



ASTTBC Executive Director, **John Leech**, ASCT, CAE, welcoming special guests from all points in BC and across Canada.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Awards & Recognition Celebration a 'Once in a Lifetime' Event

ASTTBC's annual Awards & Recognition Celebration is a way of saying thanks to the Association's many volunteers. It is a time to honor highly talented people, the ASTTBC award recipients. And, it is an opportunity for ASTTBC to thank partner organizations for their contributions and for members to connect with colleagues in the science and technology community.

Speaking at the event on October 25 2008, ASTTBC President Darrin Heisler, ASCT, said, "We are rolling out the red carpet as we celebrate 50 years of success." He went on to extend a west coast welcome to all special guests, and a particular thanks to colleagues from the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists, and the other provincial technology associations who traveled thousands of miles in some cases.

Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, was the guest speaker. As well, emcee John Leech read out a message of congratulations from the Premier. Mayor Sam Sullivan brought greetings on behalf of the City of Vancouver.

A highlight of the evening was the launch of the 500x50 campaign accompanied a cheque for \$25,000 from ASTTBC. The goal of this joint ASTTBC-FEAT initiative is to increase the Technology Legacy Fund to \$500,000. By the end of the evening the 500x50 campaign was well underway with total contributions of nearly \$40,000. This included the cheque from ASTTBC; donations from members, staff and past presidents; and proceeds from the silent auction and raffle at the gala.

Something else that made this a 'once in a lifetime' event was a special presentation to Sever Rondestvedt, ASCT, member number 007, for 50 years of continuous membership in the Association. Later in the evening, \$1,000 bursaries were presented to six students who are just on the cusp of their careers in technology. "I thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and celebrations. It was an honor to have been invited to such an event," said Ben Dunsmuir, one of the students who received a bursary.

The President of the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists, Stephen Gould, CET, wished 'happy birthday' to ASTTBC stating, "On behalf of our national office, our constituent members across the country, and your fellow certified technicians and technologists, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes as you embark on a second half century of success." He then presented the national awards.



Sever Rondestvedt, ASCT, receiving recognition for 50 years of continuous membership from ASTTBC President Darrin Heisler, ASCT.



Performance by Adagio Rhythmic Academy was one of many highlights.



Geoff Sale, ASCT, receiving Volunteer of the Year Award from Stephen Gould, CET, President of CCTT.

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ASTTBC Awards included:

- **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AWARD**
Stephen Ibaraki, Chairman, iGEN Knowledge Solutions
- **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Trevor Hutton, ASCT, General Manager, North Salt Spring Waterworks District
Luke McDonald, ASCT, Project Manager, L&M Engineering Limited
Edgardo Tapia, ASCT, President, Odessa Manufacturing Incorporated
Mike Lambert, CTech, Associate Deputy Minister & CEO, BC Public Service Leadership Centre (*unable to attend*)
- **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**
M.J. Whitemarsh, CEO of the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia
John Reynolds, MP (*unable to attend*)
- **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY**
Corinne Dalgas, ASCT, Program Coordinator, Civil Engineering, BCIT
- **EMPLOYER AWARD FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF CAREER SUCCESS OF WOMEN AS TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS**
Dayton & Knight Ltd., Consulting Engineers
- **R. LITTLEDALE MEMORIAL AWARD**
Richard Mayer, ASCT, Manager, Corporate Identity, ASTTBC (*unable to attend*)

National Awards included:

- **NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Harold Clifford, ASCT, President, Shelter Industries Inc.
- **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
Geoff Sale, ASCT, Chair, CTAB
- **RETIRING DIRECTOR AWARD**
Roger Poitras, ASCT, Board member, NBSCT and Director, CCTT

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