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### **STLE Launches Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

*STLE committee demonstrates society's commitment to advancing equity in the field of tribology and lubrication engineering*

**PARK RIDGE, Illinois, USA (December 14, 2023)** – The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers ([STLE](http://www.stle.org)) — the premier technical society serving the needs of the tribology and lubrication engineering business sector — is pleased to announce its first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

The committee will recommend policies, programs or activities intended to guide STLE's commitment to DEI. STLE's DEI Committee plans to achieve these goals by identifying DEI best practices, making them a part of the society's culture, and sharing them with its members and the broader tribology and lubrication engineering industry.

Elaine Hepley, Solana Consulting Services' chief executive officer, is the chair of the DEI Committee, which is comprised of seven distinct STLE members who are employed by world-leading corporations, academic institutions and government agencies – Nicolas Argibay, scientist IV, Ph.D., Ames National Laboratory – U.S. Department of Energy; Steffen Bots, CLS, OMA I, founder, LUBESERV; Aaron Greco, principal materials scientist and group leader, Argonne National Laboratory; Peter Lee, institute engineer and chief tribologist, Southwest Research Institute; Khalid Malik, lead auditor general, Nuclear Oversight, Ontario Power Generation; and Angela Pitenis, assistant professor, Materials, University of California, Santa Barbara.

“STLE prides itself on its attention to diversity, equity and inclusion,” said Hepley. “The society is dedicated to ensuring everyone feels welcome, embraced and respected. I look forward to working with everyone on this committee to further our DEI successes in 2024 and beyond.”

STLE has built DEI into its 2023-2026 strategic plan as a key goal, signifying its priority for future action and implementation. DEI will also be a standing agenda topic for all Administrative Committees serving the STLE Board of Directors — so members can identify opportunities for improvement and propose actions as needed to ensure sustained and measurable change.

To learn more about how STLE promotes DEI in the tribology and lubrication engineering industry, share comments or submit an inquiry, contact STLE's DEI Committee at [community@stle.org](mailto:community@stle.org). To learn more about STLE, visit [www.stle.org](http://www.stle.org).

#### **About the Society of Tribologists & Lubrication Engineers (STLE)**

The [Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers \(STLE\)](http://www.stle.org) is the premier technical society serving the needs of over 13,000 individuals and 200 companies and organizations that comprise the tribology and lubrication engineering business sector. STLE members are employed by the world's leading corporations, academic institutions and governmental agencies dealing with science and technology.

STLE supports these distinguished technical experts with various professional education and certification programs. STLE is a professional technical society providing robust resources in technical research, education and professional development delivered through programming, courses, events and periodicals on topics most important to you: safety, energy usage, maintenance, natural resources, wear and productivity.

Tribological advancements can improve productivity, profitability, sustainability and safety across several industries, including manufacturing, metalworking, transportation and power energy. Membership is available to those interested in staying current with the latest technologies, advancing their careers and making new professional connections worldwide. [STLE membership](#) is a low-cost investment with high professional rewards. For more information or to join today, visit [www.stle.org](http://www.stle.org).

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