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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

by **Joanne Hughes**



NASTT announced an aggressive plan and schedule for education and training services to be offered by the Society at the start of the year. Spring is already upon us, and we are delighted to report that our efforts to date have been fruitful. The seeds that we planted are in full blossom, as evidenced at NASTT's flagship event — the annual No-Dig Conference and Exhibition.

The members of NASTT have just experienced perhaps the most successful No-Dig ever — with near-record numbers of conference attendees, a technical program consisting of 100 high-quality papers and an exhibition hosted by leading trenchless service providers, manufacturers and suppliers manned by true industry experts. And, to top off an informative show, everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided during this 15th anniversary celebration of the No-Dig Show.

Thus far in 2006, four specialty training seminars have been conducted, pacing the success of the plan to present 10 seminars in 2006. During the NASTT Board meeting in Nashville, an additional commitment was made to continue the development of trenchless courses in addition to the HDD, CIPP, Pipe Bursting and Lateral modules presently available. Watch for the upcoming announcement — we'll be asking for your involvement.

A special welcome is extended to McGill University and Concordia University, NASTT's two new student chapters. Eleven student chapters represent NASTT throughout Canada and the United States. Similarly, there are seven regional chapters, with the most recent expansion being the addition of the Maritime Provinces to the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Chapter. Regional Chapter board members met at No-Dig and re-dedicated themselves to strengthen the value of educational services available to members. Collectively, the student and regional chapters are the backbone of NASTT. We are excited to see them grow and expand service offerings.

Watch the NASTT Web site transform over the next few months as exciting Web-based information services and learning opportunities appear on our new interactive and user-friendly Web site. Use the Contact Us response form located on the Web site to submit your ideas and comments.

NASTT staff, Board and Committee members are committed to satisfying the demand to maintain a trenchless technology database of information and services to the industry, easily accessible throughout North America. Thank you for your participation as members and volunteers to make this possible!

2007 San Diego No-Dig Call for Abstracts

NASTT is now accepting abstracts for the 2007 Annual No-Dig Conference and Exhibition in San Diego, April 16-18. Abstracts may address any trenchless topic in the areas of trenchless research, case studies, engineering practices, education and training. Special topic areas include infrastructure security, sustainable construction practices, quality control and assurance, lean construction processes and legal issues.

Also of interest to the program committee are abstracts highlighting international projects such as Asian trenchless case studies, the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and the Shanghai World Expo 2010, as well as abstracts spotlighting local San Diego projects and case studies in the region of Southern California.

The National Telecommunications Damage Prevention Council (NTDPC) will sponsor a track to address concerns surrounding safety issues, regulations and subsurface utility engineering in the field of underground damage prevention.

Interested parties are invited to submit abstracts before June 1, 2006. The No-Dig program committee will review abstracts on June 23-24, and authors will be notified immediately afterward. Please submit abstracts for consideration to NASTT, 1655 N. Ft. Myer Dr., Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22209, E-mail jhemphill@nastt.org, ph: 703-351-5252, Web site: www.nastt.org/nodig.html. Contact Dr. Sam Ariaratnam, 2007 Program Chairman, E-mail: Ariaratnam@asu.edu.

NASTT Recognizes No-Dig Outstanding Paper Award Winners

Each year, NASTT selects outstanding papers in the areas of New Installation and Rehabilitation & Renewal. The papers are judged for clarity and educational value. The winners are recognized formally at the following year's No-Dig Show Opening Breakfast.

Receiving an award at this year's No-Dig for New Installation: "Microtunneling Beneath the American River for the Howe Street Avenue 54-inch Water Transmission Main" – Bruce Harbin, Matthew Wallin and Dave Bennett, Bennett/Staheli Engineers; and for Rehabilitation: "Relining of an Irregular Shaped Double-Barrel Sewer" – Jason Lueke, Steve Croxford and Chris Skowronski, Associated Engineers, and Darwin Smith, City of Edmonton.

No-Dig Connects Students to Trenchless Career Opportunities, Scholarships

Nearly 60 students from across North America represented their respective NASTT student chapters at the 2006 No-Dig Show. These undergraduate and graduate students account for the largest student contingency ever in attendance during the 15-year history of the conference, which is attributed to the increasing number of NASTT student chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

NASTT student chapters include Arizona State University, Bowling Green State University, Concordia University, Louisiana Tech University, McGill University, Michigan State University, Penn State University, Queen's University, University of Calgary, University of Waterloo and Vanderbilt University.

More important than the number of students is the value that the No-Dig Show offers to them by providing a fun, informative student program with exciting competitions, opportunities to network with industry professionals and attendance to technical paper sessions and the exhibition.

Fifteen students participated in the annual Student Poster Research Competition. Posters focused recent activities or research undertaken by the student chapter and were on display in the exhibition hall throughout the No-Dig Show. Winners of the poster competition were announced at the NASTT

Educational Fund Auction. The University Research winner was the University of Waterloo, with Bowling Green State University honored as runner-up. The winner for Student Research was Johnathan Cholewa, Queen's University and Johanna Puckers was runner-up. Also during the Auction, John Lake, president of Rain for Rent, awarded \$1,000 student scholarships to Neil Woodroffe, Arizona State University; Hue Liu, Louisiana Tech University; Somik Ghosh, Michigan State University; and Chaitali Mehta, Penn State University.

NASTT Recognizes 15th Anniversary Industry Achievement Awards Recipients

NASTT applauds the winners of the 15th Anniversary Industry Achievement Awards, which were announced at the 2006 No-Dig Gala Dinner and Reception. These awards recognize achievement among North American companies, municipalities and educational institutions that have made significant contributions to the trenchless industry over the past 15 years.

The Awards Selection Committee reviewed more than 500 candidates that were nominated for consideration. Selection criteria included contribution, participation and involvement in education and promotion of trenchless technologies. "In celebrating our 15th No-Dig, it is only fitting and appropriate that we recognize those that have contributed so much to building the industry," notes Joanne Hughes. "A nominating system for selecting award winners, however, regrettably will miss worthy recipients. Clearly, those that have contributed to the growth and success of our industry extend well beyond the organizations and institutes recognized at this year's event. On behalf of NASTT, I thank you for your contribution."

"Congratulations to all the organizations that are being recognized," remarks Piero Salvo, 2006 No-Dig Program Chairman and NASTT Vice Chairman. "Your efforts have helped build one of the most exciting areas of infrastructure-related technology to be developed in the last century." For a complete listing of award winners, visit www.nastt.org/nodig.html.

Tom Iseley Receives Chairman's Award for Outstanding Lifetime Service

Tom Iseley was the recipient of the 2006 Chairman's Award for Outstanding Lifetime Service presented by Chairman Joanne Hughes at the 2006 No-Dig Show Gala Awards Dinner.

Since 2004, NASTT has presented the Chairman's Award for Outstanding Lifetime Service to recognize individuals who have provided NASTT and the trenchless technology industry with meritorious service throughout the course of their careers. Iseley joins other past Lifetime Service Award recipients Trent Ralston and Bernard P. Krzys.

Iseley has more than 35 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of underground infrastructure systems. In 1989, he established the

Trenchless Technology Center (TTC) at Louisiana Tech University and served as director for more than five years. He is a founding director of NASTT and served for three years as the Chairman of National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA). In 1993, Iseley was selected as *Trenchless Technology's* Person of the Year.



Recipient of the Chairman's Award Tom Iseley with his daughter, Mindy Iseley Parker (left), wife, Carol and NASTT chairman Joanne Hughes.