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Entry deadline March 6



Field Erected Water Storage Tank Seminar

March 26, El Paso TX

Register today!

2015 Annual Meeting

April 26-28
Hilton Head SC

Crosby Rigging Training Workshop

May 13, Kansas City

STI Tank Fabricators' Quality Control Meeting

May 14-15
Kansas City MO

SAVE THE DATES!
STI/SPFA
100th Anniversary
Annual Meeting
Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2016
Maui, Hawaii

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Register today for compelling speakers and relaxing fun at 2015 Annual Meeting



Has it been a while since you've attended the Annual Meeting? Or maybe you've never been to one at all? It's time! STI/SPFA's 2015 Annual Meeting offers opportunities to learn with powerful presentations and unwind with friends and colleagues. [Register today!](#)

Powerful presentations

**The Global Economic and Business Environment:
How to Compete and Grow
in an Age of Turbulence**

Keynote speaker **Jerry Jasinowski** is the former CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), an economist, author, and a frequent guest on top news programs like *Meet the Press* and *Bloomberg*. [Read more...](#)



**The Elk River Chemical Spill:
Will there be effective AST regulation in West Virginia?**

Evan Hansen of Downstream Strategies, an environmental consulting firm, reviews the crisis, discusses the new AST law, and updates on the status of regulation after the 2015 session, where attempts are being made to weaken the law. [Read more...](#)

Plus: Defending against OSHA with expert Carl Carruth; claims and risk transfer with STICO; and much more--[see the complete program here.](#)



THANK
YOU!

STI/SPFA presented a workshop on aspects of using stainless steel in pressure vessel fabrication at Stainless Steel World America last fall.

More than thirty conference attendees attended—as opposed to just six at a concurrent session!

Sincere appreciation to these members for sharing their expertise as presenters for our workshop:

- Randy Hemann, Brighton Tru-Edge Heads
- Matt Russell, Eaton Metal Products
- Rick Shephard, Ward Tank & Heat Exchanger
- Ben Sprengard, Enerfab Inc.



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[Ojibway Enclosures
by Universal](#)

Beloit WI
Rich Pember, GM

AFFILIATE
[Chicago Metal Rolled
Products](#)

Chicago IL
Dan Wendt, VP Ops

Relaxation and networking



Bring the family to this on-the-beach location, too. Special events include a **Dolphin Eco Tour** by boat cruise or a **Guided Kayak Tour** (registration and additional fees required). And there's our traditional **Golf Outing** and **Water Volleyball**, too.

The **Annual Awards Banquet** is a highlight, and committee meetings, breakfasts, lunches, receptions and on-your-own evenings offer relaxation, networking, and camaraderie. As always, your **Affiliate Member** colleagues bring their products and services to you at the Annual Meeting, a chance to renew current business relationships or establish new ones.

Register Now

Annual Product Awards deadline is March 13!

Show off your best of 2014

Your company made some great products last year! Show off your production pride and skills. All members are encouraged to enter the annual STI/SPFA Product Awards:

- Field Erected Tank of the Year categories
 - Elevated tank
 - Reservoir tank
 - Standpipe
 - Special storage tank
 - API 650 atmospheric oil storage tank
 - API 620 low pressure liquid storage tank
 - ASME pressure vessel storage
- Fabricated Product of the Year categories
 - Pressure vessel
 - Shop-fabricated atmospheric tank
 - Special fabrication
- Affiliate New Product of the Year

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STI shop fab tank news

SwRI four-hour rating for Fireguard

STI has acquired a 4-hour fire rated listing for the Fireguard tank from the Southwest Research Institute. The tanks will be listed under SwRI standard 93-01.



STI Fireguard licensees will receive a Technical Bulletin with details on cost and sign up.

Online inspection forms now available for all STI technologies

All online [inspection forms are now available online](#) on the website:

MEMBER News

[American SpiralWeld](#)
is making pipe, jobs in Flint MI.

[CB&I](#)
wins multimillion-dollar
Oiltanking contract.

[General Industries](#)
has achieved
ASME's "U" and "R" stamps.

[Genius Solutions](#)
Several educational institutions
partner with Genius Solutions to
provide hands-on manufacturing
software training. Genius has
also recently released software
for MTO and ETO
manufacturers.

[Madison Chemical Industries](#)
was acquired by Valspar Corp.
last November.

[Nucor Corp.](#)
was featured in a November
2014 *Time* magazine article
about its venture in using super-
purified iron to enhance its steel
product.

[OPW](#)
has acquired Australian
company Liquip International.

[Taylor Forge](#)
Company president Mike
Kilkenny was interviewed by
the Kansas City Business
Journal on Jan. 16th. He
commented on the effect of low
oil prices on his company.

[Tanknology, Inc.](#)
has created a new Inspection
Services Division, led by Brian
Derge. Tanknology also
announced a strategic alliance
with OPW China to perform
UST testing there.

[Tnemec](#)
announced they received nearly
15,000 votes from the public to
select the company's Tank of
the Year. From among a dozen

1. Login to the [Members Only](#) area of the website.
2. Click the STI Shop Fab Tech Docs tab.
3. Under the tab, click Shop Fab Tank Section.
4. Click the Technology Inspection Forms tab.
5. Download the form you need to your computer.
6. Complete and save the inspection form.
7. Send [email to Kathy Mann](#) with completed inspection form attached.

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QC Meeting, Crosby Rigging Training Workshop



STI Quality Control Meeting May 14-15, Kansas City

The biennial STI Quality Control Meeting is mandatory for all Shop Fabricated Atmospheric Tank Section members licensed to manufacture STI tank technologies.

The two-day meeting includes technical sessions and a tour of J.L. Houston Co. in Kansas City. [Click here for agenda and registration.](#)



Crosby Rigging Training May 13, Kansas City

Just prior to the Quality Control Meeting, STI/SPFA is pleased to offer a Rigging Training Workshop with The Crosby Group, one of the premier rigging product, training, and consulting firms in the United States.

The workshop covers OSHA and ASME standards, identifying risks, the importance of center of gravity, weight, and tension, proper hardware inspection, and more.

The workshop is open to all STI/SPFA members. Space is limited to 50 people for this hands-on rigging workshop. [Click here for information and registration.](#)

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ULC publishes 6th edition AST standard

CAN/ULC-S602 covers the design and construction of aboveground steel non-pressure tanks intended for installation inside or outside buildings for the storage of combustible liquid intended to be used as heating fuel and/or generator fuel; and lubricating oil.



Changes to this edition of CAN/ULC-S602 include:

- New alternative requirement to determine equivalence of steel tank material;
- Enhanced welding requirements;

finalists, a water storage tank in Midland, Texas received the award.

[United Performance Metals](#) welcomed new Account Managers Steve Haushalter and Adam Bland in January.

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Fire Codes
Jeff Shapiro

- Clearer requirements for location of connections, including new prohibition against side supply connection for single wall tanks;
- New requirement for temporary closures;
- New requirement for spill containment devices;
- Enhanced requirements for secondary containment and double bottom tank; and
- More flexible testing method for proof of tank design.

Copies of CAN/ULC-S602 [may be purchased here.](#)

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2016 Board of Directors election

Slate of nominees

STI/SPFA's Nominating Committee has completed its slate of nominees for three seats open on the Board of Directors for 2016. Nominations were sought from the membership last fall. The nominees are:

- David Watson, Watco Tanks, representing the STI Shop Fabricated Tank Section
- Robby Hagemann, Boardman Inc., representing the Pressure Vessel Section
- Robert Clouse, Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors Inc., representing the Safety & Health committee.

Members may also write in a nominee on the ballot or make a nomination from the floor at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting on April 23, 12:00 pm, at the Omni Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

An electronic ballot will be sent to all Fabricator Members the week of March 23, and voting will close 14 days later. Ballots may also be cast at the Annual Business Meeting. All members are strongly encouraged to vote.

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Steel Water Pipe Section Product Award winners

The 2014 Steel Water Pipe Fabrication and Pipeline Project Award winners were announced in January. Read all about the projects at the link. Congratulations to Steel Water Pipe Section members JIFCO and Mid-America Pipe.

[**2014 Pipeline Project of the Year: JIFCO, INC.**](#)

meet me ☺

Meet your STI/SPFA staff

**Elizabeth Whitney
Administrative Assistant/
Membership Meetings
Coordinator**

Elizabeth's is the first voice you hear when you call our general office number. After 13 years with STI/SPFA, it's a rare question she can't answer!

Elizabeth also manages the Pipe Certification Program and Safety Awards, makes sure new members are properly welcomed with information about their benefits, maintains usernames and passwords for Members to access the website, makes the arrangements for Board meetings.

Elizabeth and Dick Whitney have seven grandchildren, all in the Chicago area—so they keep busy!



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**Bay Division Pipeline 3 and 4,
Hayward Fault Crossing Seismic Upgrade**

**2014 Pipe Fabrication of the Year:
MID-AMERICA PIPE FABRICATING & SUPPLY**



SE Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project, Harahan Pump Station

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Welder training programs "heating up"

from external sources.

Welder demand continues to grow

A recent article in the online edition of *Engineering Business Record* says that in response to rapidly increasing demand, welding training programs are scrambling to meet the need.



Retiring veteran welders, new welding technology, and inaccurate perceptions of pay scales all contribute to the lack of qualified welders. [Read more...](#)

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George Tupac, 1926-2014

SWPMTAC leader passes

We are saddened to report the loss of a great leader of the pipe industry. George Tupac passed away on December 26, 2014.



Among his many accomplishments, George was a long-time chair of AWWA's Steel Pipe Committee and of the Southwest Pipe Manufacturers Technical Advisory Committee (SWPMTAC). His expertise and commitment are represented in many of the standards, manuals and technical papers used in the pipe industry.

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