 2) Support outreach and public information efforts through ANS and personally





**Eleven:** 

Make ANS the "Society of Choice"







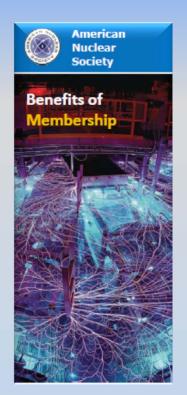
#### **Status:**

1) Planning meeting with other relevant organizations to assist in planning to this goal





#### Join ANS!



### Serve!

Do your part, and Be a part of the solution!

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#### Thank you.



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