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President's Message

2021 continued to be a challenging year for the Association with many of our typical events unable to go forward due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions.

Through the hard work of our Board, one event which was able to take place was the Annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop. The format was moved online to a webinar which allowed for more attendees than the previous in-person version. From discussion with attendees and presenters, overall, the feedback was positive on the new format. The Board will take this feedback and work to make the event even better going forward. Typically held in February, the online version was moved to later in the spring and was held the first week of May. The Board intends to keep a similar format and timeframe for 2022 with a date in late April or early May. Look for more details in the coming months!

I would like to thank all the Board members for their hard work in making this workshop a success in 2021 and a special thanks to Peter Salah who took the lead on this event from the start and successfully ran the workshop behind the scenes. Additionally, thank you to our presenters for their efforts and for embracing the new format. The workshop was able to offer the same material as in past versions and much of that is because of their work to ensure the presentations transferred seamlessly to the online format.

Looking ahead to 2022, the Board expects it will be an exciting year for the Association as we look forward to some of our typical events returning.



In addition to the Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop, The Board is currently planning the 2022 Spring Asphalt Seminar, which will return in person this coming April.

More details on the date, event format, and location will be announced in the coming months. Please stay tuned for additional details!

The Board added one new member in 2021 as Byron Barnes (Miller) joined in April. I would like to welcome Byron to the Board and look forward the working with him on our upcoming projects.

The Board would like to thank our newsletter sponsors for their continued support of the Association. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and prosperous end to the construction season in 2021.

Matthew Jobb
President, NSUPA

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Introducing Our New Board Member

Byron Barnes

Byron was born and raised in Buchans Newfoundland. He graduated from Eastern College (Now College of the North Atlantic) in 1997 with a nationally accredited diploma as a Water Resources (Civil Engineering) Technician. Byron moved to Halifax in the fall of 1997. In 1998 he started his career with Maritime Testing (now Englobe). As a Senior Materials Technician with Maritime Testing, Byron has been involved in many municipal, provincial, and federal projects and has tested more than a million tons of Asphalt. In 2015 Byron continued his career with Cumberland Paving as a QC Technician for the Halifax area. In 2017 Byron was promoted to QC Supervisor for Nova Scotia. During his time with Cumberland Paving Byron has worked on many municipal, and provincial projects, including the re-decking of the MacDonald Bridge project known as The Big Lift. Byron is a current member of TechNova as a Certified Technician.



NSUPA's Annual Golf Day



The annual NSUPA Golf Tournament was held on September 9th at the Amherst Golf Club. It was another great event full of constructive conversations, lost golf balls, laughs and the occasional impressive golf shot! It was decided this year a trophy would be created to record and honor the past and future teams who have mastered the Amherst Golf Club. The trophy was named after the founder of the annual NSUPA golf event, Bill Costin. We thank Bill for his hard work and vision to not only create the event but also his continued support of the event. This year, the long drive award went to Jeff Hall (Aggregate Equipment) & the closest to the hole went to Graham Clark (Miller)

The winning team finished with a score of -5 and consisted of Bill Costin (Costin Paving), George Woodburn (Town of Sackville), Jason McBurnie (Town of Amherst) & Matthew Vance (Costin Paving). Thanks to all who attended and supported the event. Next year's event has been set for September 15, 2022.

What Events Are Coming Up?

NSUPA's Annual Spring Seminar

Our biggest event of the year is coming back in 2022 and we're excited to see you all again! NSUPA Board Members are currently planning for the return of the in-person spring asphalt seminar for April 2022. More details on the date, location, and format will be sent out in the coming months. Stay tuned!

NSUPA's Annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop

Given the success and feedback from last year's workshop, NSUPA is currently planning to hold the workshop virtually again in 2022. This approach has allowed those to attend who wouldn't have otherwise been able to due to travel, and has enabled NSUPA to hold the workshop later in the year, which afforded companies the option to enroll their summer students in the program. Watch for workshop details in 2022.

NSUPA's Academic Asphalt Award

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 7th annual NSUPA Scholarships are Emma Bruhm (1st Place) and Benjamin Haines (2nd Place). With the COVID-19 pandemic preventing official in-person ceremonies, the recipients received their certificates digitally. Congratulations to both winners, and we wish you the very best in your future career aspirations.

EMMA BRUHM – NSCC Civil Engineering Technology Student



Emma is a highly driven and dedicated student, teammate, and employee from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. After graduating from New Germany High School in 2014 she went on to study at COGS, completing the Survey Technician Program. After a few years of full-time work, Emma decided studying in a Civil based program would create the perfect career path for herself in the construction field by adding to her previous survey studies. Since making her decision to return as a student, Emma has dedicated herself to her program and strives to graduate at the top of her class.

BENJAMIN HAINES – NSCC Civil Engineering Technology Student

Benjamin was born in Kentville, NS and grew up primarily in the Annapolis valley. He lived in Manitoba for a few years before returning to Halifax in 2011. In the summer of 2020, he decided to enroll at NSCC in the Civil Engineering Technology program. In his first year, he took a variety of courses including surveying and materials testing. During the summer he was able to get a summer position as an assistant inspector with HRM. He is looking forward to his second year this fall. Once complete, he would like to pursue a career in asphalt testing or inspecting.



NSUPA's Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award

NSUPA (Matt Jobb) presented Dexter Construction (Steve Greenough) with the 2020 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 the work. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award. January 31, 2022 is the deadline for submissions for the 2021 season, the winning crew will be announced at the seminar in April 2022. Forms can be found at www.nsupa.ca/award-submissions