



## Professional Development Conference Program

### June 7

11 a.m.–12:35 p.m. ET

- **11:00 a.m.**  
**Welcome Remarks**
  - Jenny Gourley, NAYGN Professional Development Officer, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations
- **11:05 a.m.**  
**NAYGN President's Year-in-Review**
  - Amber Von Ruden, NAYGN President & Incoming Past President, ComEd/an Exelon Company
- **11:15 a.m.**  
**NAYGN and Diversity & Inclusion**
  - Lee Causey, Outgoing Past President, Catawba Nuclear Station/Duke Energy
  - NAYGN Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- **11:30 a.m.**  
**Annual NAYGN Awards**

It's time to announce and recognize the chapters and individuals from around the country who will be rewarded for their hard work in planning and executing activities while implementing the NAYGN pillars and principles!

  - Paul Balik, Outgoing NAYGN Communications Officer, Westinghouse
  - Paul Rodi, NAYGN Awards Committee Lead, Vogtle 3 & 4/Southern Company
- **12:20 p.m.**  
**NAYGN Highlights**

Highlights of important NAYGN information

  - Innovation Competition
  - Meet Your 2021-2022 NAYGN CORE Leadership
  - Announcements

## Annual Awards Overview

### **Best Chapter in Region (West, Northeast, Southwest, Midwest, Carolinas, Atlantic, Canada)**

This award recognizes the efforts of local NAYGN chapters across the for services related to the growth of members through social, community service, and professional growth activities. This award salutes chapters for overall excellence in supporting NAYGN's mission and members and serving the industry.

### **Best Chapter in Knowledge Transfer and Retention**

This award recognizes a local chapter's commitment to addressing Knowledge Transfer and Retention (KTR) in the nuclear industry. This award salutes chapters for meeting NAYGN KTR objectives and innovating/advancing KTR practices. Special consideration is given to chapters that corroborate their achievements with references or other recognition.

### **Best Chapter in Public Information**

This award recognizes a chapter's outstanding impact to engaging and informing the public.

### **Best Chapter in Professional Development**

This award recognizes a chapter's commitment and impact in developing the next generation of nuclear professionals.

### **Best Chapter in Diversity and Inclusion**

The Diversity and Inclusion award recognizes a chapter's commitment to significantly promoting diversity, inclusion, and cultural competency development among their site and community. This award is meant to highlight chapters' efforts to address key areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion; lead initiatives in capturing outcomes of increased awareness and understanding; implementing steps towards fostering an inclusive environment; or improving cultural competency through educational initiatives.

### **Best Chapter in Community Service**

The Community Service award recognizes a chapter's commitment to their community through service, volunteering, and charity. This award is intended for chapters that have demonstrated an outstanding focus on giving back to the community for which they serve and honoring those chapters that are making positive impacts to their community. This award highlights efforts of donating time, raising funds, or supporting initiatives for local causes while demonstrating to local areas the beneficial impacts of nuclear young professionals.

### **Best Up and Coming Chapter Award**

The Best Up and Coming Chapter award recognizes a chapter who has made significant steps to grow or has taken significant steps to become an active, innovative, pioneering, or leading chapter in NAYGN. This is intended to highlight a chapter that might have been recently started or became dormant, but has recently made efforts to stand back up their organization and have revitalized members through initiatives, activities, and programs.

### **Best Overall Chapter Achievement Award**

This award is given from those selected from the Best Chapter in the Region and is presented as a surprise at the NAYGN Annual Professional Development Conference.

### **Individual Achievement Awards**

The purpose of the Individual Achievement Award is to bridge the gap between the Excellence Awards, which are given for quarterly efforts and the Future Award which has historically been given for the creation of new initiatives (Innovation Competition, Clean Energy Insight Blog, etc.).

### **Future Award**

This award recognizes the efforts of an individual, or a group that best exemplifies the mission of NAYGN to prepare and plan for the future of the young generation in the field of nuclear science and technology in an innovative or unique way.

**June 8**

**11 a.m.–12:50 p.m. ET**

- **11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome Remarks**

- Amanda Lang, Incoming Vice President & Outgoing Public Information Officer, Duke Energy

- **11:05 a.m.**

**Projecting Credibility and Confidence**

Riley Greenough will set the stage for the NAYGN Professional Development Conference leadership and professional development session. Cara Alter will guide NAYGN members through a professional development session aimed at increasing our members' ability to project competence and confidence, and support unlocking each individual's maximum potential.

- Riley Greenough, NAYGN PD Conference Planning Committee Member, Curtiss-Wright
- Cara Alter, Founder, SpeechSkills

- **12:40 p.m.**

**NAYGN Highlights**

Highlights of important NAYGN information

- Introduction of the Inaugural NAYGN NucLEADers Cohort
- Announcements

**June 9**

**11 a.m.–12:50 p.m. ET**

- **11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome Remarks**

- Matthew Mairinger, Canadian Officer, Darlington Nuclear Station/Ontario Power Generation

- **11:05 a.m.**

**NAYGN Highlights**

Highlights of important NAYGN information.

- Overview of NAYGN Committees

- **11:25 a.m.**

**Where Are They Now – A Plenary Session and Q&A with Dr. Sama Bilbao y León**

Josh Bell and Jason Galloway will introduce Dr. Bilbao y León, who will share with NAYGN members her journey as one of the founding members of NAYGN to becoming the Director General of the World Nuclear Association.

- Josh Bell, NAYGN PD Conference Planning Committee Member, Dominion Energy
- Jason Galloway, NAYGN PD Conference Planning Committee Member, V.C. Summer/Dominion Energy
- Dr. Sama Bilbao y León, NAYGN Founder, Director General of World Nuclear Association

- **12:30 p.m.**

**2021 NAYGN Conference Scholarship Recipients**

Recognition of those in attendance from universities and high schools with an interest in nuclear and the scholarship lead.

- Jenny Gourley, NAYGN Professional Development Officer, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations

- **12:35 p.m.**

**Incoming NAYGN President Remarks and Conference Closing**

- Monica Block, Incoming NAYGN President & Outgoing Vice President, PECO/an Exelon Company

- **7:00 p.m.**

**NAYGN Trivia Night via MS Teams**

Join us for a nuclear-themed trivia night after the conference program ends! Six people maximum per team. Individuals will be paired randomly to increase networking if not part of a team.

- Paul Rodi, NAYGN Awards Committee Lead, Vogtle 3 & 4/Southern Company

**June 10**

**10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. ET**

- **10:00 a.m.**

**Local Chapter Lead Symposium**

All Local Chapter Leads are asked to join for a virtual symposium with NAYGN CORE Leadership and Regional Leads to align on roles and responsibilities as Local Chapter Leads, and cover other important information.

- Ashley Lawrence, US Operating Officer, Robinson/Duke Energy
- Matthew Mairinger, Canadian Officer, Darlington Nuclear Station/Ontario Power Generation

- **12:30 p.m.**

**Regional Lead Symposium**

All Regional Leads are asked to join for a virtual symposium to align on roles and responsibilities as Regional Leads, and cover other important information.

- Ashley Lawrence, US Operating Officer, Robinson/Duke Energy
- Matthew Mairinger, Canadian Officer, Darlington Nuclear Station/Ontario Power Generation