

## Annual Meeting Report

# NASSCO Branches Out With New Programs, Addresses Industry Issues

The amazing growth of NASSCO was apparent at the association's recent convention held at the Sanibel Harbour Hotel & Resort near Fort Meyers, FL. Not only did over 90 people attend the event, but the success of the association's flagship effort, the Pipeline Assessment and Certification Program, has helped the group expand into several other key areas that NASSCO believes will be critically important to the sewer and water rehabilitation industry.

Outgoing NASSCO President Rod Thornhill of White Rock Consultants, said of his year in office that "it has been a great experience. We've accomplished a lot and I have very much enjoyed my year as president."

The 2008 president is Marc Anctil of Logiball. He pointed out that "it is very encouraging to see where we were 15 years ago and where we are at today. And it's going to keep getting better."

NASSCO Executive Director Irv Gemora stressed several major accomplishments for the association during 2007 including:

- Manhole rehab performance specification completed and posted on the website;
- Initiating the development of the inspector training program with the classes to begin in the first quarter of 2008;
- Revised and updated SG-11 with more than 120 specifications and guidelines;
- Development of a professional advertising and public relations effort;
- Location to a new larger headquarters. In addition to staff expansion, the new facilities include warehouse space and a training room for up to 30 to accommodate NASSCO training programs; and
- Membership (currently at 350) has more than doubled in just five years. A major membership drive for 2008 was launched at the convention to continue that momentum.

The busy business agenda included a discussion on several issues including a styrene discharge ban in Virginia and proposed OSHA manhole confined space regulations. NASSCO committees will closely monitor and address those issues.

### Inspector training

NASSCO Technical Director Gerry Muenchmeyer gave a presentation on the launch of another new program. "Over the past several years, municipalities and engineers have inquired about additional training, specifically applicable to CIPP pipeline renews. In response, NASSCO is proud to present



The 2008 NASSCO Board of Directors



Dick Zeller is presented with a certificate as he is welcomed into the honorary Select Society of Sanitary Sewer Sleuths. Pictured, left to right, are: Joe Abbott, Dick Zeller, Greg Laszczynski, and David Magill.



NASSCO Executive Director Irv Gemora (left) presents outgoing President Rod Thornhill with the traditional wooden manhole cover.



2008 NASSCO President Marc Anctil

the Inspector Training and Certification Program (ITCP) for cured-in-place pipe installation.

"The program is the first of a number of pipeline and manhole renewal technology programs being developed by NASSCO," he added.

Several panel discussions introduced members to the latest developments in cutting edge technology and trends.

NASSCO's website has also recently completed a complete make-over to be more user-friendly and responsive. Plans are also in the works to start producing an electronic e-mail and special alerts on important topics.

The honorary Select Society of Sanitary Sewer Sleuths inducted Dick Zeller of Jo Mar Telegrouting Inc., Joliet, IL, as its newest member in a special ceremony during the closing night banquet.

New officers for 2008 are: president –

Marc Anctil, Logiball Inc.; vice president – Ed Kampbell, Rehabilitation Resource Solutions; treasurer – Brad Dutruch, Compliance Enviro Systems; and treasurer – Kathy Romans, NPC.

Directors include: Geoff Yothers, Inliner Technologies; Stuart Tillery, Duke's Root Control, John Nelson, Visu-Sewer; Larry Kiest, LMK Pipe Renewal; Barry Howell, KEG Technologies; Rod Thornhill, White Rock Consultants; Mark Metcalfe, Hoffman Southwest Corp.; Joan Stone, Pipe-Logix; Jim Harris, Harris Analysis; and Danny DiMura, Shenandoah Construction.

The 2009 NASSCO annual meeting will be held Feb. 11-14 at the Wyndam Palm Springs Hotel, in Palm Springs, CA.

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