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First Quarter 2021

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Greetings. I hope each of you and your families are doing well and staying safe. As I do each quarter, here are a few highlights from the first quarter (January, February, March) 2021.

Mark your calendar: 2021 SEAUPG annual meeting

The Southeastern Asphalt User Producer Group (SEAUPG) Board of Directors has decided to once again hold the 2021 SEAUPG annual meeting at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Knoxville TN November 16-18. The 2020 annual meeting was held at this same location last November. However, because of the limited in-person attendance in 2020 as well as concerns about restrictions to our ability to hold a fully in-person meeting at a new location, the board felt that it was best to stay at this location. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Presentation at AI Virtual Spring Meeting

I provided a presentation during the Affiliate Committee meeting at our virtual spring meeting titled "Format Change – Binder Specification Databases". I discussed AI's decision to make changes to the format of the state/province summaries in both the US State and the Canadian Province Binder Spec Databases to make the summaries more concise and understandable. The presentation is attached.

AASHTO Technical Subcommittee mid-year meetings

AI participated in four virtual mid-year AASHTO Technical Subcommittee (TS) meetings in January. We think it is essential for AI to have a presence at and to be a technical resource for AASHTO TS-2a, 2b, 2c and 2d as these TSs manage asphalt emulsion, binder and mixture standards that impact our members and the asphalt industry. We are often asked to participate in task forces, to review proposed standards and to provide presentations during TS meetings.

ASPHALT magazine article

The next edition of ASPHALT magazine will include an article I authored on a large reconstruction project on I-440 in Nashville TN. The article will tell the story of the largest pavement reconstruction project in Tennessee DOT history which replaced 7.6 miles of dilapidated concrete pavement with a new asphalt pavement while also improving safety and reducing congestion for the traveling public. I will provide you with the digital magazine.

AI training

AI is now planning our fall 2021 training schedule. More information on this in my next report.

What else?

I am excited to get out and see everyone soon as we are now allowed to travel more. Please let me know if you have any questions. Best wishes for a great 2021!

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