

Gerald S. Triplett



Gerald S. Triplett, President of the Asphalt Institute from 1983 to 1992, has made outstanding contributions to the asphalt industry during his career.

Mr. Triplett guided the Institute through major reorganizations and through the crucial move in 1989 of its International Headquarters and Research Center from College Park, Maryland to Lexington, Kentucky.

He was a key architect in the design of the Institute's new state-of-the-art asphalt laboratory facilities in Lexington. He helped develop and advance the Institute's role as "The World's Foremost Authority on Asphalt and Its Uses."

Mr. Triplett first joined the Institute's professional staff in 1964 as District Engineer in Raleigh, North Carolina. Prior to 1964, he served as Project Manager for the T. L. James Company in Louisiana and as Paving Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Arkansas and Louisiana. In 1975 he was promoted to Division Managing Engineer, supervising the Institute's Southern Division operations from Jackson, Mississippi. In March 1983 the Board of Directors named him President of the Institute.

He graduated from The Citadel in 1949 and in 1980 he was honored as one of its outstanding civil engineering graduates and as a charter member of the South Carolina Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Phi Association. In 1988 he received the Paul E. Phelan Award for outstanding contributions to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association's (ARTBA) Materials and Services Division.

He served on the Strategic Highway Research Program's (SHRP) Asphalt Advisory Committee; the International Society for Asphalt Pavements' (ISAP) Board and Executive Committee; the ARTBA Board and Executive Committee; and the ARTBA Stabilization, Rehabilitation, and Recycling Committee. He was president of ARTBA's Materials and Services Division.

Mr. Triplett was chairman of the Construction Industry Materials & Services Suppliers Coalition of Washington, DC. During his career, he wrote papers and made presentations concerning asphalt research at meetings of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists (AAPT) and numerous other national and international highway conferences and meetings.

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