

Personnel

Richard A. Mueller, President

Richard A. Mueller has been a leader in the maritime industry for more than three decades as an executive, project manager, consultant and more. His experience includes overall corporate management, project management as an owner's representative in oversight or hands-on positions. As a maritime management consultant, Mr. Mueller also has extensive experience in vessel operations, manning, personnel, traffic and dispatch issues as well as providing repair and maintenance oversight. Additionally he has a wide range of crisis management experience, including vessel groundings, major mechanical casualties, on-scene investigations, oil spills, etc. He is a member of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) and the United States Propeller Club, Port of Cleveland. He has served in various elected positions including the Central Region vice president and the past chairman for the Great Lakes Section of SNAME.

Stephen N. Konzel, Vice President and General Manager

Mr. Konzel has established a long track record of port engineer, shipyard and business management experience. He has held various management, production and engineering positions with Cleveland Shiprepair Co., Manitowoc Marine Group and Todd Pacific Shipyards, Cascade General Shipyard and Interlake Steamship Co.

As a maritime management, engineering and project management consultant, Mr. Konzel has extensive experience in vessel operations, manning, personnel, traffic, repair and maintenance oversight, marine equipment and systems engineering, new vessel construction, repair and new construction project management as well as vessel and shore-side material handling systems. Mr. Konzel is a member of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) and the United States Propeller Club, Port of Cleveland. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point.

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Jerome J. Mueller, Jr., P.E., Vice President – Engineering

As Vice President – Engineering, Mr. Mueller has responsibility for all engineering work done by NETSCO. During his three decades in the marine business, he has served as project leader for marine engineering projects such as boiler automations, self unloading conversions, bow thruster installations, diesel engine re-powering and marine sanitation device retrofits. □Mr. Mueller provides assistance and advice for the preparation of technical specifications and design as well as detailed drawings for new installations and existing system modifications including diesel re-powerings, major conversions, piping system modifications and ship machinery surveys. Also, he has prepared, coordinated and supervised dock trials and sea trials for new and converted ships, both foreign and domestic.

A registered professional engineer in the State of Ohio, Mr. Mueller is a member of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), The United States Propeller Club, Port of Cleveland as well as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Naval Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Mr. Mueller has an Master of Engineering from Cleveland State University.

Richard T. Nicholls, P.E., Chief Naval Architect/Marine Engineer

Mr. Nicholls' 30 years in the maritime industry includes four years at the U.S. Coast Guard Technical Office on Governors Island, New York, ten years at Marine Consultants and Designers, Inc. and five years in the defense industry. In addition, he worked nine years as project manager in the petrochemical industry.

Over his career, Mr. Nicholls, has been responsible for all phases of project management as well as building, piping and structural modifications, plus storage tank installation, designs involving hazardous materials, environmental compliance and use of special corrosion-resistant materials.

His project experience includes vessel design, lengthening, repowering, self-unloader conversions, electrical generator installation, automation and other modifications for both ocean and lake vessels. He has worked on bulk carriers, tankers, gas carriers, barges, tugs, passenger vessels and integrated tug barges.

At NETSCO, Mr. Nicholls is the lead naval architect and is responsible for ensuring that projects are completed in a timely manner, in accordance with contracts and design requirements.

He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) and is a registered professional engineer in Ohio and Wisconsin. He holds a graduate degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute and an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College and a B.S. in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan.