

Executive Committee Update

Greetings from your ExCom,

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to serve as the chair of the executive committee for the Pipeline Division (PLD). It is great to work with volunteers who are committed to making our profession better and who also realize that our efforts are critical to improving the quality of life for our society. While we all must earn a living, we realize that we must give back to our profession. It is through this giving back that we receive so much through developing friendships and business relationship. It is often through this giving back that we learn from our colleagues new and/or innovative solutions to provide our clients.

The PLD supports numerous committees committed to developing guidelines, manual of practices, reports, workshops, conferences, etc. on a wide range of management and technical areas. Being involved is a continuous learning and improvement process. There is a critical need for more professionals to get involved with the PLD committees. Please notify us immediately if you are interested. Committees meet at the PLD specialty conference each year and at intervals during the year as required to accomplish their tasks. The PLD works hard to keep on the leading edge of pipeline developments. For example, the newest committee is UPAM (Underground Pipeline Asset Management). This is an area which EPA has become very active in providing leadership, support and resources. Asset management is a growing area. We expect this to be a very active committee.

The PLD specialty conference is the highlight of the year. The program committees of these events work very hard to insure that the technical sessions, awards luncheons, exhibits, social events, etc. are positive, productive and enjoyable. Each year seems to get better. The previous conference was in Houston. Many comments have been made regarding the high standard of quality of the technical sessions. The next conference will be in Chicago with the 2007 conference will be in Boston. The call for papers for the Boston conference will be hitting the street soon.

Tom Iseley, Chairman, ExCom

ASCE Pipeline Division

Conference News

The Pipeline Division Conference Scheduled for Chicago in July 30 – August 2, 2006.

The Pipeline 2006 Conference Organizing Committee, under the leadership of David Prosser, P.E., American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association, is well underway with the planning for the Chicago conference. Conference theme is "Service to the Owner" and will be held at the Chicago Sheraton and Towers on July 30 thru August 2, 2006.

The committee is expecting approximately 120 technical papers and presentations for the conference. Also, pipe material and risk management panel discussions are being scheduled. An Underground Construction program as well as a Research Symposium is being planned for Sunday July 30.

Conference topics include:

- Seismic Effect on Pipelines
- Pipeline Asset Management
- Pipeline Infrastructure Renewal
- Pipeline Planning and Route Selection
- Hydraulic Design
- Pipeline Safety and Security
- Soil Structure Interaction
- Pipeline Durability Considerations
- Construction Management
- Trenchless Technology Construction

The Pipeline Division Conference Banquet will be held on Tuesday August 1 at the Field House Museum. The museum will be presenting the **Tutukamen Exhibit** from Cairo, Egypt.

Mayor Richard M. Daley has been asked to be the keynote speaker and deliver the Welcome to Chicago speech.

More than **50 exhibitors** are expected to showcase their pipeline and related products at the conference. Persons or firms interested in exhibiting at the conference should contact Jim Doty, Hanson Pipe & Products Inc., Dallas, TX, at jimmy.doty@hansonamerica.com. Or Sean Scully at 703-295-6154.

Firms and individuals interested in **sponsoring** the conference should contact Timothy Kennedy, Price Brothers Co., Dayton, OH, at tkennedy@pricebrothers.com or Marcia Saumweber at 703-295-6347.

Other members of the organizing committee include: Alan Atalah, PhD, P.E., and Armand Tremblay, P.E., Technical Program Co-Chairs; Henry Bardakjian, P.E., International Coordinator; Verna Jameson, ASCE Technical Activities Senior Coordinator and Leonore Jordan, ASCE Conference Manager.

The conference hotel is the new 1209 room **Chicago Sheraton Hotel and Towers** where each guest room has a spectacular view of the Chicago River, lake Michigan or the city skyline. Chicago offers world-class shopping, dining, cultural activities and entertainment. Family activities include the Navy Pier, Millennium Park and the "Miracle Mile" for shopping.

A research workshop will be offered by the **ASCE Pipeline Research Committee** will be presented in conjunction with Pipeline 2006 Conference in Chicago to be offered on Sunday, July 30. During this workshop, latest technologies in pipeline renewals will be presented. Those interested to present or sponsor this event need to contact **Steven R. Kramer, PE**, Vice President, Jacobs, at 571.218.1446, e-mail: steven.kramer@jacobs.com .

A one-day **Pipe Bursting Workshop** is scheduled in conjunction with Pipeline 2006 Conference on Sunday, July 30.

Sport fans can catch a game with the **Chicago Cubs** who will be playing at ivy-covered Wrigley Field vs. St. Louis (July 30) and Arizona Diamondbacks (August 1 and 2). Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$65 and can be ordered via the internet site Chicago.cubs@mlb.com.

Additional information concerning the conference and registration procedures can be obtained at www.asce.org/conferences/pipelines2006.

Committee Meeting Information

The Pipeline Division Executive and Technical Committees will meet at the Chicago Conference. Members and conference attendees are invited to attend various committee meetings. The Pipeline Division is comprised of **eight technical committees**, each of which focuses on specific aspects of pipeline issues. Meeting dates and times will be available at the Conference website shortly before the conference and also will be available at registration. Technical committee meetings are scheduled to be held Saturday July 29 and Sunday July 30. **New members** are welcome to attend and participate in committee activities.

2007 Conference News

Planning is underway for the **2007 Pipeline Conference** to be Held in **Boston on July 8-11**. The conference theme is "**Advances and Experiences with Trenchless Pipeline Projects**". Co-chaired by John Struzziery and Tim Stinson, S E A Consultants Inc., the 2007 meeting is seeking abstracts for papers and technical presentations. Deadline for **abstract submittals is September 15, 2006**. The conference will be held at the new Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

Technical Program is co-chaired by Lynn Osborne (losborn@insituform.com) and Mo Najafi (najafi@msu.edu). Tom Iseley (tom.iseley@sekisui-spr.com) is coordinating sponsorship activities while Henry Nodarse (hnodarse@blainc.com) is handling exhibitors.

Randy Robertson (rrobertson@cyntechcorp.com) is international coordinator for Boston conference; Robert Carpenter (rcarpenter@oildompublishing.com) is heading up publicity and marketing. Irene McSweeney Woodfall (woodfallim@bwsc.org) and Stephen McKelvie (mckeelvie@pbworld.com) are handling arrangements for local activities. Conference manager is Leonore Jordan, ASCE.

Persons interested in **moderating** or providing **peer review** of technical papers should contact Lynn Osborne or Mo Najafi. **Corporate sponsors** can contact Tom Iseley or Marcia Saumweber (msaumweber@asce.org). **Exhibitors** can receive information from Henry Nodarse or Sean Scully (sscully@asce.org).

No-Dig Conference

The **North American Society for Trenchless Technology** will be holding their annual **No-Dig Show** at the **Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN on March 26-31**. The show will present over 100 exhibitors and one hundred peer-reviewed technical papers presented in four tracks. In conjunction with **Louisiana Tech University**, Continuing Education Units and Professional Development Hours will be offered for attendance at the technical papers and pre-and post-conference seminars.

A CD-Rom of the conference proceedings will be presented to full conference attendees.

The annual **No-Dig Golf Classic** will be held at Gaylord Springs Golf Links at Gaylord Opryland. Gala dinner and reception is scheduled for March 28. The dinner will include special awards ceremony and winners of the **Trenchless Technology Projects of the Year in Rehabilitation and New Installation** will be announced.

Conference information and registration information can be obtained at www.nastt.org/nodig.html.

Upcoming Publications

A manual of practice titled "**Pipeline Design for Installation by Horizontal Directional Drilling**" has been completed by the HDD Design Guideline Task Committee headed by John D. Hair, P.E.

This manual was prepared to serve as a guide for design engineers and presumes that the user has knowledge of the HDD installation process and pipeline design methods. Topics to be covered include pre-design surveys, drilled path design, pipe design, pipe stresses, construction impacts and as-built documentation. It is available through ASCE publications www.asce.org/publications.

The **Pipe Bursting Task Committee** held its last meeting in conjunction with UCT 2006 in Atlanta. The final draft of the **Pipe Bursting Manual of Practice (MOP)** was approved. It will be sent for the approval of the Blue Ribbon Committee by middle of February. The target publication date is July 2006. A one-day Pipe Bursting Workshop is scheduled in conjunction with Pipeline 2006 Conference in Chicago to be offered on Sunday, July 30.

A new **Pipe Ramming Task Committee** was formed and held its first meeting in conjunction with UCT 2006 in Atlanta. The target date for publication of **Pipe Ramming Manual of Practice (MOP) is July 2007**. A one-day Pipe Ramming Workshop is scheduled in conjunction with ASCE 2007 Pipeline Conference in Boston in July.

The **Pipeline Publications Committee** is in the process of publishing a dedicated **technical Journal of Pipeline Systems Engineering**. The recent of Pipeline Division survey of members overwhelmingly approved a dedicated journal for pipelines. Those interested to join the **editorial board** need to contact **Mohammad Najafi, Pipeline Editor**, at najafi@msu.edu or 517-432-4937.

The **Pipeline Inspection and Installation Manual of Practice** is in its final stages of preparation and is scheduled for publication in summer of 2006.

The **Emerging Design Concepts in Pipeline Renewal Design** will be published as a committee report. This publication is currently under blue ribbon committee review and its scheduled publication date is late summer 2006.

Stephen D. Bechtel Pipeline Engineering Award

To recognize outstanding achievements in pipeline engineering, the **Bechtel Foundation** donated funds to support this award in honor of the contributions made by Stephen D.

Bechtel, F.ASCE, to the engineering profession and for his noteworthy advancements in the **design and construction of pipelines throughout the world**. The award was established by the Board of Direction in October 1970.

The award consists of a plaque and a certificate.

I. The award is made annually to a **member of the American Society of Civil Engineers** who has made a **definite contribution to the advancement of pipeline engineering, either in research, planning, design or construction**. Any of these contributions may be made either in the form of papers or other forms of written presentations, or through outstanding performance or specific and noteworthy actions which have served to advance the art, science and technology of pipeline engineering.

II. Not more than one award of the prize is made each year unless the achievement upon which the award is based is considered to be the joint contribution of more than one person, such as the joint authorship of a paper. In such cases duplicate or multiple prizes will be awarded. No one shall receive the honor more than once.

III. Each Section and Branch and Technical Division Executive Committee shall be entitled to enter the name of one nominee annually. These names, and supporting documents, will be assembled by the Executive Director and referred to the Executive Committee of the Pipeline Division.

IV. The Executive Committee of the Pipeline Division shall recommend the recipient, if any, to the Executive committee of the ASCE Board of Direction for final action.

V. The award consists of a plaque and certificate, suitably inscribed with the name of the recipient and circumstances of the award.

To nominate, submit the following:

- A cover letter, signed by the nominator
- An [Official Award Nomination form](#)
- The nominee's CV or biographical information
- Two or three letters of recommendation

Electronic submissions are encouraged to awards@asce.org by **November 1**. Paper submissions are also accepted, in which case one copy of the complete nomination package should be received by the Honors and Awards Program at the ASCE headquarters: 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191-4400.

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