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President's Message

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

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Participating on the Board of Directors of NSUPA is an excellent opportunity to meet with other members of our industry. As a board member, you are able to use your knowledge and experience to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of the asphalt industry. Email - info@nsupa.ca to find out more.

The past year has certainly been a changing time for everyone, including our Association. I hope that everyone has been able to stay safe and enjoy some extra time with loved ones. Our annual seminar last April was cancelled, along with other events including our AGM and softball tournament. I would like to thank all our board members for their hard work in planning the seminar and AGM. I am hopeful that much of the work already completed will be carried forward for future events.

Our annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop did go ahead near the end of February last year (before COVID hit) at the NSCC Ivany Campus in Dartmouth. It was another very successful year, and again sold out with approximately 25 attendees from various areas of the Atlantic Provinces. Ed Surette did an excellent job coordinating all the moving parts to ensure another successful event. The board is looking forward to another great event in 2021.

Looking ahead in 2021, the board members have been working hard to assess and plan events that are able to proceed based on provincial health regulations along with the safety of attendees and board members in mind. Based on this, our annual seminar will not return in 2021, but we are hopeful it will return in 2022 in a similar format as previous years. The Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop did continue in 2021 in an online format via a Zoom Webinar. There were 42 registered attendees for the event, the most to date, and the board would like to thank all presenters for their work and willingness to adapt to the format change so this annual event could continue.



Our board has continued to meet regularly over the past year, although meetings have moved to an online format. The board added 3 new members in 2020, Anthony Farah (Dexter Construction), Chris Urquhart (Aggregate Equipment), and Cody Fullerton (Irving Oil). I look forward to working with all of them on the boards' upcoming projects. The board would like to send a special thank you to Stephen Hill (Dexter Construction) who has left the Board after 6 years of exemplary service. Stephen is a Past President of the Association and his constant professionalism, organization, work ethic and attention to detail has certainly left a model for all current and new members to follow. Personally, I would like to thank our Immediate Past President, Graham Clark, for his hard work and dedication through the 2019-2020 year. The guidance and leadership Graham has shown myself and our board has been instrumental in navigating the uncharted territory of the last year.

Sending a special thanks to our newsletter sponsors for their continued support. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and prosperous construction season in 2021.

Matthew Jobb
President, NSUPA

Introducing Our New Board Members

Chris Urquhart

Chris was born in Moncton NB but moved to Lower Sackville NS as a young boy where he has resided since. After a rewarding career in the Landscaping and Sales industry, Chris was up for a new challenge in a somewhat different area of work and in 2009, started his career with Truro based Aggregate Equipment, in the heavy equipment industry. Aggregate Equipment covers many aspects of road construction; from the equipment used in the processing of raw materials to the parts needed, equipment sales and servicing of equipment all the way to the supply of asphalt spreaders. Chris started with Aggregate as a Sales Representative, logging thousands of miles by covering the majority of Atlantic Canada. After a few years as a Sales Rep, Chris moved to Equipment Sales Manager and is now the General Manager and active partner in the business.



Anthony Farah



Anthony was born and raised in Halifax. He graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor in Civil Engineering Cooperative Program in December 2012. During his coop terms, he worked with Maritime Testing (now Englobe) in mid 2011 as a Materials Field Technician. In the summer 2012 term, he worked with Dexter Construction as a Project Coordinator assisting in estimating, operations and quality control. Following his graduation, he joined Dexter full time in 2013 in the Quality Control Department as Quality Engineer. He then worked on the Argentia Graving Dock Project in Newfoundland in Operations and Quality for 2 years. In 2015, Anthony returned to the Bedford Office as a Highway Estimator responsible for all Nova Scotia paving tenders and airport runway rehabilitation projects both in Atlantic Canada and the Caribbean. Anthony is a Registered Professional Engineer in good standing with Engineers Nova Scotia.

Cody Fullerton

Cody was born and raised in Saint John, NB where he still resides. Cody has worked at Irving Oil for 20+ years and has worked with the Tractor Trailer Operations Team, Terminal Supply Team and is currently part of the Wholesale & Specialty Sales Team covering Atlantic Canadian Liquid Asphalt Sales for the past 7 seasons. Cody is currently a member of the Asphalt Institute's Canadian Committee representing Atlantic Canada as well as being a member of the NBRBHCA's Paving Committee.



NSUPA's Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop

NSUPA recently held our annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop on May 4-5. For the safety of everyone due to COVID-19, the workshop was facilitated online through a Zoom webinar. Thank you to all the presenters and attendees for their continued support of this great event and for helping to make this another successful workshop.

NSUPA's Academic Asphalt Award



Garrett Clarke, Parrsboro.
First Place

Each year the NSUPA gives out two scholarship awards to Nova Scotia Community College first year Civil Engineering Technology students. The students chosen by NSCC received high marks in their asphalt course and incorporated asphalt concrete into their first-year project. The recipients of the 6th annual NSUPA scholarship awards were Garrett Clarke (1st place) and Peter Neary (2nd place). With the COVID-19 pandemic preventing official in-person ceremonies to be held this year, there were unfortunately no official presentations, and the recipients received their certificates digitally. We were fortunate enough to receive a picture of both of their smiling faces with their certificates. Congratulations to both!



Peter Neary, Amherst.
Second Place

NSUPA's Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award

NSUPA (Matt Jobb) presented Dexter Construction (Travis Ward) with the 2019 Paver of the Year Award. This award is presented every year to a paving crew in Nova Scotia based on evaluation forms filled out by the project owners. The evaluation form is based on workmanship, communication, planning, safety, and overall quality of work. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award.

January 31, 2021 was the deadline for submissions for the 2020 season, and the winning crew will be announced in the coming months.

The 2021 Paver of the Year call for submissions will be coming shortly as the paving season is about to begin. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award, and forms can be found on our website at www.nsupa.ca/award-submissions.



NSUPA's Annual Golf Day

NSUPA held their 5th Annual golf event Thursday, September 17th, at the always hospitable Amherst Golf Club. The club was able to provide us with a room capable to hold our regular meeting prior to golfing while maintaining a safe distance from each other.

An all-round great but extremely windy round of golf was then held by all, with many members, former members, and other invited guests in attendance. NSUPA's president Matt Jobb took home the prestigious 'Longest Drive' award with past president Sean O'Connor claiming the 'Closest to the Hole' title, which meant both successfully defended their title from last year. The finishing touch on a great day was a steak supper, also put on by the Amherst Golf Club.

Special thanks to the Amherst golf Club for being a great host for this event, once again.

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