

# Advancing the Natural Stone Industry TOGETHER

**Benefits of Membership** 

# EXPLORE

## The Benefits of Natural Stone Institute Membership



With over 2,000 members in 50+ countries, we are a global trade association representing multiple aspects of the dimension stone industry. As the authoritative source for safety and technical standards, we have provided education, awards, promotion, representation, and community for generations of natural stone industry professionals.

**Join today**, volunteer, and share our numerous resources with your team. We look forward to welcoming you to our worldwide network of natural stone companies.



Join Today



Get Involved

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# SAFETY RESOURCES

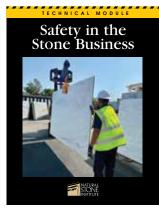
## Providing Resources to Promote a Safe and Healthy Stone Industry

**FEATURING** 



### Silica & Slab Safety Certificate

Courses that cover preventing silicosis, safe slab handling, and safety programs for natural stone. Can be earned online or in person.



Safety Modules Written resources on facility safety in the stone business.



OSHA Guidance Documents to help stone companies conform to OSHA guidelines.



# EDUCATION

## Vital Educational Programming focused on Natural Stone



## ONLINE

### Topic Specific Training Bundles

Suggested training materials for employees in the stone industry.

#### Live Webinars

Monthly live quarry tour, technical, sustainability, and case studies webinars.



### Natural Stone University

Over 200 on-demand educational courses for stone professionals.Courses cover safety, geology, business, technical topics, and more.





## **IN PERSON**



Stone Industry Education Series One-day regional training sessions for fabricators.

### Trade Show Education

Stone education provided at trade shows, including StonExpo, Coverings, Marmomac, and Hardscape North America.

# AWARDS

## Celebrating our People and Projects

#### Pinnacle Awards

Awards are given to projects whose beauty, creativity, ingenuity, and craftsmanship exemplify professional mastery in the use of natural stone in commercial and residential applications.

### Tucker Design Awards

Honoring those who have achieved excellence in design through the incorporation and use of natural stone in building or landscape projects.





#### Bybee Prize

Presented to an architect or landscape architect for work distinguished by outstanding design and use of natural stone.

#### Craftsman of the Year Award

Recognizes one craftsman who has performed outstanding stone fabrication and/or installation for many years.

### David Fell Spirit of Service Award

Presented to a company and/or individual who participated in the Gary Sinise Foundation R.I.S.E. program, recognizing leadership within their company, the community, and beyond.

#### Migliore Award for Lifetime Achievement

Recognizes an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to our industry and the association.

### Natural Stone Scholarship

Awarded to aspiring stone professionals interested in furthering their careers within the industry.

#### Thor Lundh Quarrier Award

Celebrating an individual for a successful career in the quarrying industry.

#### Women in Stone Empowerment Scholarship

Awarded to one woman showing a strong passion to grow her career within the industry.

#### Women in Stone Pioneer Award

Recognizes an advocate in the stone industry for their role in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women.



# A&D OUTREACH

# Promoting Natural Stone to the Architecture and Design Community.





Natural Stone Catalogue Find appropriate stone materials for projects.



**CEU** Program

In person and virtual presentations about the benefits of using natural stone. Courses certified through AIA, ASLA, GBCI, and others.



Building Stone Magazine Biannual publication featuring case studies and stories about award-winning natural stone projects.

### Trade Shows

Natural stone education provided at design trade shows including ASLA, Greenbuild, KBIS, and others.

# INFORMATION

## Accurate and Timely Information Keeping Our Industry and Its Products in the Spotlight



The Cutting Edge Newsletter Published 6 times a year, this print and digital member newsletter features NSI news, member

updates, and other industry updates.



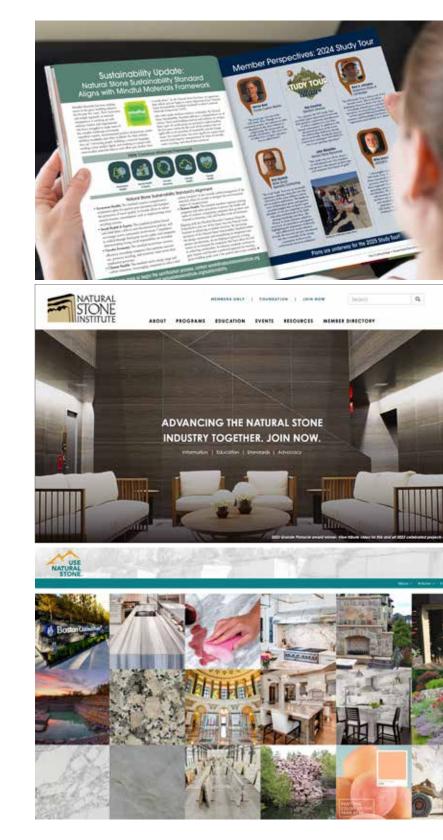
Email Communications Timely updates about NSI events and programming.



**NSI Website** Register for events, take courses, and find resources on the Natural Stone Institute website.



Use Natural Stone Website Socially sharable content promoting natural stone.



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# COMMUNITY

## Grow Your Professional Network by Connecting with Industry Leaders







### Annual Study Tour

A unique three day exploration of natural stone, stone facilities, and the surrounding region. Also included is a live auction where members can showcase their products.

### Receptions

Receptions are offered at industry trade shows to provide networking opportunities for attendees. Coverings • Hardscape NA Marmomac • TISE



### Advocacy Groups

Membership groups with similar interests are given opportunities to meet, network, and discuss common goals at industry events and through virtual meetings throughout the year. Get involved to get connected.





### R.I.S.E. Program

Opportunities to provide natural stone materials, fabrication, and installation for specially adapted smart homes for severely wounded veterans and first responders.

# TECHNICAL STANDARDS

## Setting the Standards for Natural Stone



#### Natural Stone Resource Library 350+ downloadable technical and guidance documents.

### Dimension Stone Design Manual

The industry's single-source document containing technical guidance and installation guidelines.

### Live Technical Support

One-on-one stone technical support for NSI members.



Accreditation Program Third party verified qualified labor credential for countertop fabricators and commercial installers.



Natural Stone Sustainability Standard Third party verified standard that examines

and verifies numerous areas of natural stone production.









# TEST LABORATORY

## Know Your Stone. Know Your Numbers.







#### ISO 17025 Accredited Test Laboratory Services

ANSI A326.3 Dynamic Coefficient of Friction Using the BOT 3000

> ASTM C97 Absorption and Bulk Specific Gravity of Dimension Stone

ASTM C99 Modulus of Rupture of Dimension Stone

ASTM C170 Compressive Strength of Dimension Stone

ASTM C880 Flexural Strength of Dimension Stone

ASTM C1353 Abrasion Resistance of Dimension Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic Using a Rotary Platform, Double-Head Abraser

ASTM C1354 Strength of Individual Stone Anchorages in Dimension Stone

Freeze/Thaw Testing

Contact us for a full list.

### Special Pricing Available for:

Natural Stone Institute members. Large volume orders. Bundled packages.

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# EXPAND YOUR REACH

## Promote Your Products and Services

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Support NSI programs and events while promoting your brand through sponsorship opportunities.

#### Advertising

Showcase your products and services by placing an advertisement on the website, in the weekly email, or in one of our publications.

#### Member Discounts

Offer your fellow members an exclusive discount through the NSI Member-to-Member Discount Program. Members can take advantage of discounts ranging from stone equipment and software to credit card processing, insurance, and shipping.



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Give back to the industry you love through the philanthropic arm of the Natural Stone Institute. The Natural Stone Foundation provides funding for key industry initiatives that member dues cannot provide.

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