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NPC/NPCRF – CAL Poly Research Center Construction Underway



The Research Center will be under the auspices of the new **NPC Research Foundation, Inc.** At a recent Foundation Board meeting, new Officers & Directors were elected. They are: **Alan Smith**, Board President, **Kirk Chapman**, Vice President, **Mike Kohlhaus**, Secretary/Treasurer. Directors on the Board include: **Robert Burkett**, **Jack Beane**, **Jana Auringer**, **Greg Garrett**, **Randy Dukes**, **Robert Tomlinson**, **Skip Hawkins**, **Dan Gossage (IPSSA)**, **Jeff Dowding (UPA)**, **Dick DalPino (NSPD)**, **Dr. Damian Kachlakev (Cal Poly)**, **Dr. Nirupam Pal (Cal Poly)**. "It's very exciting to have representatives from the major trade associations involved," stated Mitch Brooks, NPC Executive Director. "Now, we will be able to work side by side on solving issues with expert researchers which will be monumental for the entire industry."

San Luis Obispo, CA – Monday, July 12, 2004 will now go down in NPC history books as the start of a new chapter in the association's history. Under the direction of **Alan Smith, Research Chair and Foundation Board President**, and **Dr. Damian Kachlakev from Cal Poly State University**, ground was broken and construction began on the new research center comprised of twelve (12) test pools. The center is being constructed primarily from donated materials and labor from manufacturers, suppliers and distributors and NPC member companies. The entire project is valued at over \$500,000.

A major thanks goes to all those who donated their time and expertise in the construction of the pools. **Dana Anderson, Anderson Pool Works, NPC Chair** handled the heavy equipment side of the project including the excavation while **Greg Garrett from Mason Mart** assisted with the layout and forming. **Jeff Kerber, Jeff Kerber Pool Plastering**, provided the plumbing crews. **Bill Campbell, The Pool Center** provided the electrical crews. **Kirk Campbell, Bakersfield Pool Plastering** organized the steel installation. **Rob Burkett, Burkett's Pool Plastering** organized the gunite crews. **Kirk Chapman, Poolsapes Unlimited** organized a contingent of NPC members from San Diego to provide the tile and masonry.



Updates on the Research Center will be posted on the NPC Website at www.npconline.org. **Research takes a lot of funding.** Please consider a donation to the NPC Research Fund. This year's goal is for all members to give some form of a donation. Soon you'll be able to make your donation online or if you prefer you can send your donation to the NPC office. **Please make your check payable to NPCRF.** Thanks in advance for your help and commitment!

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Left to Right: Alan Smith, NPC Research Chair; Dr. Damian Kachlakev, NPCRF-Cal Poly Research Director; Mitch Brooks, NPC Executive Director

PICKING UP THE PACE!

By Mitch Brooks, Executive Director

From the list of our accomplishments we are not slowing down anytime soon...In fact, we're picking up the pace. Our **first Research Protocol** is now finished and we just received the final report from our researchers at Cal Poly. Watch our website for the report conclusions and how you can get a copy of the full report. Our **NPC Cal Poly Research Center** is in the ground. Over the next month the finishing touches will be put on the test pools. Our Research Committee will be meeting this weekend to discuss, debate and decide on **new research protocol(s) for the new center**. Members, collaborative associations and our Board of Directors recently spent a day in Atlanta, Georgia, discussing and **revising our Strategic Plan**. **Research and education** will be at the fore front of our efforts over the next several years. Our **Technical Manual will have a new addition before the years out**.

All recommendations for changes and additions have been considered and approved by the Technical Manual Committee and adopted by the NPC Board of Directors. Our **NPC National Conference** is growing and again is promising to shatter records. The **Ritz Carlton New Orleans** will be a treat to those who participate. Watch your mail for registration information.

Our NPC website www.npconline.org is going under another evolution. Check out the news and reference material that will help not only industry members but consumers too! And we are expanding this newsletter which will include more technical and helpful information starting with our next edition.

Watch for us at all the major trade shows this year including the Aqua Show, NSPI Expo, Western, Florida and Atlantic City. We will be presenting seminars on pool plaster problems and solutions along with our research program when possible.

All of this work is being accomplished for you...our member! Please take the time to renew your membership and make your pledge to the 2004 Research Fund so we may continue with finding solutions to issues regarding pool surfaces!

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IPSSA and the NPC Begin A New Relationship

The **Independent Pool and Spa Service Association** and the **National Plasterers Council** have formed a new relationship in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration. Recently, the Board of Regional Directors of IPSSA and the Board of Directors of NPC have approved the exchange of memberships. In addition, IPSSA and NPC have approved **IPSSA Liaison Dan Gossage** as a voting member of the NPC Research Committee.



From the Left: Chris Miles, Dan Gossage and Dana Anderson

“Cooperation and collaboration between associations is essential now and in the future” stated **Mitch Brooks, NPC Executive Director**. *“The time, talents and resources of associations are limited, and it’s imperative that we put the past behind us and work towards the common good of our industry as a whole.”*

Chris Miles, IPSSA Administrative Director and Dan Gossage were special guests of NPC recently at its Strategic Planning Workshop and Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta, GA. *“I am excited about my new role as a conduit between our organizations, which will help our members understand first-hand that NPC’s research is geared to solve issues that plague our mutual industries,”* stated **Dan Gossage**.

Chris Miles stated he also is enthusiastic about the strengthened relationship with NPC. *“I am committed, as is IPSSA, on focusing our efforts on industry issues that affect our image and have an impact on our communities and customers. Although IPSSA does not currently agree with the NPC’s stand on etching deterioration, we acknowledge NPC’s efforts to have independent, sound, factual research to put this issue to rest finally and we are happy NPC wants us to be a part of it!”*

Also in attendance was **Carvin DiGiovanni Associate Director and Guy Larsen, Chair Elect of the National Spa & Pool Institute**. *“We also have asked NPSI to be involved with our research program,”* stated **Dana Anderson, NPC Board Chair**. *“We look forward to IPSSA, UPA, NPSI and NPC working hand in hand in this and other mutual endeavors.”*



From the Left: Guy Larsen & Dana Anderson

NPC’s first research report on their initial project will be issued by California Polytechnic State University in July. The Research Committee currently is working on the construction of the new **National Plasterers Council Research Foundation – Cal Poly Research Center** on-campus in San Luis Obispo, California. The Center is being constructed primarily from donated materials and labor. The center, comprised of twelve (12) test pools for research, is projected to be fully operational with new test protocols by October of this year. For more information please contact IPSSA at (888) 360-9505 or NPC at (866) 483-4672

National Plasterers Council First Research Protocol Concludes...Report Issued

Dr. Damian Kachlakev, PhD., P.E. and **Dr. Nirupam Pal, PhD,** Researchers from the **Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo** have issued their final report and conclusions regarding their research on *Etching Deterioration in Plastered Swimming Pools*.

The final conclusions of the report will be available to the public on the NPC Website. Those companies and individuals who donated at least \$500 to the **NPC Research Fund** will automatically receive a CD of the full eighty six (86) page report with associated digital photos of each stage of the program for personal use. Anyone else wishing to receive a copy of the report can do so with a minimum \$500 donation to the new **National Plasterers Council Research Foundation (NPCRF)**. For more information please contact the NPC Office.

NPC MEETING CALENDAR

September 17 & 18, 2004

Committee Meetings & Board of Directors Meeting
Morro Bay, CA

November 9-11, 2004

NPC Exhibit - Aqua Show
Las Vegas, NV

November 30, December 1-3, 2004

NPC Exhibit - Pool & Spa Expo
Las Vegas, NV

December 3 & 4, 2004

Committee Meetings & Board of Directors Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

*Welcome NEW MEMBERS!
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July Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to **Sharon Gunderson**, Gunderson Pool Plastering, Rex, GA

August Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to **Mike Kohlhas**, Leisure Craft Pools, Lancaster, NY

We would love to hear from you! Send your MEMBER MATTERS to us via email at npconline@comcast.net or give us a call!

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