

Candidate for Treasurer-Elect

Andrew Rak



Mr. Rak is a senior environmental health scientist at Noblis, a nonprofit science, technology, and strategy organization. He has more than 20 years of experience addressing complex environmental and public health problems. For the past 16 years, Mr. Rak has led Noblis' efforts to support government clients address risk assessment and risk management issues related to chemical management, chemical/biological defense, sustainability, and public health. His responsibilities include technical support and coordination of all aspects of identification, assessment, and management of emerging contaminants of concern to the DoD as well as other sustainability tasks. His risk assessment experience includes investigations under DERP, CERCLA, and RCRA for the Department of Defense (DoD), air toxics under the Clean Air Act, and performing background studies for rulemakings for the Environmental Protection Agency. Before joining Noblis in 2002, Mr. Rak was employed as

a toxicologist at both the US Air Force and the US Army.

In 2008, Mr. Rak was awarded the DoD Environmental Restoration Project of the Year Award as a co-performer by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program. In 2014, he was awarded Best Poster by the SRA for his investigation of the explosives 2,4-Dinitroanisole (DNAN) and n-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA). In 2018, The Society for Toxicology awarded him a Top 10 Award for his abstract on development and reproductive toxicology for risk-based reference values. Mr. Rak has more than 36 presentations addressing the analysis of chemical and sustainable technologies for professional organizations including Society for Risk Analysis, SERDP/ESTCP Annual Symposium, and the NDIA Mission and System Engineering Conference. He has authored several articles and peer-reviewed publications on the topic of emerging contaminants.

Mr. Rak has bachelor's degree in Geography/Environmental Science from Clark University and a Master's degree in Environmental Toxicology from Duke University. He completed a graduate research fellowship at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He is a certified Project Management Professional.

Mr. Rak first became involved with the Society for Risk Analysis as a graduate student when he was awarded a travel grant in 1993 to present research on ecological risk assessment. Subsequently, he served as a member of the Conferences and Workshops Committee and currently serves as a member of the Finance Committee. If elected Treasurer, a primary goal will be the identification, development, and implementation of a sustainable investment strategy for the society's investment portfolio.