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Agerwala is a founding member of the IBM Academy of Technology, and a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He has given over 100 invited technical presentations and Keynote talks at conferences, universities, and National Laboratories worldwide. He received his B.Tech. in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, and his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

**PEDRO J. J. ALVAREZ** is the George R. Brown Professor of Environmental Engineering in the department of civil and environmental engineering at Rice University, where he also serves as director of the NSF Engineering Research Center on Nanotechnology-Enabled Water Treatment (NEWT). He previously taught at the University of Iowa, where he also served as associate director for the Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing and as Honorary Consul for Nicaragua. Alvarez's research focuses on environmental sustainability through bioremediation of contaminated aquifers, the fate and transport of toxic chemicals, the water footprint of biofuels, microbial-plant interactions, water treatment and reuse, and environmental implications and applications of nanotechnology. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from McGill University and master's and doctoral degrees in environmental engineering from the University of Michigan.

Alvarez is the 2012 Clarke Prize recipient and also won the 2014 AAES Grand Prize for Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science. He is a diplomat of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, a Fellow of AAAS, ASCE, IWA, WEF and the Leopold Leadership Foundation, and a founding member of the Nicaraguan Academy of Sciences, among numerous other achievements and honors. Alvarez currently serves as associate editor of *Environmental Science and Technology*. Additionally, he serves as honorary professor at Nankai University in Tianjin and the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China, and as adjunct professor at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina in Brazil.

**GILDA A. BARABINO** is the dean of The Grove School of Engineering at The City College of New York (CCNY) and Berg Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Professor of Biomedical Education. Prior to joining CCNY, she served as associate chair for graduate studies and professor in the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University. At Georgia Tech she also served as the inaugural Vice Provost for Academic Diversity. Prior to her appointments at Georgia Tech and Emory, she rose to the rank of full professor of chemical

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engineering and served as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at Northeastern University. She is a noted investigator in the areas of sickle cell disease, cellular and tissue engineering, and race/ethnicity and gender in science and engineering. She consults nationally and internationally on STEM education and research, diversity in higher education, policy, workforce development and faculty development.

Barabino received her B.S. degree in chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana and her Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Rice University. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) and the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). She was the Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer for 2012–2014. She has an extensive record of leadership and service in the chemical and biomedical engineering communities. She is the immediate past-president of BMES and is the president-elect of AIMBE. Barabino has over a decade of experience in leading NSF initiatives for women and minority faculty and is the founder and executive director of the National Institute for Faculty Equity.

**SUSAN BUTTS** is an active member of the science and technology (S&T) policy community following her 31-year career in the chemical industry and related organizations. She currently works as an independent consultant in S&T policy and university-industry partnerships. Prior to this she worked for The Dow Chemical Company for three decades in various positions in the Research and Development organization. From 2001 through 2009 she served as Director of External Science & Technology Programs. In that capacity she was responsible for Dow’s sponsored research programs at over 150 universities, institutes, and national laboratories worldwide and also for Dow’s contract research activities with U.S. and European government agencies. In addition, she had responsibility for U.S. recruiting and hiring for R&D. She worked on issues related to science policy and government funding for research and development from Dow’s office in Washington, D.C.

Butts is past president of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, an organization in the National Academies that works to strengthen research collaborations between universities and industry, and past president of the Council for Chemical Research, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve chemical innovation through collaboration and advocacy. She is also a member of the Council of the Government-University- Industry Research Roundtable in the National Academies and a member of the board of directors of the Alliance for Science and Technology Research in America. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and Sigma Xi. She currently chairs the ACS Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs and serves on the AAAS Committee on Science, Engineering & Public Policy.

Butts holds the degrees of B.S. in chemistry from the University of Michigan and Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern University. Before joining the External Technology group, Butts held other positions at Dow including Senior Resource Leader for Atomic Spectroscopy and Inorganic Analysis within the Global Analytical Sciences Laboratory, Manager of Ph.D. Hiring and Placement, Safety and Regulatory Affairs Manager for Central Research, and Principal Investigator on various catalysis projects in Central Research.

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**CURTIS CARLSON** is founder and CEO of the Practice of Innovation. He served as SRI President and CEO from 1998 to 2014 and is a world authority on creating value for customers through innovation. In 1973, he joined RCA Laboratories, which became part of SRI in 1987 as Sarnoff Corp. There, Carlson started and helped lead development of HDTV technology that became the U.S. standard. His book with William Wilmot, “Innovation: The Five Disciplines for Creating What Customers Want,” describes how SRI’s unique process for innovation can be applied to all types of government and commercial enterprises.

Carlson received his B.S. in physics from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in atmospheric physics from Rutgers University. His honors include a lifetime achievement award from Rutgers University's School of Engineering and the Otto Schade Prize from the Society for Information Display.

**REGINALD DESROCHES** is the William and Stephanie Sick Dean of the George R. Brown School of Engineering at Rice University, where he is also Professor of Civil and Environmental and Mechanical Engineering. He formerly was the Karen and John Huff School Chair and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. His primary research interests are in resilient systems and design of critical infrastructure under extreme loads. He has published over 250 articles in the general area of resilience and seismic risk assessment. DesRoches has served as chair of the ASCE Seismic Effects Committee (2006-2010), Chair of the executive committee of the Technical Council on Lifeline Earthquake Engineering (2010), and member of the Board of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI). He is currently a member of the executive committee of the National Academy of Sciences Roundtable on Risk, Resilience, and Extreme Events, and is a member of the National Academies Board on Army Science and Technology (BAST).

DesRoches has received numerous awards, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) in 2002, the 2007 ASCE Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize, the Georgia Tech Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Advisor Award (2010), and the Georgia Tech ANAK Award (2008). Most recently, he is a recipient of the 2015 ASCE Charles Martin Duke Lifeline Earthquake Engineering Award. He was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Alumni from Civil & Environmental Engineering at UC Berkeley in 2015.

**HOSSEIN HAJ-HARIRI** is an Educational Foundation Distinguished Professor, and Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing at the University of South Carolina, which he joined in January of 2016. For the prior 27 years he was on the faculty of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of Virginia, where he was chair from 2005 through 2015. He was also concurrently the associate vice president for research during 2014-2015, and the co-director of the K-12 Engineering Design Laboratory since 2013. He holds a Ph.D. and S.M. in mechanical engineering (in applied mechanics), and also an S.B. in civil engineering, all from MIT.

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Through his research efforts, Haj-Hariri has guided more than 35 research scientists, postdocs, and graduate students, as well as over 50 undergraduate students in their research, and published over 100 research papers, through over \$30M of sponsored research funding.

Haj-Hariri's area of research has spanned a broad subset of computational and theoretical applied mechanics: theoretical aero-acoustics, hydrodynamic stability, linear and nonlinear waves, singular perturbations, microgravity fluid mechanics, interfacial phenomena, fluid solid interactions, fluid mechanics of swimming, and passive thermal management. He holds several patents in the areas of thermal management and carbon-fiber composites.

**LEAH JAMIESON** is Ransburg Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University, John A. Edwardson Dean Emerita of Engineering, and holds a courtesy appointment in Purdue's School of Engineering Education. She is co-founder and past director of the EPICS – Engineering Projects in Community Service program. She served as the 2007 President and CEO of the IEEE and 2012-17 President of the IEEE Foundation. She has been recognized with the National Academy of Engineering's Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, the NSF Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars, the Anita Borg Institute's Women of Vision Award for Social Impact, the National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates (NAMEPA) Dean of Engineering Champion Award, was named 2002 Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation, and presented the Simon Bolivar medal from the National Ministry of Education of Colombia.

Jamieson is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the IEEE and ASEE, an Eminent Member of IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu, and an Honorary Member of Tau Beta Pi. She has been an advocate and activist promoting the success of women in engineering and computer science both at Purdue and through national and global professional societies. Jamieson received her S.B. in mathematics from MIT and her Ph.D. in electrical engineering and Computer Science from Princeton University, and has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Drexel University. She joined the faculty of Purdue in 1976.

**KENNETH R. LUTCHEN** is dean of the College of Engineering and professor of Biomedical Engineering at Boston University. He received his B.S. from the University of Virginia and Ph.D from Case Western Reserve University. He has published over 135 peer-reviewed journal articles. Lutchen was chair of Biomedical Engineering from 1998-2006 over which the department ranking improved from 18th to 6th in the nation. Lutchen is Past-President of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). Since becoming Dean, the College's Graduate Ranking in US News and World Report has improved from 54th to 35th, the largest improvement of any school in the top 54 over that time. He has orchestrated the creation of a new Division of Materials Science and Engineering and a new Division of Systems Engineering and Masters programs in Robotics, Cybersecurity and Data Analytics. Recently, he

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oversaw the creation of a new 20,000 sq.ft. Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPIC) instill interdisciplinary design for engineering education and student open-innovation. Lutchen's focus is to transform engineering education to create the Societal Engineer™, an individual who combines their engineering foundation with empowering attributes to address society's challenges regardless of their career paths. He also drove the creation of a unique Technology Inspiration Ambassador program that trains Engineering students to inspire K-12 students to pursue Engineering. In four years this program has reached 17,000 K-12 students in 26 states. In 2016, Lutchen is on the Board of Directors of the Wyss Institute at Harvard and is a member Advisory Committee to the Directorate for Engineering of The National Science Foundation. Lutchen has been the recipient of the AIMBE Pierre Galletti Award, AIMBE's highest honor, and the College of Engineering's Professor of the Year Award and the Biomedical Engineering Professor of the Year Award — twice.

**DARRYLL PINES** has served as Dean and Nariman Farvardin Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the Clark School since January 2009. He arrived at the Clark School in 1995 as an assistant professor and then served as chair of the department of aerospace engineering from 2006 to 2009.

During a leave of absence from the University (2003-2006), Pines served as program manager for the Tactical Technology Office and Defense Sciences Office of DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). While at DARPA, Pines initiated five new programs primarily related to the development of aerospace technologies, for which he received a Distinguished Service Medal. He also held positions at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Chevron Corporation, and Space Tethers Inc. At LLNL, Pines worked on the Clementine Spacecraft program, which discovered water near the south pole of the moon. A replica of the spacecraft now sits in the National Air and Space Museum.

Pines' current research focuses on structural dynamics, including structural health monitoring and prognosis, smart sensors, and adaptive, morphing and biologically-inspired structures, as well as the guidance, navigation, and control of uninhabited aerospace vehicles. He is a fellow of the Institute of Physics, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and has received an NSF CAREER Award. Pines received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**SARAH RAJALA** is dean of the College of Engineering at Iowa State University. She is a former president of the American Society for Engineering Education and chaired the Global Engineering Deans Council. She was named 2016 national engineer of the year by the American Association of Engineering Societies, and received the 2015 national Harriett B. Rigas Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Education Society honoring outstanding female faculty.

Rajala's previous leadership positions were at North Carolina State University as associate dean for research and graduate programs and associate dean for academic affairs in the college of engineering;

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and Mississippi State University as a department chair and dean of the Bagley College of Engineering. She had a distinguished career as a professor and center director prior to moving into administrative positions.

Rajala earned her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Rice University. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Engineering Education and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

**MAXINE L. SAVITZ** is a retired general manager, Technology/Partnerships at Honeywell, Inc. formerly Allied Signal. She is a member and served two terms as vice president of the National Academy of Engineering (2006-2014). Savitz was appointed to the President's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology in 2009 and served through 2017; she served as vice co-chair 2010-2017. Savitz was employed at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its predecessor agencies (1974-1983) and served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Conservation.

Savitz serves on the advisory bodies for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. She recently served on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology visiting committee for sponsored research activities. Past board memberships include the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Science Board, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, Defense Science Board, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRU), Draper Laboratories, and the Energy Foundation. She is a member of the National Academies Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences Committee.

Savitz's awards and honors include: elected a Fellow to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2013; C3E Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013; the Orton Memorial Lecturer Award (American Ceramic Society) in 1998; the DOE Outstanding Service Medal in 1981; the President's Meritorious Rank Award in 1980; recognition by the Engineering News Record for Contribution to the Construction Industry in 1979 and 1975; and the MERDC Commander Award for Scientific Excellence in 1967. She is the author of about 20 publications. Savitz has served on numerous National Research Council committees and participated in multiple Academies activities. She received a B.A. in chemistry from Bryn Mawr College and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**THOMAS SKALAK** is the executive director for the Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group. The Frontiers Group seeks to explore new frontiers, re-invent fields in ways that reflect major societal challenges and fundamental scientific curiosity, and bring new knowledge to light with a wide array of partners, making a positive impact on the world.

Previously, Skalak was vice president for research and Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Virginia, where he led research and innovation programs spanning biosciences,



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environmental sustainability, physical sciences, engineering and technology, arts, design, and humanities. Skalak launched the OpenGrounds collaboration initiative, bringing people together across fields for ideation; the statewide i6 Virginia Innovation Partnership; and the Global Water Games, a participatory computer simulation game that improves the health of watersheds worldwide. He joined the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation in 2015 as Executive Director, Science and Technology Programs.

Skalak's personal research included biomechanics of the cardiovascular system, angiogenesis, systems biology, wound repair, and regenerative medicine. He is a past president of both the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) and the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). Skalak is a frequent speaker on innovation and creativity at Fortune 500, venture capital, major art museum, and government partners, including The White House. He was the founder of the UVA-Coulter Foundation Translational Research Partnership and other proof-of-concept funds with corporate partners such as Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca. Skalak was educated as a bioengineer at The Johns Hopkins University (B.E.S. 1979) and at the University of California, San Diego (Ph.D. 1984), is a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

**GREGORY WASHINGTON** is Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and the Stacey Nicholas Dean of Engineering of the Henry Samueli School of Engineering at the University of California, Irvine. Washington has been involved in multidomain research for the last 20 years. His core area of interest lies in modeling and control of dynamic systems. During this time, he has been involved in the following applications: the design and control of mechanically actuated antennas, advanced control of machine tools, the design and control of hybrid electric vehicles, and structural position and vibration control with smart materials. He is internationally known for his research on ultra-lightweight structurally active antenna systems and other structures that involve the use of "smart materials." Washington is the author of more than 150 technical publications in journals, edited volumes, and conference proceedings. Washington received an NSF Career Award, the Ohio State University Harrison Award for Excellence in Engineering Education and Research, two best paper awards (one with his students), and numerous other awards. Washington has served on several advisory boards in industry, government and academia to include the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board and the National Science Foundation Engineering Advisory Committee.

**YANNIS C. YORTSOS** is the dean of the University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering and the Zohrab Kaprielian Chair in Engineering, a position he holds since 2005. Prior to that he served from 2001 to 2005 as Associate Dean and then as Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Yortsos joined the USC faculty of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering in 1978. He served as chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering between 1991 and 1996. Since 1995 he also holds the Chester Dolley Professorship. He received a B.S. (Diploma) degree in chemical engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the California Institute of Technology, all

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in chemical engineering. His research area is in fluid flow, transport and reaction processes in porous media with specific application to the subsurface.

Yortsos was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2008, where he has also served as secretary, vice-chair and chair of Section 11. Since July 2017, Yortsos serves as a member of the NAE Council. In 2011 he was awarded the distinction of honorary member of the AIME, in 2013 he was elected as Associate member of the Academy of Athens, in 2014 he received the Ellis Medal of Honor and since 2017 he holds an honorary degree from Tsinghua University. He was on the peer review team for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Disposal and served on the NRC Committees for the 2017 report on a New Vision for Center-Based Engineering Research as well as the 2017 report on The Value of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences to National Priorities.

As dean of engineering, he articulated in 2008 the concept of Engineering+, positioning engineering as the enabling discipline of our times, and has been actively engaged in the effort to “change the conversation about engineering”. Along with colleagues at Duke University and Olin College, he co-founded in 2009 the Global Grand Challenges Scholars Program, now adopted by many universities in the US and overseas. He organized and hosted at USC in Fall 2010 the Second Grand Challenges Summit, which spurred in 2013 the Global Grand Challenges Summits. These are bi-annual meetings of the NAE, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, on the organizing committees of which he has continuously served.

Since 2012, Yortsos is the chair of the Diversity Committee of the Engineering Deans Council, in which capacity he has spearheaded an engineering diversity initiative, now adopted by more than 210 engineering deans nationwide. In recognition of these initiatives, the USC Viterbi School of Engineering received in 2017 the ASEE President’s Award. Yortsos is the P.I. of the NSF I-Corps Innovation Node Los Angeles, established in 2014 as a partnership between USC, Caltech and UCLA. Between 2011 and 2015 he served on the Executive Committee of the Engineering Deans Council and on the Executive Committee of the Global Engineering Deans Council.