2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

QUARTER 1
January–March

The PSAI introduced a new training course:

“Portable Sanitation: Preparing for Extremes”

Partnered with Informa to offer the PSAI’s Basic Service Technician Training Course at the WWETT show for the first time in many years.

Launched and promoted an industry-wide survey of service technicians to validate the Certification Commission’s job description and position analysis.

Convened a meeting between portable sanitation operators and California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) officials to address inconsistent interpretation and enforcement activities related to the operation of tank vehicles.
Engaged with global colleagues working through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on development of a new standard for “next generation toilets” and an international working agreement on fecal sludge treatment units.

Concluded a financially successful fiscal year and awarded some $25,000 in scholarships, bringing the scholarship award total to $307,500 since the program began in 2004.

Introduced a new online supplier directory tool.
Provided subject matter expertise at the third annual International Urine Diversion Summit in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Sent an advisory letter on portable sanitation requirements that was widely covered in the press to officials planning the Pope’s visit to Columbia.

Engaged with St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota to develop recommended recruitment and compensation plans for three key positions in the portable sanitation industry.
Held the first-ever Urgent Run in conjunction with the Nuts and Bolts Educational Conference and World Toilet/World Portable Sanitation Day, welcoming more than 40 participants in raising $4,200 for Friends of Ngong Road/Karibu Loo, a portable sanitation-related charity in Kenya.

The PSAI introduced another new training course: "Portable Sanitation: Transportation and Logistics."

Worked with leaders of the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) to adapt PSAI material for an Ontario-specific version of the PSAI’s Basic Service Technician Training Course and delivered it at the OASIS annual conference in Kingston, ON.

Completed the requirements for the PSAI’s reaccreditation as an ANSI standards development organization.