

aspects of nuclear energy. A significant segment of their work must have been directed toward the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The award consists of an engraved bronze medal, which incorporates a bust of Henry DeWolf Smyth.

Smyth, who received the inaugural award in 1972, led a distinguished career as a physicist, diplomat, and bureaucrat. He authored the official public report on the atomic bomb in World War II and served as principal advisor to President Eisenhower in preparation for his “Atoms for Peace” speech. He was also a commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission, a U.S. representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, and a physics professor at Princeton University.

“I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award,” said Peters, who was presented the honor by Craig Piercy, ANS executive director/CEO. “I have spent my career working to develop nuclear energy, and I believe it

is one of the most effective ways we can help reduce carbon in our planet’s atmosphere, while still producing affordable, reliable, and resilient energy for our nation and the globe.”

Prior to assuming his current role at Battelle in 2021, Peters served as laboratory director at Idaho National Laboratory. Before that, he was Argonne National Laboratory’s associate laboratory director for the Energy and Global Security directorate, which included Argonne’s programs in energy and national security. Peters has also held leadership positions at Los Alamos National Laboratory and served two terms as chair of the National Laboratory Directors Council, representing the 17 Department of Energy national labs. He is an expert in nuclear fuel cycle technologies and nuclear waste management and holds a doctorate in geophysical science from the University of Chicago. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. 



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