



ASPHALT INSTITUTE - VIRGINIA OFFICE UPDATE
First Quarter 2020

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Greetings. During this uncertain time when our country and the rest of the world is dealing with a pandemic, most of us are still finding ways to manage our work and personal lives. Even though the Asphalt Engineer's Regional Engineers travel is curtailed for the time being, we are staying busy working from home as well as staying in touch with each other and our key contacts through email, phone calls and online meeting resources. Here are a few things that have been going on with me in the first quarter 2020:

Constructing Quality Asphalt Pavement (CQAP) one-day seminars

I taught eight one-day CQAP seminars (along with another RE) in January through early March. Six CQAPs were public offerings (open registration for anyone) and two were private CQAPs for New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association in NJ and for The Rogers Group in Greer SC. These seminars were the first time that the newly published MS 22 third edition was used as the course textbook. Overall, these seminars were well attended and the course evaluations were very positive. More CQAP seminars are scheduled for fall 2020.

SEAUPG Annual Meeting

The 2020 SEAUPG Annual Meeting is scheduled for Knoxville TN November 16-19. I attended a virtual SEAUPG Board meeting where we decided to go forward with this conference for now and developed a program (topic and speakers). However, the state DOT representatives on the board shared with the group that they anticipate the possibility of strict restrictions on travel outside of their respective states due to loss of revenue from gas and sales tax due to COVID 19. Since attendance by state DOTs normally make up a large group of attendees each year, and there is uncertainty about how travel policies for states will play out, the status of the SEAUPG Annual meeting is uncertain. I will keep you advised on this in future reports.

Efforts by Regional Engineers

Several REs are working on articles for the ASPHALT magazine. I completed an article for the summer edition about "Virginia DOT's Experience with Cold Central Plant

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Recycling”. VDOT has used over 550,000 tons of RAP in CCPR base mixtures in recent years, helping to reduce large stockpiles of RAP while providing VDOT with a cost-effective, well performing asphalt base material.

AI is offering a lineup of live webinars in May and June which will soon be advertised. Below are the details:

Topic	Presenter	Date
7 Things You Should Know About Quality Assurance	Gierhart	May 19
Troubleshooting Asphalt Mix Designs	Wakefield	May 21
Asphalt Pavement Paving: Best Practices for Quality and Smoothness	Jones	May 26
Asphalt Pavement Compaction: Best Practices for Durability and Smoothness	Horan	May 28
Understanding Pavement Distress	Blow	June 2
Best Practices for Specifying and Constructing Longitudinal Joints	Humer	June 4
Tack Coat Materials/Application/Verification/Best Practices	Johnson/Harder	June 9
Tack Coat Specifications/Bond Strength/QC/QA		June 11
Delta Tc – IS 240	Anderson/Harder	June 16
Causes and Cures of Segregation	Jones/Johnson	June 18

Thank you. As always, please let me know if I can assist you in any way.

Be well and stay safe.

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