

**STRUCTURALMOVER** features two Directors of the Association in each issue. The purpose is to enable members to become more acquainted with the individuals elected by the membership to provide governance and management for the association and its programs.

In 1983 **Jay Thompson** founded and is the owner of **Atlantic Structure Movers**. The company facilities are located at 223 Route 9, West Creek, in Barnegat, NJ 08092-9331. The mailing address is Post Office Box 597, Barnegat, NJ 08005-0597. Telephone: 609-597-3538, Facsimile: 609-597-7493, E-mail: [atlanticstructuremovers@comcast.net](mailto:atlanticstructuremovers@comcast.net).

Jay and Tina Mueller married in 1996.

Jay graduated 1983 from Pinelands Regional High School, Tuckerton, NJ.

Because of a desire to advance professionally and to contribute to his profession Jay enrolled his company as a member of IASM in 1996.

In addition to founding his company, Atlantic Structure Movers Jay and wife Tina became active in IASM activities. In addition to serving as a Director Jay also serves as a member of the education and the Industry Guidelines Task Group Committees. Tina is a member of the Ladies Group Governing Committee. Active in their regional structural moving association, Atlantic Structure Movers is a member of the New England Association of Structural Movers.

Atlantic Structure Movers has received an IASM Award for The Widest Structure Moved in the Open Category in 2005 and Second Winner in Category for The Most Square Footage on One Level.

Jay considers the first and foremost benefit of IASM membership to be educational opportunities afforded members through formal presentations at the annual conferences, project site visits, yard tours and interaction with an accomplished international group of structural movers. Through IASM conferences, sponsored events and education sessions, members remain current about technical innovation in the industry as it impacts the means and methods of structural moving including improvements of equipment. Members also share challenges and successful strategies and coalitions to effect political and regulatory change for the advancement of the industry and profession. IASM provides a forum through which members may benefit from and also contribute to the collective knowledge of the profession. There is personal satisfaction from participating in a community of strong, independent individuals willing to help each other in our professional endeavors through advice, encouragement, assistance, equipment, scholarships and most importantly friendship. In a world where so few know or understand the work of a structural mover, camaraderie among peers is another important benefit. Membership in an association representing the best in the industry, and the best of our profession, confers a level of respectability and prestige. In light of this, the IASM Awards Competition provides an arena for professional recognition of members for outstanding achievement in structural moving.

Jay considers one of the major issues facing the structural moving industry today, as has been historically, centers on the dearth of an independent and thinking work force possessing useful life skills and experiences. A challenge is how to attract intellectually capable individuals to a labor-intensive industry. On the legal front, laws and regulatory protocols inflict increasingly cumbersome and expensive burdens on small, independent businesses and employers. Overcoming restrictions created by overhead utility lines and securing passable right of ways remain challenging. As awareness and demand for resource conservation deepens, we may find the recycling aspect of our industry as another avenue of leverage and influence with regulatory agencies and administrators. Rates for taxes and insurance remain tangible afflictions.



**William Johnson** is President and Co-Owner with wife Janis of **Anderson Building Movers** founded in 1971 by Don Anderson. The Johnson's purchased the company in 1996. The company's offices are located in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada. The address is Post Office Box 2711. Zip Code is S6V 7M2. Telephone: 306-764-0512, Facsimile: 306-989-4604, E-mail: [Johnson.abm@sasktel.net](mailto:Johnson.abm@sasktel.net).



William and his wife of 20 years, Janis (Locke), are the proud parents of two children: Son David, age 16 and daughter Brett, age 14.

William is a 1980 graduate of Kipling High School, located in Kipling, Saskatchewan, Canada. He is currently enrolled the University of "Hard Knocks" where he has to maintain passing grades of monthly job "test questions" to remain in business in a competitive industry.

After selling his company to the Johnson's in 1996, Don Anderson, passed along to William some copies of Structural Mover magazine. After reviewing the material and recognizing the benefits of such an organization to their new business the Johnson's became members in 1997.

William and Janis are not merely "check book" members. They immediately became active in the association by attending annual conferences, entering the IASM Awards Competition program and serving on committees. Janis has served as Chairman of the Ladies Group for four years: 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. In addition to serving on several committees William has served as Chairman of the Education Committee in 2003 and 2007; Chairman of the Industry Guidelines Task Group in 2005; and as an officer in the positions of Secretary in 2003, Treasurer in 2004, Vice President in 2005 and Prime Minister (it's a Canadian thing) in 2006. His current term as a Director will run through the annual conference in 2009 as Past Prime Minister. He currently serves on the following committees: Education (Chair), Industry Guidelines Task Group and Membership where he has already recruited seven members in 2007.

His company was presented the Widest Building Moved under \$25,000 Award in 2004.

In addition to being a member of IASM Johnson is a founding member and past president of the Saskatchewan Building Movers Association, the Alberta Building Movers Association, the New England Association of Structural Movers, Texas Association of Structural Movers and the Mid-States Housemovers Association.

Johnson considers major benefits of being a member of IASM to be interaction with other members, education opportunities and the credibility that comes with being a member of a professional organization.

He considers the major issues facing the structural moving industry today to be finding, training and retaining qualified employees, negative publicity and more difficulties with government regulations, utilities and permitting.