

# SECTION NEWS

## Atlantic Section



Hello everyone. As you know Paul Batchelor, Mike Flanigan and James Keefe were in Moncton, New Brunswick for the inauguration of the IMSA Atlantic Section and mini trade show. Everything went off without a hitch. Congratulations to Paul and Mike for the work they did for this event and Carol Batchelor

for her back room work. Perry Hill [hillpe@gov.ns.ca](mailto:hillpe@gov.ns.ca). Nova Scotia DOT was elected president and a good cross section from the other provinces are on the board. The trade show was a great success. Local companies couldn't say enough about the exposure they received. Attendees (about 71) were impressed with the variety of products & services on display. This was a good start for the Section. - James Keefe



*There was a joint display by four Canadian Sections. L to R : Jim Keefe, Ontario; Brian Olson, BC; and Sal Ficaccio, Western Prairie Section.*

## New England Section

The following photos were taken at our Section meeting on September 15 and 16, 2005. The meeting was held in Hampton, NH. The photos are of the section members sitting in one of our technical sessions being put on by Digitize Inc. The meeting was hosted by George Allen and R.B. Allen. On Friday, George hosted a clambake at his beach front home in Hampton, NH. - Bob Gillespie



## British Columbia Section

A big thank-you goes out to the BC Executive, Volunteers and Vendors that have made us so successful.

The BC Section 2005 Strategic Planning Session was held in Whistler on September 24th and 25th. A very intense but rewarding session on Saturday, left the attendees energized and up for the challenge! The passion, dedication and commitment to the improvement of the industry demonstrated by each of the participants was awesome. The marathon session, began with an overview of the business relationships between the Section, International and Educational

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Foundations. The latest developments on the Certification front were also discussed in detail. This overview provided a valuable introduction to IMSA for our new Executive Board Members as well as an update for the seasoned members on current trends and affairs. A discussion on the 2004 Strategic Plan followed and key challenges were revised. The session focused primarily on the Certification and Trade Show / Technical Session aspects of the operation and resulted in some exciting new ideas on the management of the Certification Schools and the format of the Technical Sessions and Trade Shows. A lively discussion ensued on implementation details and realities involved regarding logistics and volunteer time. A shorter meeting was held the following morning to summarize the results. By all accounts it was a very successful undertaking. Look for the new initiatives in the 2005 Strategic Plan on the website at [www.imsa.bc.ca](http://www.imsa.bc.ca) in the near future.

The 111th Annual IMSA International Conference will be held in Overland Park, Kansas, July 20th to 26th in 2006. Plan to attend!

The Canadian Prairie Section is hosting a mid-winter meeting for the International in Canmore, Alberta starting on March 18 in 2006 for the IMSA Executive with general attendance starting on the 20th. A Trade Show and Technical Sessions, similar in size to ours is planned. Since many of our local vendors will be attending the Canmore Conference, our spring event will be Technical Sessions only. Watch for more details from the Canadian Prairie Section at our Fall Trade Show and Technical Sessions and plan a winter recreational getaway while attending the show!

Be sure and plan to attend our Fall Trade Show and Technical Sessions at the Coquitlam Executive Inn on November 2nd. The organizing committee is working hard to bring you some exciting and interesting topics. Don't forget to RSVP and we look forward to seeing you there.

Graeme Kraft, President, IMSA B.C. Section



Section also gained an addition during the meeting; Pete Carter from Warminster Twp. was elected as 2nd Vice President. Pete is a dedicated member and will be an asset to the organization.

Also held that same week was the New Jersey Sections 2nd Annual NEMA TS1 Troubleshooting Class. Thirty four people attended this two day class. Sam Garman and James Klinge from ASKCA Inc. along with Tom Kurnik from Signal Control Products did an excellent job instructing the students. We would like to thank everyone who donated equipment for our class. Through the good graces of our members and supporters the New Jersey Section has several controller assemblies and many sets of peripheral equipment. The Section also purchased a 7x14 foot enclosed trailer to transport the equipment.

The New Jersey Section would like to thank Sam Garman and James Klinge for all of their efforts. They have both done a tremendous job of supporting the Section and promoting the IMSA.



### New Jersey Section



On October 4th, the New Jersey Section held it's meeting and technical session in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Pete Carter from the Warminster Township Public Works Dept. provided a presentation on his Econolite TS2 traffic control system. Tom Kurnik from Signal Control Products Inc. assisted Pete with the demonstration of the controllers and ARIES management software. Tom talked about the capabilities and advantages of the NEMA TS2 standard. James Klinge from ASKCA Inc. assisted Pete by demonstrating other items in use by the Township such as the Clary Corporation Model SP1000 UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) and the Polara BDLL2 "BullDog" pedestrian pushbutton. The SP1000 provides fully conditioned power for the Townships signalized intersections and protects against power interruptions. The BDLL2 is a state-of-the-art ADA push-button that provides a two tone audible beep and LED indicator when the button is pressed. Over 30 people from PA and NJ attended this meeting. The

