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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

by Mark Bruce

Farewell Message



It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve the Society as your chairman. In reflection, I can't help but think of the continued growth of our Society and the vibrancy I see all around me in the trenchless industry. Leadership in any capacity and within any organization is a challenging position, but it also comes with many personal and professional "gifts" derived from working with people who are dedicated in their selfless quest to make a difference. NASTT has allowed me to work with some of the finest people I have ever been associated with — a group of people who want to give something back.

While there have been many accomplishments that the NASTT leadership group has undertaken this year — all of them are worthy of note — I will share with you just a few. We will be celebrating our 15th anniversary next year at our annual No-Dig Conference and Exhibition, and each year for the past five years we have seen an ever-increasing number of exhibitors and attendees. By attending, you can expect an unequalled technical program, outstanding entertainment and networking opportunities, and an exhibition that will include cutting-edge innovations and new products for use solely in the trenchless industry. Our Program Committee has worked diligently to identify and select more than 100 of the most compelling and interesting technical papers to be presented, all of which are peer-reviewed and will make a contribution to the state-of-the-art of trenchless technologies.

This year, we have completed two technology-related training courses on pipe bursting and cured-in-place lining, which were designed for both academic use and seminar presentations; we have a third that is nearing completion for unveiling at No-Dig 2006 that will cover all aspects of lateral lining. Through the efforts of the Education Committee and its new chairman Keith Hanks, we will continue to add training courses that will aid in educating interested parties in trenchless methods and means.

I am also excited about the outlook for NASTT and the trenchless industry. We as a Society have committed to investing in the future. We have added staff and expanded membership services. The associated articles point to a few examples of what has been planned to increase meaningful deliverables and provide tangible value to NASTT members and the industry as a whole.

While this is my last official letter as chairman, I can assure you that I will remain involved with NASTT. We have strong, active leaders on the board and on our committees. Joanne Hughes is set to become our new chairperson in January.

I conclude my remarks by once again emphasizing the rewards I have personally received by being associated with the number and quality of the individuals who have taken up leadership and support responsibilities. I couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity to serve and I look forward to the continued growth in our Society and the industry at large.

NASTT Seeks Industry Achievement Awards Nominees

The NASTT 15th Anniversary Industry Achievement Awards will recognize exceptional achievement among North America trenchless companies and organizations that have made significant contributions to the industry over the last 15 years. Winners will be recognized at the Gala Awards Dinner held at the No-Dig Show, March 28, 2006, in Nashville, Tenn.

Hosted by NASTT, this special gala evening is designed to showcase industry leaders and to recognize outstanding achievements. "We have made tremendous strides in growing the trenchless industry over the past decade and a half," observes NASTT chairman Mark Bruce. "It is only fitting that we take a moment at No-Dig to pay tribute to all who have been part of this success. We encourage your participation by nominating candidates that you believe are deserving of recognition."

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 15, 2006. Nominees may be companies or organizations in one of the following five categories: government/public works, engineering/design firm, manufacturer/supplier, contractor and academic/research. Any party may submit nominations. Self-nominations are welcome. Visit www.nastt.org/nodig.html for details and to obtain a copy of the nomination form.

NASTT Web Site to Undergo Extreme Online Makeover

NASTT has issued a Request-for-Proposal (RFP) for the redesign, hosting and maintenance of its current Web site. With the start of a new year, NASTT will be rolling out a Web site with a new look. The new Web site will feature improved search capabilities, easier-to-use directory, updated content and better Web site navigation.

Did you know the NASTT website can help you do your job better? Visit www.nastt.org and you'll find many resources to stay better informed and to connect you to the businesses and people in the trenchless industry. Search for NASTT members by name or browse through the technology directory to find products and services that interest you. Renew your NASTT membership, shop the online bookstore and find information about the No-Dig Show. All of this information and more is just one click away at www.nastt.org.

NASTT Expands Training Schedule in 2006

Advancing the acceptance of trenchless methods through education and training is the primary mission of NASTT. For the past 15 years, the NASTT education flagship has been the No-Dig Show, a three-day technical conference held annually in North America. Recently, NASTT began an ambitious program to take its training activities to the grassroots level with training courses targeted at specific trenchless technologies.

In 2006, NASTT will undertake an expanded program of joint training with its regional and student chapters, as well as other industry events. Currently, NASTT offers three such training courses covering horizontal directional drilling (HDD), pipe bursting and cured-in-place pipe (CIPP). A fourth course – focused on laterals — is under development and is scheduled for rollout at the 2006 No-Dig Show in Nashville, Tenn. "Our long-term goal is to provide a full array of NASTT training courses covering all trenchless methods," notes NASTT Education Chairman, Sanjiv Gokhale. NASTT training courses are thoroughly peer-reviewed by industry leaders and representatives from academic and engineering disciplines. NASTT instructors are recognized experts in their respective fields.

If you're interested in hosting or participating in an NASTT regional training seminar, contact Angela Ghosh, ph: (703) 317-1382 or e-mail her at aghosh@nastt.org for more details.

Upcoming 2006 NASTT Training Events

Jan. 26 — *CIPP Good Practices Course*, UCT — Atlanta

March 13 — *Pipe Bursting Good Practices Course CGA Excavation Safety Conference & Expo* — Phoenix

March 27-29 — *No-Dig Conference and Exhibition* — Nashville, Tenn.

March 29-30 — *Lateral Rehabilitation & Replacement Good Practices Course, NASTT 2006 No-Dig* — Nashville, Tenn.

March 29-30 — *HDD Good Practices Guidelines Course NASTT 2006 No-Dig* — Nashville, Tenn.

For an updated training schedule, please visit www.nastt.org.

Reasons Why NASTT Membership Pays

If you're not already a member, consider the benefits of joining NASTT. Here is why it pays. You receive discounted registration fees to attend or exhibit at the annual No-Dig Show and NASTT training courses. (This item alone may pay for your membership.) NASTT corporate members receive discounted rates to exhibit at the No-Dig Show. Members also gain free online access to past papers published in the No-Dig Conference Proceedings, as well as a complimentary listing in the NASTT directory. NASTT members may serve in their local chapters, in committees or the Board of Directors. You also receive monthly issues of *Trenchless Technology*, *Underground Construction* and *Public Works* and a copy of the annual *Directory of the North American Trenchless Technology Industry*. These are a just few of the benefits.

Join the many other members of the trenchless industry — individuals, agencies and companies that are involved in underground infrastructure and the application of trenchless technology — in showing your support. Become an NASTT member today. For more details, visit www.nastt.org. Current NASTT members will be receiving renewal letters in the month of November.

