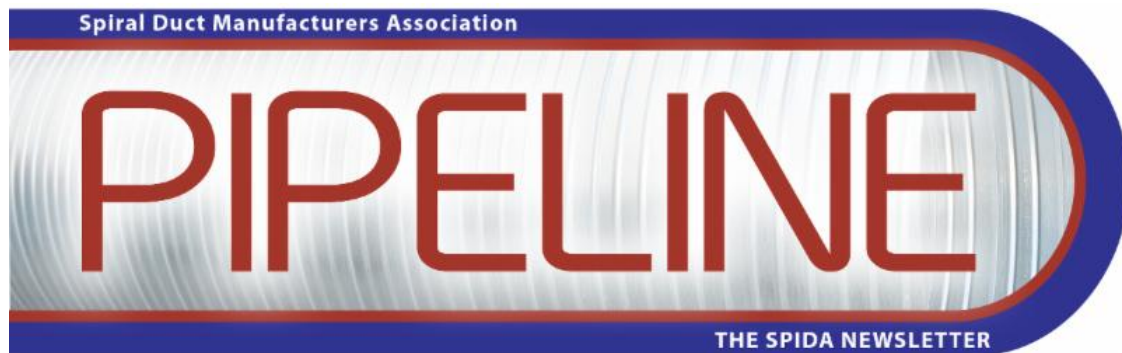


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SPIDA Members,

I want to personally thank all of you who were able to make it to the 2023 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas this year. Texas is one of my favorite states to visit. I love the 7pm hour in the spring/summer with the long shadows against the flat horizon as the evening cools from the heat of the day. There is something about a Texas sunset that makes everything right in the world for those last few hours of fleeting daylight.

This year's meeting proved to be a success despite having to battle weather and some last-minute speaker issues we had to work around behind the scenes. I think our board did a wonderful job of navigating some challenges and helping my first SPIDA meeting as president move smoothly. As with any trade, turbulence happens behind the scenes inevitably, but if the final product is delivered as needed, it isn't a big deal and I think that's something we all can relate to and have experienced within our shops and businesses!

Our inaugural Bill Bradford Golf Tournament was successful, even though it had to be redirected due to rain at the local Top Golf establishment last minute. Our dinner on Thursday evening was well attended and the food was great. Our meeting had great attendance as well as engagement on Friday from our members and we had possibly one of the best guest speakers I have heard at any event or conference I have ever attended in Mr. Josh Davis. Morgan Simpson from Ductmate, won our first ever Bill



Bradford Award and is a terrific example of what Bill stood for and believed in. Congrats Morgan!

The round table discussions proved to be insightful with many ideas being shared with the group ranging from freight topics and AI software solutions to best practices for hiring and training employees.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Josh Davis, spoke about what it takes to be great behind the scenes as a multi-time Olympic Gold Medalist. His perseverance, drive, integrity, attitude, and determination were evident as I think all of us were on the edge of our seats with his presentation.

Our SPIDA board is very receptive to new ideas to become better year by year. With this new year comes new opportunities for membership, sponsorship, and most importantly, becoming more active in any of the committees.

I hope that my term as SPIDA president continues to lead this organization down a path of success and continues to build upon the success Ryan Barnes built thru the pandemic the last few years and that Steve Stratton, our new VP, will carry the torch after my term is over into the future.

I would like to personally thank our entire board for all the hard work they do behind the scenes to make this event a success year in and year out for our members.

Thanks for all that each of you do to continue to make SPIDA a great organization!

Brennan Hall, SPIDA President

Director of Duct Fab Supplies & Air Distribution Products, Conklin Metal Industries

SPIDA 2023 Annual Meeting Austin, Texas

**The annual SPIDA general membership meeting took place in
in April in downtown Austin, TX.**

**A special thanks to our 2023 Diamond Sponsor, Mestek
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This year our meetings began with the inaugural Bill Bradford Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament was organized to recognize and honor the memory of Bill Bradford Jr who gave so much to SPIDA, the spiral industry and people he touched.

Proceeds for the tournament funded the SPIDA Outstanding Service Award. The event was originally scheduled as a nine-hole tournament. Due to forecasted storms the event was moved to Top Golf, a driving range

electronic scoring game. A great time was had by all. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Second Annual tournament.



Later that evening, SPIDA gathered for our welcoming dinner at the The Roaring Fork wood fired steakhouse.



SPIDA President, Brennan Hall, opened the meeting and welcomed over 60 members and guests to the Omni Downtown Austin.



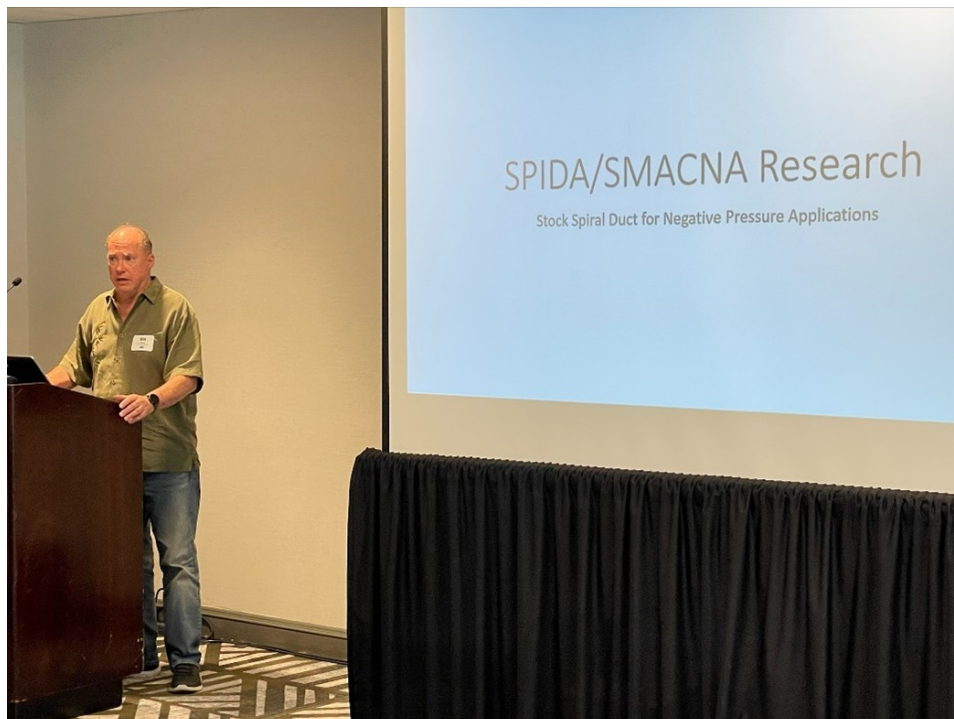
This year featured our keynote speaker, Olympic Gold Medalist Josh Davis. Mr. Davis was the only man to win three Gold Medals at the 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games. Four years later as Captain of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Swim Team, he broke the American Record three times in his signature event, the 200m freestyle. He spoke to our group on how

perseverance, pursuing excellence, and attitude can turn the ordinary into extra-ordinary. Still practicing what he preaches, Mr. Davis just recently became the fastest man ever over 40 years old as he set National Records in the 50, 100, 200, and 500 meter freestyle.



Josh Davis teaching
Scott Witherow, Design Polymerics,
The "hero pose" with two of his
Olympic Gold Metals.

Technical Committee - Corrugated Duct Testing



Bob Reid, Spiral Pipe of Texas (SPOT), presented SPIDA's technical committee update on the completion of corrugated round spiral duct negative pressure testing. SPIDA contracted Tennessee Tech University to create a table that will define the maximum negative operating pressure and collapse pressure of standard gauge, even diameters between 4" and 42". Negative pressure capacity will be generated for both corrugated and standard spiral duct.

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SPIDA would again like to thank Set Duct Manufacturing and Tradesman Manufacturing for providing the spiral duct, couplings, and end caps for our upcoming corrugation testing. Jerry Liddell of Set Duct (8" diameter – 42" diameter) and Alvin Dueck (4" diameter – 6" diameter) of Tradesman coordinated this generous donation.

Programming Committee - Annual Meeting



Our educational session was presented by the Austin chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI works to educate, support, advocate, listen and lead to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones.

Our meetings closed with Round Table discussions as has been our tradition. Members from across the US and Canada shared their many years of experience on industry related subjects: Business Outlook and Challenges, Labor Strategies, Shipping Spiral Duct and Software Solutions. Cost saving ideas for industry leaders were shared during the two-hour discussions.



Join us next year to participate and learn from the industry experts!

Annual Meeting Vendor's Reception

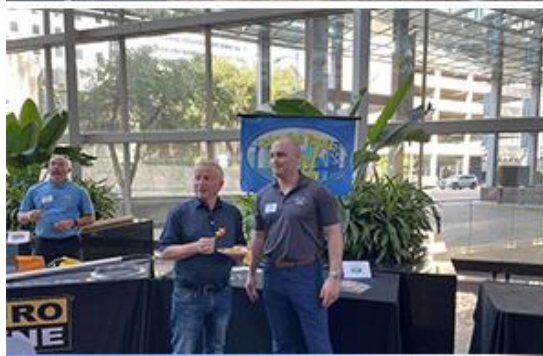
The SPIDA conference closed with happy hour and vendor displays. It was a great forum for vendor members to mingle and share new products and ideas.



Kurb - Curtis McNeill (center)



Design Polymerics - Scott Witherow



Camden Yards Steel - Eric Engels (right)



Duro Dyne - Larry Moody (right)



Johns Manville - Robert Shane (center)



Reed Rubber Products - Joe Bruce (center)



Trimble - Bill Bradford



Haltom Industries - Nick Fulenwider, Ashton Forbis, & Tim Saavedra (L to R)

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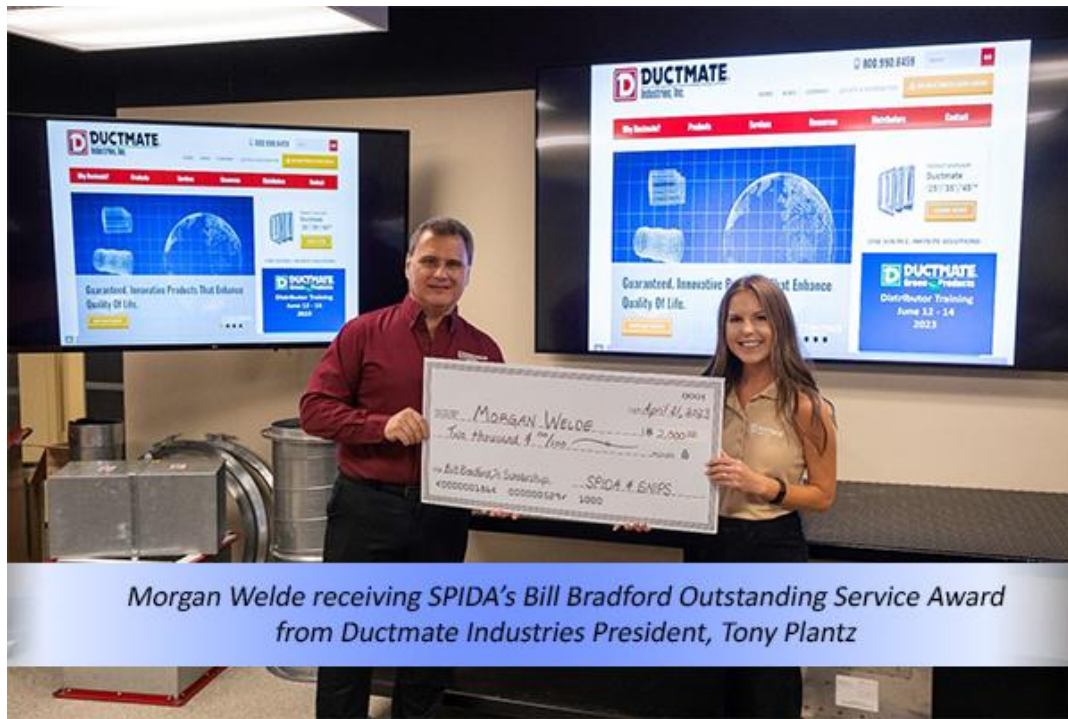
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SPIDA's Bill Bradford Outstanding Service
Award Winner - Morgan Welde



Morgan Welde receiving SPIDA's Bill Bradford Outstanding Service Award from Ductmate Industries President, Tony Plantz

SPIDA is proud to announce the recipient of the first annual Bill Brad Outstanding service award is Morgan Welde of Ductmate Industries. With a generous \$1,000 gift from Snips magazine and \$1,000 in proceeds from the SPIDA golf tournament, Morgan's award totaled \$2,000.

Morgan was chosen over a number of qualified submissions as having the attributes that best matched Bill Bradford. She entered DMI from outside the industry which has been both stressful and well as rewarding. She has learned from the ground up, embraced it, and work tirelessly for both her employer and her customers. As seen in the late Bill Bradford, she not only takes care of her customers' product and pricing needs, she is a trusted and valued co-worker. She consistently emphasizes the positives in customer and co-workers.

About Morgan: She is Southeast Regional Channel Manager for Ductmate Industries and focuses on managing overall customer relationships and maximizing market penetration. Morgan joined the DMI team in August of 2018 based in Charlotte, North Carolina. She has a bachelor's degree in Biology from Wingate University.

2024 SPIDA Diamond Sponsor



Austin Keating, Editor-in-Chief of *SNIPS*, announced that they would be SPIDA's 2024 Diamond sponsor. Austin was joined by Southwest/Western and International Advertising Manager, Carrie Cypert. Snips has provided our membership an opportunity to promote their companies, projects, people and products for many years with their annual SPIDA Supplement/Insert edition that coincides with the AHR Expo. SPIDA would like to thank *SNIPS* for their continued involvement with our organization.

In case you missed it, *SNIPS* has returned to print after more than two years as a digital publication. *SNIPS Magazine* is becoming a special section of the bi-weekly newspaper, *The ACHR News*. More information can be found at: <https://www.achrnews.com/snips-news>

The 2023 *SNIPS* SPIDA supplemental can be found [here](#).

2023 SPIDA Fall Board of Directors Meeting

The SPIDA board of directors met prior to our annual meeting to finalize details of the current meeting and to discuss future business. Congratulations to Steve Stratton, Dixie Metal Products, being named as our new Vice President.



REMINDER: New SPIDA Logo and Brochure



Ryan Barnes unveiled the new SPIDA logo during the AHR meeting. The [logo](#) and new [SPIDA brochure](#) are downloadable through their corresponding links.

We encourage you add the SPIDA logo to all your correspondence.

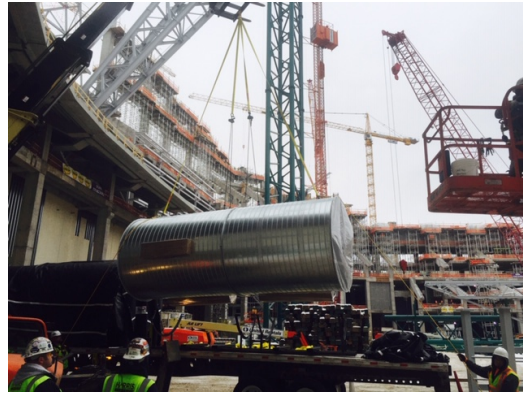


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Please contact Scott Witherow for inclusion in future Pipeline Newsletters at 614-657-8581 or switherow@designpoly.com.

SPIDA Needs Your Photos!

Please send photographs of spiral duct projects of stadiums, arenas, high profile project, etc. along with any details you would like to share (name, location, size of project in pounds, feet, etc.) to switherow@designpoly.com and info@spida.org for upcoming Pipeline publications.



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