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### **CNTA Welcomes New Board Members**

Dr. James Marra, the Executive Director of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA), is pleased to announce the election of new members to the CNTA Board of Directors for 2023-2024.

**Susan Ferrara** is the Cold War Historic Preservation Program Manager for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) at the Savannah River Site (SRS). Her responsibilities include the preservation, management, and treatment of historic properties, equipment, archival records, and documents; Cold War Heritage tourism and outreach; and the partnership with the SRS Heritage Foundation's SRS Museum. Previously, Ferrara was the Nuclear Operator Production Apprentice and Technical Schools Interface Programs Manager at SRS. She has a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of South Carolina and has over 33 years of experience in community and government relations, communications, program development, and training. Ferrara is the 2022 Board Chair of the Aiken County United Way and is a member of the SRS Heritage Foundation Board and the Aiken Historical Society.

**Dr. Michele Harmon** is a Professor of Biology at the University of South Carolina Aiken and the Editor of the *Journal of the South Carolina Academy of Science*. She is the coordinator of USCA's Environmental Restoration and Remediation program and a Principal Investigator on the SRS Community Reuse Organization WORC grant. Previously, Dr. Harmon was a Professional Fellow at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education and an Environmental Scientist at Halliburton NUS Environmental Corporation. She earned her B.S. in Biology and her M.S.P.H. and Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Harmon has authored numerous research publications, literature reviews, and book chapters and is a member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors.

**Natalia Johnson** is the Manager of the Environmental Bioassay Laboratory for SRNS. Her responsibilities include laboratory operations, staff leadership, interfacing and partnering with mission support organizations, and serving as the laboratory point of contact. Johnson is the recipient of the 2019 South Carolina Top 20 Under 40 Award, the 2020 SRNS Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals "Be the Change" Leadership Award, and the 2021 South Carolina Women in Business Award. She is a member of the Claflin University Biotechnology Advisory Board, the Barnwell YMCA Board of Directors, SRS Women in Nuclear, and President of the Board of Directors for Redefined Women, Inc. Johnson is also

a 2022 graduate of Leadership Salkehatchie and is active in the United Way and Toys for Tots. Natalia has a B.S in Biology/Chemistry from Claflin University and M.S. from South Carolina State University.

**Scott Kirk** manages the Environmental Compliance and Waste Disposal Authorities Department for Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC) at SRS. His responsibilities include compliance with environmental regulatory requirements, waste characterization, waste packaging and transportation, and waste closure activities. Previously, Kirk managed the Department of Environmental Compliance for Liquid Waste Operations for Savannah River Remediation. He is a recipient of the 2005 National Service Award from the Health Physics Society, the 2017 Richard S. Hodes, M.D., Honor Lecture Award from the Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, and the 2019 inaugural Nuclear Service Award from CNTA. Kirk has a B.S. in Geology/Physics from Appalachian State University and a Master of Science in Environmental Health from East Tennessee State University. He is also a Certified Health Physicist.

**BooBoo Roberts** is the Regional Technical School Loaned Executive and the Deputy Program Manager of Apprenticeship and Pipeline Training Programs for SRNS. She has 23 years' experience at SRS in a variety of roles including Radiation Protection Technician, Detailed Radiation Protection First Line Manager, and Principal Site Training Specialist. She earned Associates Degrees in Radiation Protection from Aiken Technical College (ATC) and Mathematical Science from North Greenville University. Roberts has been an adjunct instructor at ATC since 2019.

CNTA also thanks non-returning board members Roger Burnett and Craig McMullin for their dedicated support and contributions over the last several years.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For further information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or e-mail at [office@cntaware.org](mailto:office@cntaware.org).

*Caption - New 2023 CNTA Board Members*



*Susan Ferrara*



*Michele Harmon*



*Natalia Johnson*



*Scott Kirk*



*BooBoo Roberts*