



ASPI honors Bud Nash with 2007 Distinguished Customer Executive Award

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The recipient of the ASPI 2007 Customer Executive of the Year Award is Gaynor L. "Bud" Nash, vice president and resident manager at Bowater Inc.'s Catawba, South Carolina mill. Nash is scheduled to accept the award at the ASPI 2007 Fall Meeting, September 26-28, 2007 at the WaterColor Inn in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, USA.

The Distinguished Customer Executive of the Year Award is the highest honor the Association can bestow on an individual. The award is granted to a paper industry executive who has demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness in working with a range of suppliers to enhance productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of his/her company using a wide spectrum of supplied products and services.

Bud Nash is a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He earned his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University, and his master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio State University. Over the past 30 years, Nash has held a series of increasingly responsible positions with the Mead Corporation and Interlake Paper before joining Bowater in 1998. Since arriving at Catawba, Nash (as vice president-resident manager) has led the mill through a major paper machine conversion, construction of a new fiber line, development of many new grades, and major improvements in safety, quality and productivity. The Catawba mill is currently a world class low cost manufacturer of coated mechanical grades. In 2005, *Industry Week* named the mill a North American Best Plants Award winner.

Designed by and for industry suppliers, the ASPI 2007 Fall Meeting will be an excellent opportunity to participate in sessions led by industry renowned speakers, and to network with the cream of the crop in the pulp and paper industry. Additional details on the Conference program, as well as registration information, are available online at www.aspinet.org.

ASPI is the leading association of companies that supply products and or services to the pulp, paper and board industry. Membership participation is comprised primarily of CEOs, owners, and senior management executives. ASPI's unique value proposition is a combination of compelling program content and an influential business network.

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