



Reflections on individual accomplishments that benefit others in the industry

Over 25 years ago ten individuals from nine states were willing to contribute time, money and effort to investigate the possibility of forming an organization that could potentially benefit not only their respective companies but the companies of all structural movers in North America and beyond. They met just outside Chicago, IL in October 1982. Last month in Tucson, AZ 240 individuals paid an average of \$350.00 each to attend the 25th Anniversary annual conference of the organization founded as a result of the actions of those ten men. And, as recognition of their efforts, directors of IASM directors have chosen to honor the ten by naming them "Founders." Five of the ten were present to receive their "Award" and be recognized while others represented two. Congratulations and thanks to Allen Cansler, James Drake, Roy Emmert, Terry Emmert, Pete Friesen, Jim Kabrick, Bill Lee, Dave Pizur, Robin Renshaw and Carl Tuxill. (See page 57)

To our knowledge there is no college or university granting a degree in structural moving. One can obtain a degree in mechanical engineering that can be very useful in moving structures. Various college or trade schools offer courses such as business management, accounting, geometry, mathematics, algebra, etc. that also would be beneficial. The only book that specifically addresses the movement of structures from an industry perspective is *Moving Historic Buildings*. It was written by John Obed Curtis and published by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1979. Through the generosity of former IASM members Audrey and William Patram of Fairfax, VA, who paid for reprinting the book in 1991, IASM is now the sole source for this publication. Appreciation and thanks are due Audrey and William Patram.

Other than the Curtis book mentioned earlier, no other books written specifically for the art of moving structures existed until now. IASM members Larry Cline and Tommy Doyle acquiesced to a request from an education committee to present a session at the 2006 annual conference on the rudimentary principles of structural moving. Members flocked to the session that exceeded significantly the time allowed; yet, they continued seeking answers to questions. A second request of Cline and Doyle to follow up the session with specific printed reference material was also honored. A goal was to have the information for future educational development of personnel at all experience levels of the industry. Cline and Doyle and Cline's son Brant, devoted hour upon hour to developing the material and producing a teaching Power Point presentation. Their efforts resulted in the first document titled *Structural Moving By The Numbers*. Cline and Doyle selflessly granted IASM all rights to the publication for sale to the industry. Our congratulations and thanks to Larry Cline and Tommy Doyle. (See page 6).



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