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We welcome Ralph W. Swain, Ph.D., an expert in information technology and facilities management, to the NERDC Policy Board, representing Shands HealthCare. Swain is Vice President, Chief Information Officer, and a member of the Shands executive team. He is also a UF professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Over the past three years, Swain has been responsible for the modernization and integration of Shands' vast and varied information technology systems, software, infrastructure and support services.

His accomplishments in this arena include a total systems replacement to reduce costs and increase clinical functionality; the integration of Information Services (IS) activities of newly acquired facilities into overall IS functions; the installation of a 32-office Frame Relay Wide Area Network; development of enterprise-level functions for registration, clinical information, and scheduling; and site license negotiation with application vendors.

As a facilities manager for the past 12 years, Swain directed activities including master planning, design, construction, maintenance, security, clinical engineering, voice communications, and external transportation for a system which has grown to six hospitals and more than 2 million square feet.

Swain earned master's and Ph.D. degrees in environmental engineering from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and a BSE from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

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