

# Good Morning, Class

Since we began publishing in 1984, *Gear Technology's* mission has been to educate our readers. For 31 years, we've shown you the basics of gear manufacturing as well as the cutting edge. We take our educational mission quite seriously, and we go through steps that most publishers don't have time for or wouldn't consider.

For example, most of the technical content in our magazine is reviewed by experts before you see it. We rely on some of the best minds in gear manufacturing—professionals with many decades of experience solving the types of problems you face every day—to help ensure that our articles are accurate, up-to-date and as free from commercial bias as possible (in other words, educational).

So it should be no surprise that we've brought on a couple of top-notch *teachers* as the newest technical editors for the magazine. Both have a wealth of experience teaching gear manufacturers how to make better gears, how to make them more productively and how to understand the nuances of the different manufacturing processes. Many of you have taken their classes or attended their presentations and may be familiar with their expertise.

But for the rest of you, I'm proud to introduce John Lange and Michael Tennutti as the newest technical editors for *Gear Technology*.

Lange began his gear industry career in 1970 with Miller Associated, the North American sales representative for the Maag Gear Wheel Company. From 1971 until 1986, Lange was a gear manufacturing process engineer specializing in Maag cutting, grinding and inspection equipment, as well as Lorenz gear shaping machines. In 1986, Lange joined American Pfauter and began his association with the Pfauter-Maag Gear Cutting School. Gleason acquired the Pfauter Group in 1997, and Lange has been affiliated with Gleason educational programs ever since. In about 1996, he began conducting 3-day cylindrical gear manufacturing seminars in customer plants. He estimates that he's held several hundred of these classes all around the world. Although he retired from Gleason in 2014, Lange is still active with the Gleason gear school and continues to conduct these seminars. He served as chairman of AGMA's Gear Manufacturing Committee for four years and AGMA's Metrification Committee for three years. He's presented numerous technical papers at AGMA and ASME conferences, wrote two chapters for the SAE *Gear Handbook* and has written several articles for *Gear Technology*.

Michael Tennutti has more than 50 years' experience in the cutting tool and gear industry, and he's widely acknowledged as a leading expert in the design and application of gear cutting tools. He's been an instructor for both Gleason Cutting Tools and the AGMA Gear School. He holds two patents—one on hob construction and one on an inserted-blade cutter assembly. He's been involved with the AGMA technical committees for close to 20 years and is the recipient of an AGMA Technical Division Executive Committee Award.



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As technical editors for *Gear Tehcnology*, Lange and Tennutti join some of the giants of our industry: Bill Bradley, a recipient of AGMA's lifetime achievement award, who oversaw standards development and served as the chief American liaison to ISO as VP of the AGMA Technical Division; Bob Errichello, recipient of AGMA's lifetime achievement award, whose AGMA Gear Failure Analysis seminar is perennially sold out; Octave Labath, independent consultant who has served on a number of AGMA technical committees and is a recipient of the AGMA TDEC Award; Joseph Mihelick, former member of the AGMA Board of Directors and recipient of the AGMA Board of Directors Award; Chuck Schultz, *Gear Technology's* resident blogger and author of *An Introduction to Gear Design*; Bob Smith, gear inspection expert, longtime employee of the Gleason Works and recipient of numerous AGMA awards, including the Edward P. Connell Award and the TDEC Award; and Frank Uherek, principal gear engineer for Rexnord and recipient of the AGMA Distinguished Service Award.

The brief description given here doesn't do justice to the distinguished careers of these gentlemen. These technical experts have contributed much to our industry.

The fact that we have these experts available to us, and that we use them to inform the content of our magazine, sets us apart from other publishers. They volunteer to help us make our work better. I should point out that they don't do it for the recognition. To a man, they do so because they want to give back to the industry that has supported them. They believe—like we do—that a more educated gear manufacturing community is a far stronger one.

But kudos are well-deserved. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our technical editors for their support and help in making *Gear Technology* the finest technical publication in the world. We couldn't do it without them.

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