

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness

25 Years of public nuclear education

Nuclear energy provides 20 percent of our nation's electricity safely and reliably. One in three Americans entering a hospital receives a procedure involving radiation, most of which are potentially life-saving. Savannah River Site (SRS) is helping protect our nation through nuclear nonproliferation. Yet the majority of Americans today do not realize the many positive advantages of nuclear power and materials—one reason Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness was created.

CNTA has been serving the public for 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 US and Canada. Its members come from all walks of life but hold a common belief in the many values of 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, CNTA is active and visible in the debate about nuclear energy and in support of SRS missions.

Our organization is made up of your family, your friends and your neighbors. We are here to help you understand nuclear issues and why nuclear activities and advances as good



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Attendees of the first-ever Teller Lecture with Dr. Edward Teller

for our city, our state, our nation and the world. We encourage you to call us, email us, or, better still, join us! We look forward to serving you for the next 25 years.

Mission:

CNTA serves to educate the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology with respect to our health, 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 for leadership/mentoring opportunities for its members' personal and professional growth.

CNTA refocuses after 25 years

The CNTA organization is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and with this milestone and recognition of the changing local conditions, a refreshed focus and direction is driving the organization.

CNTA chartered a small group to re-evaluate the current mission of the organization and to craft a new vision that would lead the organization going forward. The team reviewed other organizations in the community that had similar or overlapping functions, learned more of their make-up and operating practices, and then looked for the specific niche that fit with the will of the organization and the needs of the community. CNTA's unique value was matched to this combination of niche and need. From this was born a new Mission/Vision/Value statement for the organization, one focused around engagement with the community, education, and inclusiveness.

While CNTA began as an advocacy group for SRS, and at the time of its founding was the only such organization, conditions have changed; there are now a number of organizations that serve parts of this mission (e.g., the Economic Development Association, the American Nuclear Society – Savannah River Section, etc.). CNTA is now focused on actively engaging its members to be part of educating the community on the benefits that nuclear enterprise brings—

—whether those are jobs, health care, or STEM-mentoring capabilities—and to better share the value those capabilities bring with all members of the local area. Working in collaboration with other organizations (instead of duplicating or competing with them), CNTA focuses its education on middle- and high-school teachers, reaching several hundred every year through its workshops and seminars and providing both knowledge and teaching materials for them to provide a balanced discussion on nuclear issues within the class rooms.

During the refresh of the Mission/Vision/Value it was realized that the CNTA membership also had specific needs to be addressed. Part of the new focus is on providing leadership, networking, and mentorship opportunities for both younger and mid-career members to aid in their personal and professional growth. These networking opportunities provide for members to meet others in different companies who are engaged in performing, supporting, or benefitting from nuclear technologies.

CNTA is once again a growing and committed organization, with a vision of becoming an influential and credible voice to provide the public with factual, objective information on nuclear subjects. Membership is open to anyone in the CSRA who wants to learn more, get involved, and make a difference.

Why I am CNTA: Colleen Hart

I joined CNTA because I am in the beginning stages of my career in the nuclear industry. Even though I am from the Aiken area and had some familiarities with the Savannah River Site, I still had a vague understanding about nuclear and its benefits. Now, I've been working at SRS for a little over a year, and I am still learning more and more about the nuclear industry.



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Colleen Hart
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I was invited to join CNTA by my mentor, Dean Campbell, and decided that now is the time. I work in Public Affairs, so it's important for me to have a vast "nuclear knowledge toolbox" that I can use for my job. I plan to use the resources and networking opportunities that CNTA offers its members to help inform the community about the benefits of nuclear technology.