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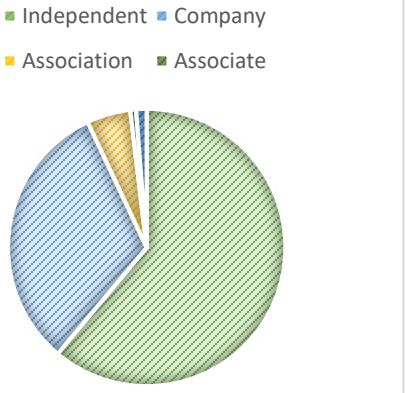
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## 2017 MEMBERSHIP QUICK GLANCE




## Message from the President

Dear NAWT Members:

It is an honor to address you as President of NAWT once again!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful 2017. We embrace yet another solid financial position year to date. I was thrilled to see so many of you at the 2018 WWETT Expo in Indianapolis. This year's conferences will indeed be successful again with a fantastic turnout.

I want to express my gratitude to Jeff Rachlin, for his leadership and his continued support as our Treasurer, along with all the hard work our Board of Directors, Committees and Trainers have accomplished this past year. I am proud to report on the accomplishments of NAWT in 2017, along with some plans and goal for 2018.

NAWT has seen an increased number of training events. Thank you to the hard work from our Education Committee Chair, Kim Seipp and our Executive Office. I am pleased to report we had over 19 trainings nationwide and have started a very busy year with 15 trainings in the first three months of the year! We have partnered with O.A.S.I.S (Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services) in Canada and expect for trainings to be presented soon.

I envision NAWT as a family and strive to increase and strengthen the relationship with the state associations and partners. In this coming year, we are working on additional training events as well as an update to existing trainings to stay up to date on our everchanging industry.

The William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship fund has increased to $1500 from $1000. We had two award recipients for 2018 which were announced at our annual State Association Breakfast during the 2018 WWETT Expo in Indianapolis.

We continue to advance our website capabilities and infuse new technologies for www.nawt.org. This includes digital training certificates and online processes to streamline our training programs. Our vision is to make our website not only a valuable resource for NAWT members but also for community.

I look forward to another successful year and hope to see everyone at the 2018 Mega-Conference in Minneapolis!

Kindest Regards,

Eugene C. Bassett

Gene Bassett
NAWT President

## NAWT at 2018 WWETT Expo

NAWT was present at the 2018 WWETT Expo at booth #136. Thank you to all members and attendee's who visited us!







## 2018 Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Every year, NAWT awards the Hapchuk Scholarship to young individuals in the onsite wastewater field who demonstrate hard work and exceptional accomplishments.

This year, NAWT is proud to congratulate two winners of the 2018 Hapchuk Memorial Scholar ship:



Anui Zhang

(Purdue University)



Alex Nolan

(University of Colorado)




### Are you interested in applying for the 2019 Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship?

Eligibility:

1. Must be enrolled in an accredited university offering a bachelor degree in the following fields related to wastewater transport and treatment:
   - Natural & Environmental Sciences
   - Biological Sciences
   - Agricultural & Civil Engineering
   - Management/ Business
2. Must have completed at least one year of study and have attained a cumulative grade point average above the average for the university in which you are enrolled
3. Have an interest in a career related to the management of wastewater

Please contact our Executive Office with any questions via email: info@nawt.org or call 800.236.6298.











## State Association Breakfast & Awards

NAWT hosted the annual State Association Breakfast at the 2018 WWETT Expo.

Congratulations to our award recipients:

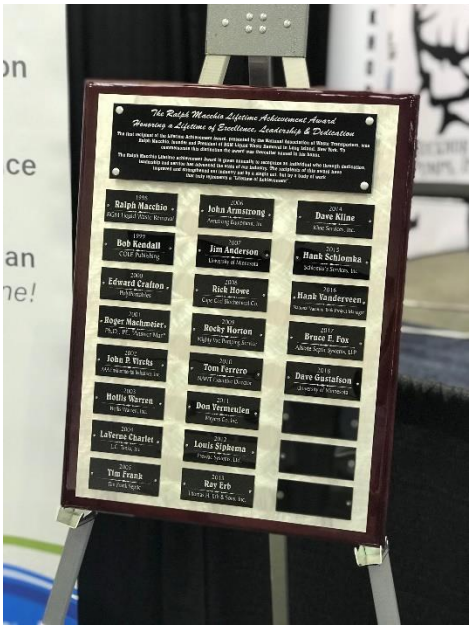
### Jeff Rachlin

2018 Excellence in Service Award

### Dave Gustafson

2018 Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award

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## Upcoming Training Courses

- March 12 | 1 day Inspector Training | Registration closed
- March 15-16 | Inspector Training in Montana | bnorberg@lccountymt.gov
- March 16-17 | Inspector Training in San Marcos, TX | rets@rets-llc.com
- April 24-25 | Inspector Training in Durango, CO | Register
- April 25 | Installer Training in Tucson, AZ | Register
- May 18-19 | Inspector Training in Palestine, TX | Register
- June 5-6 | Inspector Training in Leadville, CO | cpow@cpow.net
- August 27-28 | Inspector Training in Casa Grande, AZ | atevik@cals.arizona.edu
- September 7-8, 2018 | Inspector Training in Arlington, TX | rets@rets-llc.com
- November 15-16 | Inspector Training in Colorado Springs, CO | Register



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## Need Training in Your State?

You may now request to bring NAWT training to your state or host a NAWT Training.

Below are some requirements for hosting a NAWT Training:

- Must be in a class-room setting
- Participation should be between 10-15 attendees
- Provide NAWT Executive Office with 8 weeks minimum notice
- Schedule and provide NAWT with roster of attendees 10 days prior to course.

Please contact our Executive Office with any questions via email: info@nawt.org or click here to request a class online.




## SepticSmart Week 2018

SepticSmart Week is an annual event that focuses on the education of homeowners and communities on the proper care and maintenance of their septic systems.

Join the effort to raise awareness by:

- Hosting an event or training
- Sharing SepticSmart materials
- Scheduling service for your system
- Declaring a SepticSmart proclamation
- Getting your local and state makers involved
- Participating in the conversation on social media **#SepticSmartWeek**

Click here to learn more about SepticSmart Week.

## Save the Date!

Mark you calendars!

The 2018 Onsite Wastewater Mega Conference will be held at:

**Doubletree by Hilton in Minneapolis**
**October 21-24, 2018**

Registration coming soon!

2018 Onsite Wastewater Mega-Conference







## 2018 State Association Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2018 State Association Breakfast.

See you next year!



# Happy 80th Birthday Ralph Macchio!






Ralph Macchio, a founding member of NAWT, was honored during the 2018 State Association Breakfast. He was presented with a commemorating statue of the 20th anniversary of receiving the first Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award. This was also Ralph's 80th birthday.

Picture:
Ralph Macchio, Bob Kendall, Rosalie Macchio

# NAWT Partnering with Associations in Canada.

The National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT) and the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) are collaborating and working together to bring Vacuum Truck Training (VTT) to Canada. In January of this year Bruce Fox, NAWT's Vice-President, visited OASIS and trained five individuals on the nuances of VTT.

As many of you know who have either taken the online VTT course or have attended an in-person course, the VTT training course is targeted to those that own or operate a vacuum truck which is used to clean septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, holding tanks or grease traps. The course is directed specifically at owners and employees who require a solid base of information to work with and to perform their daily tasks.

Some of the topics that were covered during Bruce's VTT training course were as follows:

- Materials to pump and avoid
- Government regulations
- Truck equipment and components
- Drive and Control mechanisms
- Basic and advanced pump out skills and procedures
- Loading and unloading
- Safety and emergency response plans
- Customer interaction and education
- Reasons to manage these materials
- Basic science of vacuum and pressurization
- Pumps
- Basic Pump Truck Operation
- Manifests and reports

Bruce will be returning to OASIS in April to complete the five individuals training where they will be putting on the training themselves.

Recently Bruce attended OASIS' Annual Conference where he spoke about the collaboration. We are excited about this collaboration and we look forward to the future of this partnership for many years to come. We would like to thank both OASIS and Numair Uppal (Executive Director, OASIS) for inviting NAWT to bring VTT training to Canada.

OASIS Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services.

NAWT National Association of Wastewater Technicians

# Association Members in Canada.

NAWT wants to thank the following association members in Canada for their continued support to our mission:

- Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management
- WCOWMA Onsite Wastewater Management Association
- Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association
- Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association
- Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services

Click here to lean more about NAWT memberships

