



**FLC**

**Federal Laboratory Consortium  
for Technology Transfer**

**2021 Elections Packet**

# FLC Elections

## Who May Vote

Consortium Representatives whose memberships are registered with the Consortium Recording Secretary are eligible to vote. If you are uncertain whether you are a registered voting member, please visit the Registration Desk.

The following positions are up for election this year with the nominations listed below each position:

### National Executive Board:

- Chair
  - Linda L. Burger, National Security Agency (NSA)
- Vice Chair
  - John D. Eisemann, USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC)
- Member-At-Large (1 MAL)
  - John Bittman, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
  - Jeff DiTullio, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM)
  - Brandy E. Wade, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

### Mid-Continent Regional Board:

- Regional Coordinator
  - David Kistin, Sandia National Laboratories
- Deputy Regional Coordinator
  - Andrew W. Myers, Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC)

### Northeast Regional Board:

- Regional Co-Coordinators
  - Laurie Bagley, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL)
  - David Y. Lee, Army DEVCOM Armaments Center
- Deputy Regional Coordinator
  - Joe DiRenzo III, U.S. Coast Guard Research & Development Center

### Southeast Regional Board:

- Regional Coordinator
  - Paige George, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD)
- Deputy Regional Coordinator
  - Madhavi Sriram, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

These elected positions are 2-year terms that begin October 1, 2021. Eligibility is limited to Consortium Representatives and Consortium Participants, and approval by the nominee's organization of employment is required.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Chair



### Linda L. Burger

My name is Linda Burger, and I am running for the Chair of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC). I am the Director of the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) at the National Security Agency (NSA). In this role I promote the sharing of unclassified NSA technologies with external organizations through technology transfer (T2) agreements and proactively market NSA technologies available for licensing. Under my leadership, the excellent work of the NSA ORTA team has been recognized with seventeen peer-reviewed awards in government and industry forums.

My previous professional experiences include working for two Maryland county economic development organizations, leading technology based economic development (TBED) initiatives and supporting emerging technology business growth; co-founding and being CEO of an IT services firm serving domestic and international customers in the direct marketing and telecommunications industries; working as a Systems Consultant for private sector firms; and as a Systems Analyst for local and federal government agencies. I am a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) and my academic credentials include a Master of Administrative Science degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

In 2016, I joined the FLC Executive Board as a Member-at-Large and participated in that role until 2019 when I became Co-Chair of the Education and Training Committee. In 2020, I became Vice Chair and currently serve in that position. During my tenure with the FLC Executive Board, much change has occurred to improve the organization and its impact, ranging from initiatives like Technology Focus Areas and FLC Business to the development and implementation of a five-year strategic plan.

The FLC is on an exciting trajectory of organizational development, fueled by the cooperative agreement partnership team to develop scalable business practices and increase stakeholder value. FLC's future is bright and promising. I ask for your vote to continue working on your behalf as the organization's Chair starting in October 2021. Thank you!

## Statement:

### Achievement Goals

It would be my honor to serve as the next Chair of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC). If elected, my goal would be to empower the FLC membership through pursuit of the primary goals of each of the FLC's strategic pillars.

Specifically, I would focus on the following:

- **Promote** - Actively promote the value and benefit of federal technology transfer to execute laboratory missions and improve economic prosperity;
- **Educate** - Provide a robust, state of the art, full spectrum training program for federal technology transfer professionals; and
- **Facilitate** - Establish strategic partnerships connecting federal laboratories with external partners to increase transactional opportunities, such as pilots and programs to commercialize federally funded technologies.

The Promote Committee is tackling the critical jobs of refreshing and reconstituting the FLC's digital platforms and presence to improve our engagements and impact with stakeholders. The Educate Committee is taking a comprehensive, systematic approach to its tasking, and its work products will be game-changing for future FLC training offerings. The Facilitate Committee is leading the organization to new ways to create and build strategic partnerships in a consistent format to benefit the entire organization and its membership, as well as exploring how the Regions can help execute the FLC's mission of increasing the national impact of federal technology transfer.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue the strategic work the FLC Executive Board has been doing over the past several years and working with each of you in that effort.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Vice-Chair



### John D. Eisemann

I am currently employed as the Technology Transfer Program Manager for the USDA Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC). I am responsible for transforming a fledgling technology transfer (T2) program at the NWRC into a robust and impactful Center function. The NWRC T2 program is a one-person office (me) serving 31 scientists and about 1500 very inventive field biologists. I am responsible for all aspects of technology transfer within Wildlife Services from creating and negotiating NDAs, MTA, and CRADAs, assisting in the preparation and prosecution of patents and negotiating licenses, and training Wildlife Services staff on the benefits and practices of a robust T2 program.

I am a true believer in government service. Over the last 37 years as a public servant I have worked as a ‘Duck Farmer’ (term biological technician) on a national wildlife refuge, Peace Corps Volunteer, laboratory and field biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service studying the effects of industrial pollutants on avian physiology, and a wildlife biologist conducting pesticide risk assessments for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These experiences provided an excellent background in environmental regulations and a unique insight into my future career in product development. I left the DC area in 1998 to lead the NRWC regulatory and product registration efforts and seven years ago I took over the NWRC T2 program. My greatest satisfaction as a T2 professional is seeing the psychological transformation of NWRC management and scientists as the economic and professional benefits of technology transfer are realized and appreciated.

Except for FLC and USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) training, all my T2 knowledge has been earned on the job. In 1986, I earned a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University. In 1997, I earned an M.S. from the University of Maryland in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on wildlife toxicology. In 2017, I was temporarily assigned to work as the ARS Plains Area Regional T2 Coordinator. This experience submerged me in a high volume T2 environment, negotiating CRADAs and dealing with sometimes very demanding stakeholders and scientists. It was enlightening to see how the USDA flagship T2 office conducted business. Having to learn T2 on the job was difficult but it also made me appreciate the professionalism

needed for this work. It also sparked my interest in seeing FLC evaluate the costs and benefits of adopting a professional certification program.

I began serving the FLC in 2017 when I was elected Deputy Regional Coordinator for the Mid-Continent Region. In 2019, I was elected Regional Coordinator and became a member of the Executive Board. My efforts in the coordinator roles primarily focused on regional meetings, working with small labs, and developing partnerships. I feel the greatest contributions to the FLC have been in my involvement with the Executive Board. I have also discovered that is where my passions are focused. As an EB member, I helped facilitate the FLC transition from 'contractor' administrative service to a 'cooperator' model and actively participated in revising the Strategic Plan and Charter. I found those experiences very rewarding. I look forward to becoming more involved in day-to-day operations as a FLC Vice-Chair and Executive Committee member. Thank you for considering my nomination for FLC Vice-Chair.

### **Statement:**

I have served FLC for more than 3.5 years as Deputy and Regional Coordinator for the Mid-Continent Region, and as an Executive Board (EB) member. I really enjoyed these regional roles, but I believe that during this time my most significant contributions to the FLC have been made through my work on the EB. I helped develop and usher in significant changes to the FLC Charter, By-Laws, committee structure and administrative support services. I believe these changes have and will continue to yield great benefits in program delivery to our membership. However, there is still work yet to be done to fulfill the vision of our strategic realignment efforts. As Vice-Chair, I want to focus my efforts in four primary areas:

- 1) reevaluating regional structure and program delivery,
- 2) determining how to most effectively meld virtual and in-person experiences to deliver exceptional conferences and other FLC offerings,
- 3) providing executive level support to the teams building out FLC programs under the Promote, Educate and Facilitate committees, and
- 4) working with the FLC Support Team to improve their already outstanding program support functions.

The FLC is an amazing organization. I am continually impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of fellow board members and volunteers. I am excited about what the next two years will bring and feel my knowledge, critical thinking and enthusiasm will be an asset to the EB as we continue to build FLC program delivery. Thank you for considering my nomination for FLC Vice-Chair. I look forward to serving you in this role.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Member at Large



### John Bittman

As an Interagency Policy Specialist at NIST and Executive Secretary of the National Science & Technology Council's Lab-to-Market Subcommittee, I have the unique privilege and perspective of serving the broader interagency technology transfer community and I desire to commit still more to the community by serving on the FLC Executive Board as a Member-at-Large. My experiences investigating policy differences amongst federal and non-federal organizations, convening commercialization stakeholders in industry specific and regional workshops, and guiding regulatory and legislative packages through approval will enable effective representation for the Consortium membership.

### **Statement:**

As an Interagency Policy Specialist in the Technology Partnerships Office at NIST, John Bittman helps implement the NIST Director's Return on Investment Initiative and the PMA's Lab-to-Market priorities. John has recently taken over the role of Executive Secretary for the National Science and Technology Council's Lab-to-Market Subcommittee and expressed interest in performing the duties of the FLC's Recording Secretary. Prior to joining NIST, John entered the Federal Government as a Presidential Management Fellow at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), where he worked as a Technology Transfer Manager and Invention Development and Marketing Specialist within the NCI's Technology Transfer Center. He also spent time as a Special Assistant in the Department of Health and Human Services, where he managed the Deputy Secretary's Innovation and Investment Summit and helped advance a new office focused on accelerating clinical innovation. John served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a

paratrooper, where he was deployed to Iraq as part of Operation New Dawn. He holds a P.S.M. in Nanotechnology, a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Physical, Biomedical, and Behavioral Sciences), and a Certificate in Technology Ventures from the University of Central Florida.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Member At Large



### Jeff DiTullio

Jeff DiTullio currently serves as the Innovation & Outreach Lead and Head of the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) for the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Soldier Center in Natick, MA, where he is responsible for Technology Transfer, International Programs, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Office of Small Business Programs. Jeff is also Co-chair of the FLC National Meeting Committee, a role he has held for the past two years. In addition, Jeff brings more than

25 years of experience in identifying opportunities and matching them with capabilities, with the last fifteen at Soldier Center. Prior to joining the Soldier Center team, he served as Director of Business Development for Bionaut Pharmaceuticals where he was responsible for the licensing of technology and therapeutic programs. He previously held advancing positions at Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI), most recently serving as Director of MBI's Technology Commercialization Center, responsible for providing technology licensing and IP management services to research institutions and start-up companies. Previously, he held an academic staff appointment as a Technical Instructor in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT.

Jeff holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

### **Statement:**

If fortunate enough to be elected Member at Large, I intend to serve FLC membership and the Board as a conduit between the two for comments, concepts, and concerns. My career as a technology transfer professional began twenty-five years ago and during that time the personal exchange of information and ideas has remained the most reliable and effective way to create opportunities, generate value, and sustain relationships. Many significant achievements, particularly my own including a license that created a start-up company now valued at more than sixty billion dollars, were initiated through a casual exchange. With this in mind I intend to be as available as possible, in-person and virtually with regular and recurring open meetings. In

addition, I will be diligent in pursuit of new initiatives and in support of current programs that work for membership and our national laboratory infrastructure. Although FLC membership retains a commonality that causes us at times to be viewed as almost a single entity, there is great diversity within our ranks. That diversity is driven by regional economic differences, agency's structure and missions, statutory and regulatory constraints, and differences in leadership philosophy. I've witnessed the wheel be re-invented many times in the form of T2 initiatives that unfortunately had outcomes comparable to earlier incarnations of similar programs. As your Member at Large, I will focus on how our differences influence outcomes and will advocate for a vetting process for new initiatives that will underscore and attempt to amend potential points of failure.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Member At Large



### Brandy E. Wade, PhD

I am a recent addition to the Department of Veterans Affairs Technology Transfer Program where I serve as a local Technology Transfer Specialist. This is a new and unique role that is stationed at a VA medical center. In this role, I am poised to interact more directly with inventors and affiliate university technology transfer offices, as well as educate the local staff on technology transfer best practices. Being stationed on or near the campuses I serve means I am better able to communicate and collaborate with the investigators and affiliates while simultaneously working more directly with local accelerator programs, startups, the business community and other local

components that serve an important role in the technology transfer space.

I received my PhD in Genetics and Molecular Biology from Emory University in 2014 and completed two postdoctoral positions prior to transitioning to a technology transfer role in December of 2019. I have a wide range of research experience including experience with molecular biology, immunology, physiology, cell biology, and neurobiology allowing me to communicate effectively on a wide array of scientific topics. While completing my postdoctoral experience, I diligently pursued experiential training to give me tools to excel in my future pursuits. I was selected to participate in the highly competitive Emory Office of Technology Transfer Licensing Internship. As part of the Emory Biotech Consulting Club, I was also selected to lead a team of students in working with an investigator to craft a regulatory strategy. These programs taught me how to evaluate the commercial potential of technology, identify key technology markets, complete patent and literature searches, develop marketing strategies, and work with and lead multi-disciplinary teams to create a strong foundation for a career in technology transfer.

As a relatively new member to an FLC lab, I have not had the opportunity to serve on any committees or hold any positions within the FLC. However, I am strongly committed to service in both professional and local communities. As a postdoc I volunteered with the Office of Postdoctoral Education to organize and manage Research days and Career Fairs. As a member of the American Physiology Society Respiration Section, I also helped organize and run a trainee breakfast at Experimental Biology for two years. I also believe it's important to serve within our local communities, which is why I founded and sit on the board of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, [Science for Georgia, Inc.](#) This organization focuses on educating scientists in best communication

practices and creating opportunities for local scientists to educate and engage directly with the public.

As you can see, I have a consistent drive to serve both in my professional communities and my local communities, and I would be honored to join the FLC in service to my colleagues.

**Statement:**

As a relatively new member to the FLC, I hope to support the new mission and vision of the FLC while learning more about the opportunities and programs available to Consortium members. I serve in a new and unique position at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that requires a boots-on-the ground approach and allows for building a stronger relationship with VA inventors, affiliate universities, and the local business environment. With this new perspective I hope to support new efforts to work hand in hand with academic entities, improve education of new technology transfer recruits, and facilitate improved development and transfer of emerging technologies from laboratories to the market. If selected to serve in the Member-at-Large position, I will bring with me lessons learned from previous experience serving on Boards, unique lessons from my novel professional role, and a commitment to learning from my colleagues with more and different experiences.

# Goals and Statement for the Office of Mid-Continent Regional Coordinator



## David Kistin

I currently serve as the Manager of Technology and Economic Development at Sandia National Laboratories. In this role, I work with an amazing community of technology transfer professionals to increase partnerships and deliver innovative programs. Our work includes the Center for Collaboration and Commercialization (C3), Entrepreneurial Separation to Transfer Technology (ESTT), New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA), the Sandia Science & Technology Park (SS&TP) and the Technology Readiness

Gross Receipts (TRGR) initiative.

I also serve as the Associate Director of Quantum Information Science (QIS) Ecosystem for the Quantum Systems Accelerator (QSA), a DOE Center focused on strengthening the nation's quantum research ecosystem. With a team from Sandia and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, I support industry engagement strategies, commercialization and technology transfer activities, diversity & inclusion efforts, workforce development programs, and communications.

I have been involved with the FLC as the Mid-Continent Deputy Coordinator for the past two years and more recently as Chair of the Industry Engagement & Tech Focused Partnerships Subcommittee.

I hold a B.A. and an M.B.A. from the University of New Mexico.

## **Statement:**

If elected, I look forward to supporting tech transfer activities across the 14 states and more than 20 labs and facilities in the Mid-Continent Region. I hope to leverage the support of the FLC to maximize the regional impact of our collective work and connect all our labs to a broader network of ecosystem partners.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Mid-Continent Deputy Regional Coordinator



### Andrew W. Myers, PhD

Andy Myers is the Technology Transfer Lead at the Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC) operated by Honeywell. In this role, Myers supports scientists and engineers through the invention disclosure and patenting process, works to commercialize or transfer appropriate technologies outside the campus, and coordinates efforts between the federal space and industrial/academic partners. He currently serves as Chair of DOE's Technology Transfer Working Group (TTWG), and organized and hosted TTWG's Fall 2021 meeting in a first-ever virtual format.

He is the site representative for FLC, and has supported FLC through national and regional meeting attendance and a traveling SBIR road show. He is also a member of AUTM.

Myers has over twenty years' experience directing research in academic and industrial environments, cultivating and managing partnerships, securing external funding, and coordinating intellectual property. Previously, Myers served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Polymer Research Center, the Business and Technology Institute, and the PSU Research Foundation at Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS). KPRC is an applied polymer research center with expertise in sustainable or "green" polymers and materials. He led the group to its largest size and highest funding level, established new partnerships with industry, and managed distribution of over \$380k in royalties. He also helped create a new academic major in polymer chemistry that generated recurring investments from the State of Kansas.

Before Pittsburg State, Myers worked for TDA Research, Inc. (Golden, CO) as a Primary Investigator and Sr. Chemist. At TDA, he developed and managed proof-of-concept and product development research projects funded through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) federal program. He is an inventor on three patents and received funding from DOE, NASA, NSF, DOD, and EPA.

Myers earned his B.S. from Purdue University and his PhD from the University of Rochester (both in chemistry), and has an M.B.A. from Pittsburg State.

KCNSC is one of eight sites that comprise the NNSA. Our primary focus is manufacturing 85 percent of non-nuclear components that go into the nuclear stockpile. We develop advanced

solutions for complex national security issues, from prototype simulations to production to quality testing. Along with safeguarding the country's nuclear weapons, the Honeywell team is charged with leading other missions for the Department of Energy in areas of global security and supply chain management.

## **Statement:**

While there are a myriad of paths towards a career in Technology Transfer (TT), many of us are drawn by a desire to contribute to the evolution of technologies and see the application of fundamental and applied research. I've always been fascinated in that middle-ground, being a connector or bridge between engineering and business, law and commercialization. I admire the work and scientists at our national labs, and have learned more about the federal research system since starting at the KCNSC nearly four years ago. I've been impressed with the TT community, and have been generously helped by that community through membership in FLC, AUTM, and DOE's Tech Transfer Working Group. I'd like to contribute to that community by serving as a Deputy Regional Coordinator for FLC's Mid-Continent Region.

In that role, I would support the Regional Coordinator in efforts to increase collaboration and cooperation between federal labs/agencies/facilities, universities, and companies in our region. I know that FLC (and AUTM, by extension) have excellent education resources, and would work to share FLC's capabilities to all labs in our region. I would support the education of Mid-Continent TT professionals through the encouragement of informative programs at the regional meetings by knowledgeable experts in areas such as SBIR/STTR partnerships, IP issues, and market identification/analysis/research.

I've been fortunate to be part of FLC since 2017, and have actively participated in regional and national meetings. I hope to contribute to FLC as the Mid-Continent Deputy Regional Coordinator, and look forward to building more bridges.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator



### Laurie Bagley

Laurie Bagley is the Head of Technology Transfer at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL), a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Laboratory which is managed by Princeton University. Laurie directs PPPL's efforts to accelerate the commercialization and transfer of laboratory technologies to the marketplace, including developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem for lab scientists and implementing commercialization programs funded by the Department of Energy (DOE). She is responsible for all aspects of technology transfer including evaluating technology disclosures, developing intellectual property (IP) strategies, creating and

executing marketing strategies, facilitating strategic business agreements, and engaging with industry, national laboratories, academia, investors and entrepreneurs to support the scientific missions of the laboratory. Laurie serves on the executive board of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer, the executive board of the DOE Technology Transfer Working Group (TTWG), is a member of the DOE National Laboratory Technology Transfer (NLTT) working group and is a member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM).

Laurie's previous experience includes research and marketing technologies for Princeton University's Office of Technology Licensing, IP consulting, and R&D and manufacturing experience in the medical device, microelectronics, and building products industries. Laurie holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Millersville University, Millersville, PA.

## **Statement:**

If re-elected as the Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator, I plan to:

1. Serve as an active and contributing member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee.
2. Support the FLC Northeast Regional Awards program and the FLC National Awards program by promoting those programs in the region. I will actively encourage our labs, facilities, and agencies to submit quality nominations in all the categories.
3. Increase efforts of collaboration and cooperation between federal labs/agencies/facilities, universities and companies in the region by visiting and educating them about the FLC and the capabilities and technologies available at the laboratories.
4. Support the education of the regional technology transfer personnel through the encouragement of informative programs at the regional meetings by knowledgeable experts in various subject matter areas such as SBIR/STTR opportunities, patent law, technology transfer policies, cybersecurity, etc.
5. Encourage the participation of non-active or minimally active labs/agencies/facilities in FLC activities by networking at regional and national FLC meetings.
6. Continue outreach with local special interest groups like NJMEP, research universities, economic development organizations (e.g. NJEDA), etc., particularly in the State of NJ.

Since 2017, I have actively participated in regional and national FLC leadership and events and hope to continue to contribute to the FLC mission in the position of Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator.

# Goals and Statement for the Office of Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator



David Y. Lee

David Lee is a Technology Transfer Associate in the Technology Transfer (T2) Office within the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center (DEVCOM AC). The DEVCOM AC or Armaments Center, headquartered at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, is the U.S. Army's primary research and development arm for armament and munitions systems; its mission is to “Lead research, development and engineering of systems solutions to arm those who defend the nation against all current and future threats, both at home and abroad.”

Technology Transfer is an integral part of the Armaments Center’s Mission to maintain a leading technological edge for the U.S. Warfighter. As a part of the DEVCOM AC T2 Team, David works in all aspects of DEVCOM AC’s technology transfer practice including executing cooperative research agreements with domestic and international academic and industry partners, patent portfolio maintenance and strategic development, developing intellectual property licensing and marketing strategies, and facilitating and executing strategic partnerships and agreements with other Federal and State partners. David also serves on the Executive Board of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer as the Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator and is a member of the Society for International Affairs (SIA).

David’s previous experience within the U.S. Army includes positions held in Labor Relations, Operations Security, and Project Portfolio Management. David holds an A.B. in Government from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH and a J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN. He is currently pursuing a B.S. in Biochemistry from Arizona State University.

## **Statement:**

If re-elected to the Northeast Region Co-Coordinator position, I plan to:

Continue to work with the Co-Northeast Regional Coordinator (Laurie Bagley) and Deputy (Joe DiRenzo) to meet the objectives and goals for the Northeast Region and faithfully serve as a member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee.

As a Co- Regional Coordinator, I would like to continue the path Laurie, David Pronchick, Joe DiRenzo and I started in 2019 - increasing the engagement and participation of all of the Federal Labs in the Northeast Region by setting up Patent Licensing/Negotiation training and social events, online- and when possible, in-person.

We also plan to develop relationships with universities and State and Local entities within the Northeast Region in order to develop partnerships with them and our Northeast Regional Labs. We want the states and businesses within the Northeast Region to know what our federal labs have to offer in terms of expertise, intellectual property, and facilities- by working together, we can all succeed.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Northeast Deputy Regional Coordinator



### Joe DiRenzo III, PhD

Dr. DiRenzo is a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer, who spent nine years in the U.S. Navy, in both the submarine and surface warfare communities. In 1991, he transitioned to the U.S. Coast Guard and was assigned to several cutters including command of USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND. In 1999, Joe was detailed as the inaugural Coast Guard Liaison Officer assigned to the CONSTELLATION Strike Group deployed to the Arabian Gulf. In 2000, he was assigned to the Atlantic Area, held seven different positions including Division Chief before rising to Senior Advisor to the Commander for Science, Technology, Innovation and Research position. In October 2015, he moved to New London, CT and assumed his current position at the USCG Research and Development Center. Joe is one of the most published authors in Coast Guard history. A five-time winner of the service's prestigious JOC Alex Haley award, he has published over 300 articles on various maritime terrorism and port security topics. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute at the University of Illinois Champaign Urbana. He is Northeast Deputy Regional Coordinator for the Federal Laboratory Consortium. He is an eleven time national Co-Chair of the Maritime Risk Symposium (2021 event will be held at the University of Houston) and was the co-editor of the first ever textbook focused on maritime cyber security – Issues In Maritime Cybersecurity (Westphalia). Joe is a 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, holds an M.B.A. from California Coast University, and is a graduate of both the Naval War College and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He completed his PhD in Business Administration (Homeland Security Specialization) in 2007 at Northcentral University in Prescott, AZ. He teaches for American Military University and Northcentral University.

### **Statement:**

I am excited about the FLC future here in the Northeast Region and want to be part of it. If elected to a full term as the Northeast Deputy Regional Coordinator position, I plan to:

1. Be an active and engaged leader at the FLC regional level.
2. Ensure collaboration provided by FLC entities with DHS labs
3. As the member of the Board of Directors of the DHS Center of Excellence at the University of Illinois – Critical Incident Resilience Institute, I want to find ways to connect NE region members with this DHS entity that has no previous FLC engagement,
4. Be actively involved in the awards and education program via the U.S. Coast Guard. There are so many wonderful opportunities that my service should be taking advantage of, and I will work diligently to offer out of the box thinking to highlight what the FLC is, what it has to offer and why non-members should be engaged.

# Goals and Statement for the Office of Southeast Regional Coordinator



## Paige George

As of October 2020, Paige has been the Technology Transfer manager at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division (NSWC PCD). Prior to her ORTA appointment, Paige was the STEM Outreach Program manager as well as the Education Partnership Program manager.

Paige graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Florida in 2012 through the SMART Scholarship program. Upon graduation she began working at NSWC PCD in the Diving and Life Support Division, where she supported the design, testing, and transition of various diving systems supporting the Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and first responders. In 2020, she earned a Master's degree in STEM Education from the American College of Education.

Paige was first introduced to the FLC in 2015 when she attended her first National Meeting. It was at this meeting that she truly understood the importance of technology transfer to national security and the economy. After the first FLC National Meeting, Paige became involved in work under a CRADA in Diving & Life Support Systems. This would eventually lead to her pursuing more work in technology transfer. In 2019, she became the Southeast Regional Coordinator.

### **Statement:**

As the Southeast Regional Coordinator, Paige plans to continue to communicate the mission and vision of the FLC to her region's federal labs. This will be done through the planning and execution of regional events like meetings, industry days, and innovation discovery events. The pillars of the Federal Laboratory Consortium are Educate, Facilitate, and Promote. Paige is going to utilize these pillars to assist the labs in the Southeast grow their Technology Transfer portfolio and support the needs of these labs.

## Goals and Statement for the Office of Southeast Deputy Regional Coordinator



### Madhavi Sriram, PhD

Hello! I am Madhavi. I have been working as a Technology Transfer Specialist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Technology Transfer Office, Atlanta, GA, since October 2019. My routine job responsibilities include evaluating CDC inventions and discoveries for novelty and market potential, negotiate agreements such as material transfer, confidentiality, and collaboration agreements, etc., and draft and execute non-binding arrangements, educate CDC researchers in matters related to Federal intellectual property (IP) policies and procedures, encumbered IP rights, making patent related decisions, inventorship issues, patent

filing/prosecution/maintenance, etc. I also volunteer on review committees for SBIR and CDC Office of Technology Innovation's I-fund grant proposal review.

I have a Masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences from India, and a PhD in Chemistry from Baylor University, TX. I have seven years of experience in technology transfer. Prior to my CDC employment, I worked as contractor at Emory University, Licensing Associate at Georgia Tech Research Corporation, Senior Consultant at Foresight Science and Technology, Patent Science Advisor at Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Licensing Associate intern at North Carolina State University between 2013 to 2019. My expertise is in technology evaluation, marketing, contract/agreement/license negotiation, and patent prosecution. I am well versed with U.S. academic and Federal technology transfer policies and procedures. Additionally, I have both industrial and academic research experience in design and development of small molecule anti-cancer agents.

I am new to Federal Technology Transfer. My first education in Federal technology transfer (T2) started at FLC. All the educational material in the FLC helped me understand the Federal TT process and apply the knowledge for my everyday job. I attended my first FLC National Meeting in 2020 and was very happy to see that AUTM and FLC had partnered not very long ago. As an AUTM member, I attended several meetings, and have volunteered at AUTM regional meetings. I have benefited greatly from both AUTM and FLC and I would love to be an active part of the

Consortium. Unfortunately, I have not held any prior FLC positions or have served on any committees or projects within the past year. I am a very fast learner and I look forward eagerly to an opportunity to contribute my services to the FLC community.

**Statement:**

I am extremely passionate about technology transfer. I stepped into Federal Tech Transfer with a broad academic T2 expertise in reporting inventions to federal funding agencies, negotiating contracts and agreements with universities, industries, federal agencies, NGOs, helping faculty set up start-up companies, reviewing grants and proposals, etc. I found the differences between both sectors quite intriguing, even though the end goal of both academia and federal research labs is to work for the benefit of the public. I had to almost re-educate myself on the policies and procedures relating Federal research and Federal operating procedures and policies, may it be for managing intellectual property or establishing agreements with external parties such as industries or academia or foreign governments or other Federal agencies.

I am very thankful for FLC's mission to promote, educate, and facilitate. FLC's educational material helped me immensely in picking up my pace at the office and perform my duties efficiently. I was very glad that FLC's Executive Board and committee members made the 2020 FLC National meeting happen despite the COVID situation. I am especially thrilled that both FLC and AUTM have partnered to boost both parties' efforts to educate the broader technology transfer community and greatly increase chances of partnerships across communities. As a former member of AUTM, I have attended several National and regional meetings, taken AUTM's courses, volunteered, and have been reaping great many benefits as a result. If given an opportunity, I would like to contribute my expertise and services to help advance FLC and AUTM's mission to benefit public health and safety.