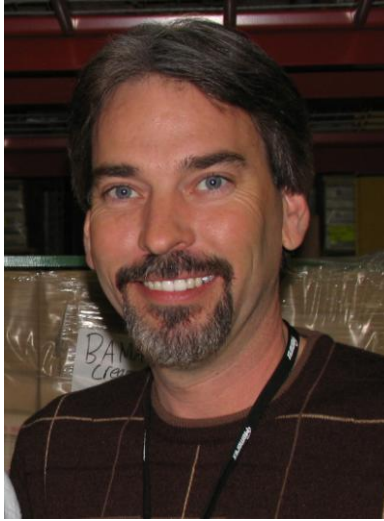


Gerald Sloan



Gerald Sloan, formerly with D.M.I Tile & Marble in Birmingham, Ala., joined the National Tile Contractors Association (NTCA) as NTCA director of training, effective October 1, 2006.

In his role as Director of training with NTCA, Gerald travels throughout the country offering Hands On Educational Workshops addressing the proper installation of ceramic tile and natural stone. He is involved in NTCA's efforts in the development of standards and methods, and he presents new trends and installation systems to installers, as well as traditional methods.

Sloan worked with D.M.I. Tile & Marble, Inc., for 24 years. Starting as an apprentice for D.M.I., he rose through the ranks, holding positions of journeyman mechanic, advanced journeyman mechanic and superintendent. As field craft training director he worked with apprentices on proper technique and use of equipment, conducted evaluations and taught courses in various techniques and aspects of tile setting. As field safety director, he oversaw safety efforts in-house and in the field and kept apprentices and tile setters up to date on procedures through weekly safety meetings.

Michael Whistler



Michael Whistler is the owner of Whistler Tile and Stone in Big Fork, Montana, and has been actively involved in the National Tile Contractors for many years. He is a former member of the Board of Directors, serving Region 10. He was the Chairman of the NTCA Training and Education Committee for several years, and is currently working as the NTCA Training Specialist on the west coast. In this role Michael performs over 25 NTCA Workshop Symposium programs annually, reaching several thousand industry people with important technical information.