

NASTT Virginia Tech Student Chapter Annual Report 2018-2019

Activities

Member Recruitment Meeting

At the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester, an interest meeting was held to get new students involved in the organization. Several key agenda items discussed were as follows;

1. What are the technologies that fall under Trenchless Technology domain?
2. What are the benefits to going Trenchless?
3. What is NASTT and what is its purpose?
4. How can you get involved as a student?
5. What are the benefits of joining the organization?
6. What are the responsibilities as a student member of the organization?
7. What are the events that are hosted by NASTT and possible engagement opportunities?

To attract more interest, door prizes were given. Furthermore, interest and feedback were gathered on upcoming activities. Some educational videos were also shown to better help the students understand the role trenchless technologies play in our society.



Member Recruitment Meeting Was Held for New Students to be involved with the Organization

Annual SWIM/UIM Conference









6th Annual Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management (SWIM) and Underground Infrastructure Management (UIM) Conference which was held on December 6-7, 2017 at the Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington, VA. All of the student members attended this conference and garnered valuable experience in the form of personal interactions with the industry professionals. Posters developed by the student members were also presented in the conference.



Additionally, an industry advisors meeting was held at this event where future NASTT at Virginia Tech activities was discussed with attending industry professionals. The current industry advisory board for the NASTT at Virginia Tech is summarized at the following table.

Current Student Chapter Company Advisors

 <p>AMERICAN Concrete Pressure Pipe ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>AMERICAN CONCRETE PRESSURE PIPE ASSOCIATION</p>
 <p>APPLIED FELTS YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS</p>	<p>APPLIED FELTS</p>
 <p>ARCADIS Infrastructure · Water · Environment · Buildings</p>	<p>ARCADIS</p>
 <p>AURORA WATER</p>	<p>AURORA WATER, COLORADO</p>
 <p>BENJAMIN MEDIA</p>	<p>BENJAMIN MEDIA</p>
 <p>BLACK & VEATCH</p>	<p>BLACK & VEATCH</p>
 <p>CH2MHILL</p>	<p>CH2M HILL</p>
 <p>Department of WATER RESOURCES</p>	<p>CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA</p>
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Future Activities

New Member Recruitment Meeting

At the beginning of the spring 2019 semester, an interest meeting will be held to get new students involved in the organization and to understand the scope of responsibilities as a student member of NASTT.

Camping Trip and Wine Social

Our student chapter will be hosting a camping trip where the student members will get together and go out for camping. We are also planning on going to a winery nearby for a social get together.

Industry Connect Event

Student meetings will be held to brainstorm possible networking opportunities to connect student to industry professional working in the domain of trenchless technologies and provide member students with some practical experience through a site visit. Options of possible site visits will be carefully evaluated and pursued accordingly.

Big Event

Students will participate in the Annual Big Event held in April 2019 at Virginia Tech as part of an outreach event to connect with the community and encourage teamwork and enhance the social presence of the Chapter.

No-Dig 2019

The VT- NASTT student chapter will invite and encourage student members to attend the NO-DIG conference in 2019.

Annual SWIM Conference in 2019

The VT- NASTT student chapter will organize the Annual SWIM Conference held in Arlington, VA on December 5-6, 2019 to encourage students to network with the industry experts and present research posters.