

# Citizens for Nuclear Technology

## *CNTA serving the public on nuclear education*

CNTA has been serving the public for more than a quarter of a century. Founded in 1991 as a grass-roots organization, it remains the largest, citizen-based, non-profit nuclear science and technology education organization in the country and has aided the launch of fledglings elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada. Its members come from all walks of life but hold a common belief in the many values that nuclear science and technology bring to our world.

CNTA addresses stereotypes and misconceptions with facts. Through public forums, speeches and presentations, newspaper articles, editorial opinion pieces, and radio and television interviews, it is active and visible in the debate about nuclear energy and in support of SRS missions. It is frequently sought out for its perspectives on nuclear issues worldwide.

Our organization is made up of your family, friends and neighbors. We are here to help you understand nuclear issues and why we support nuclear activities and advances as good for our city, our state, our nation and the world. We encourage you to call us, email us, follow us on social media, or, better yet, join us!

DR. JIM MARRA  
*Executive Director, CNTA*

## Mission, vision, value

### **Mission**

CNTA serves to educate the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology with respect to our health and safety, economy, environment, and national security.

### **Vision**

CNTA will become the recognized avenue for the collective engagement of its members in increasing the awareness and support of nuclear technology and its benefits to the public.

### **Value**

Through inclusiveness and engagement, the CNTA organization and its volunteers create an influential and credible voice to provide the public with factual, objective information on nuclear subjects. CNTA also provides leadership/mentoring opportunities for its members' personal and professional growth.

## CNTA mentoring is a proven success

CNTA continues to celebrate success in mentoring all members and especially young professionals.

There are more than 340 members in CNTA and all have significant experience in many fields, including sciences, engineering, construction, operations, mathematics, communications, business administration, infrastructure, computer science, human resources, and management at all levels.

Over 20 percent of the membership has volunteered to be mentors.

"Experience is the best teacher, and it's crucial that the lessons learned in all aspects of nuclear science, and its applications, be carried into the future," said Charlie Hansen, CNTA Board of Directors.

"With the help and support of CNTA mentors, I have had the opportunity to take on a leadership role in developing and implementing a plan to increase membership," said Sunny Lunka, a young professional at Savannah River Site.

Alex Somers, another young professional involved in CNTA, shared, "The relationships I've built through CNTA have been invaluable to my professional development."

CNTA is proud to be part of ensuring future leaders will be in place to execute the missions of dozens of industries and government organizations that continue to improve our lives in the safe application and disposition of nuclear materials.

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This is particularly important to a thriving local economy in the CSRA, where important nuclear science, cleanup and energy applications are underway.

CNTA welcomes all to become members and to take advantage of our outstanding mentoring program as a mentor or mentee.

The CNTA Mentoring Program is not intended to supplant any formal company mentoring of employees but rather to supplement them.

CNTA mentors are a diverse group who offer mentees experience on a wide variety of subject matter.

This permits CNTA members to benefit from the experience of others across many companies in a low-key, informal way.

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