

NAWT officers for 2010 elected at Expo

During the month of December, the Nomination Committee met and put forth a slate of candidates for NAWT Executive Office for 2010. New officers are formally elected at the NAWT Board of Directors Meeting during the Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo. On February 24, 2010, the candidates were approved by Board Acclamation. The elected officers are listed below. The state or province they represent is also provided.

President: Roger Winter, Ontario

Vice-President: Bruce Fox, Pennsylvania

Secretary: Tom Ferrero, Pennsylvania **Treasurer:** Ralph Macchio, New York

Both the president and vice-president, though elected every year, may, according to NAWT bylaws, be nominated and elected for a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Typically the president and vice president serve two consecutive terms to provide continuity and stability to the board as well as to have the time to work on their ideas to further the organization's mission.

Fifth Annual Treatment Symposium scheduled for Washington, PA

On September 15 and 16, the Fifth Annual Treatment Symposium will be held near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the home farm and facility operated by Dave Hapchuk. On the first day of the symposium, a classroom session gives vendors the opportunity to present case histories of operating facilities using their technology and product presentations for participants. A new offering in the classroom this year will be a second, more advanced track of presentations for those who have operated facilities and have attended previous Symposia.

The classroom training, lunches, and social hour and dinner will be held at the Hapchuk home farm, 226 Rankin Road, Washington, PA. Hotels are located three or four miles west in Washington. The Hapchuk site is a model example of what septic company shops should look like. It is immaculate and functional. There is ample space for us to use for all our activities in one of his spotless garages. He has a nice conference room for smaller classes of 30 to 40 people.

The field trip will be to Liquid Asset Disposal, in Wheeling, West Virginia, about a 40-minute drive. This facility uses a Fournier rotary press to treat more than 100,000 gallons per day of septage, grease trap waste, and some industrial wastes.

Last year in Orlando, the following vendors made

presentations and displayed and operated their products; this year even more vendors are expected.

FKC Co., Ltd, 2708 West 18th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98363

Crystal Environmental, 23422 SR 18, Springboro, PA 16435

BDP Industries, Inc., 2030 North 725 West, Centerville, UT 84014

MSD Environmental Services Inc., 224 Linden Drive, Centerville, OH 45459

Fournier Industries, 3787 Frontenac W., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada G6H 2B5

Flo Trend Systems, Inc., 707 Lehman St., Houston, TX 77018

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William Hapchuk scholarship awarded to Todd Frank

This year, NAWT received a record number of applications again for the \$1,000 William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship. Applicants are required to write a 500-word essay on a topic provided by NAWT. The essays are then scored by the NAWT scholarship committee by assigning 1, 2, and 3 points to their top three selections, with the individual receiving the most points awarded the scholarship for the year. A student may reapply for this scholarship annually.

This year, Todd Frank, winner in 2008, won the competition. Todd is the son of Tom and Carol Frank of Tim Frank Septic Cleaning Service in Huntsburg, Ohio. The question that Todd wrote to this year was:

Given that more than 25 percent of households in America use septic systems as their method for waste water treatment, and there is an increasing interest to use decentralized systems, the USEPA has suggested that there is an increased need for operation and management of these systems. This coupled with the fact that a lot of new development occurs on lots that are not able to support the use of conventional septic systems leading to the use of alternative technologies. All of these technologies require additional attention to make sure they are performing to the desired level of treatment. What roles can the pumper play in your community to ensure that these systems are operated and managed properly to ensure protection of public health and the

environment?

If you or your company would like to help a young person interested in wastewater treatment get a college education, consider including a contribution to the Scholarship with your payment of dues, or contact NAWT for more information at info@nawt.org or 1-800-236-6298.

The deadline for submissions this year is January 15, 2011. Please inform any interested students you know about this opportunity. Applications are available for download at www.nawt.org.

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Lakeside Equipment Corporation, 1022 E. Devon Ave PO Box 8448, Bartlett, IL 60103

USA BlueBook, P.O. Box 9006, Gurnee, IL 60031-9006

Enguip Company, 365 Devon Dr. Exton, PA 19341

Agua Ben Corporation, 240 Mondovi Drive, Oswego, IL 60543

Boerger, LLC, 740 NE Harding Street, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Bucks Fabricating, 3547 Perry Hwy, Hadley, PA 16130

Prime Solution, Inc., 2861 127th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

Registration Information

Registration is only \$275 per member (\$375 for non-members) and includes both the classroom presentation opportunity and the field demonstration. Lunch for two days is also included.

Hotel Information

A list of available hotels is available from the NAWT office at (800) 236-6298.

Vendor Space is Still Available!

If you would like to present a technology at the Symposium, there is still space available. You will have the opportunity to:

- Present your product to pumping professionals interested in building treatment facilities
- Demonstrate your product using real septage and grease trap waste
- Build connections within the industry.

Vendor fees for attendance is \$550 per vendor, which includes both the classroom presentation opportunity and the field demonstration, plus meals for two.

Register by phone at the NAWT office at (800) 236-6298.

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Tom Ferrero receives Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award

NAWT executive director and secretary Tom Ferrero was presented the Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award during the State Association breakfast by Bob Kendall, co-founder of Cole Publishing and Ralph Macchio, namesake of the award. Ralph by the way is the new NAWT treasurer. The award is presented each year to someone in the industry who has been an industry leader and advocate for pumping professionals. Tom has been this practically all of his life! He has over 40 years of experience in the industry. He says that some of his first recollections are of being with his father on the seat of a pumper truck. He has been involved in associations at the local, state and national levels to promote professionalism in the industry. His commitment shows every day.



Tom Ferrero (center) receives the Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award from Ralph Macchio (left) and Bob Kendall (right).

New Mexico Association joins NAWT

During the NAWT Board of Directors meeting, Jace Ensor, from New Mexico presented Tom Ferrero, executive director, with a \$100 check for this year's dues to become a Member Association.

This newly formed association in New Mexico will appoint a member to the NAWT Board of Directors to represent their association. If your state association is interested in being a member and having a representative on the Board, contact Tom Ferrero at 1-800-236-6298.

NAWT partners with states of MA and IN to provide training

The month of March following the Pumper Expo was a busy month for NAWT training. In Massachusetts from March 15 -17 the vacuum truck driver training and the inspection training were presented in Taunton, Massachusetts, NAWT was pleased to team up with Massachusetts Title 5 Inspector Al Rivet to present the two-day NAWT inspection course. Between the two workshops there were over 90 people in attendance. The courses were approved for the required Massachusetts Title 5 continuing education requirement.

As part of the inspection training, we actually went into the field to perform a system inspection! The field experience happened despite some record rainfall and flash flooding. Thanks to Al for all of his help and guidance to make this a success. Those successfully completing the course and passing the exam administered at the end of the course are NAWT certified and will be listed on the NAWT national website. This certification

is increasingly recognized as setting the national standard for residential septic system inspections. Instructors for the workshop were Dave Gustafson, Jim Anderson, and Al Rivet.

The vacuum truck driver training is designed primarily for those new to vacuum trucks and their operation. The course was offered on Monday, March 15, 2010 in Taunton. It is also a good refresher for experienced drivers. NAWT encourages business owners to take this course to evaluate if it helps fill their training needs for new employees. The course is offered in classroom settings such as this and online so individuals can work through the course on their own. Don't forget to make this a part of your new employee training!

Participants should be able to recognize trucks and their associated equipment, understand the equipment's functions, understand the vocabulary of pumping, how to apply safety

principles, how to operate the equipment safely, how to recognize which materials to avoid, how the job is regulated by government, and how to speak to customers with confidence. The instructor for this course was Tom Ferrero, NAWT Executive Director.

The very next week Jim and Dave travelled to Wabash, Indiana where NAWT partnered with the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professional Association to provide the inspection certification course for 40 participants. Here again the rain stopped just in time to go into the field and conduct a system inspection. Thanks to Mark Hacker and Donna Sheets and many others for making this possible.

If your association is interested in partnering with NAWT on training courses; contact the NAWT office either through the website, NAWT .org, or by phone at (800) 236-6298 and Jim Anderson the NAWT Education Program Coordinator will work with you on the details.

Training and certification schedule

Information and registration at nawt.org/training/.

Inspector Training & Certification

April 17–18, 2010 — Aspen, CO

NAWT Inspector Training Pitkin County Dept of Environmental Health Conference Room, 0405 Castle Creek Rd, Aspen, CO Contact: CPOW office at (303) 551-3266 or download PDF registration

June 8, 2010 — Flagstaff, AZ

form from nawt.org/training.

NAWT Inspector Recertification Training Radisson Woodlands Inn, 1175 W Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ (Map and Directions)

Contact: Kitt Farrell-Poe at (520) 621-7221 or or download PDF registration form from <u>nawt.org/training</u>.

August 26–27, 2010 — Phoenix, AZ

NAWT Inspector Training Site to be determined, Phoenix, AZ Contact: Kitt Farrell-Poe at (520) 621-7221.



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August 30-31, 2010 — Ruidoso, NM

Eastern New Mexico University – Ruidoso Campus Contact: Coda Omness at (575) 257-3012 to register for training.

October 14-15, 2010 — Monterey, CA

NAWT Inspector Training
Site to be determined, Monterey, CA
Contact: COWA at 530-513-6658.

Operations and Maintenance Training

November 11–12, 2010 — Mill Valley, CA

NAWT Operation & Maintenance Training Part II Site to be determined, Mill Valley, CA

Contact : COWA at 530-513-6658.

Installer Training Course Schedule

December 2-3, 2010 — Sonora, CA

COWA Installer Training (CIDWT) Site to be Determined, Sonora, CA Contact: COWA at 530-513-6658.

Vacuum Truck Technician Training

Sign up for Vacuum Truck Techician Training online ANYTIME!

Visit http://nehacert.org/catalog/ and choose Certification Review.

Fifth Annual Waste Treatment Symposium

September 15–16, 2010 — Washington, PA and Wheeling, WV

NAWT 5th Annual Waste Treatment Symposium Hapchuk, Inc. 226 Rankin Road, Washington, PA Contact: NAWT office at (800) 236-6298.