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American Concrete Pavement Association Presents Distinguished Service and Recognition Awards

Rosemont, Ill. (December 18, 2015) – The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) is pleased to name the recipients of its distinguished service and recognition awards.

The awards program was established in 1968, when the first honoree was James W. Johnson, Iowa Highway Commission Testing Lab, for the invention of the slip form paver. The program has grown into a time-honored tradition, cherished by the honorees, the industry, and of course, ACPA. The recipients of ACPA’s annual distinguished service awards are as follows:

The Harold J. Halm Presidential Award

ACPA presented the Harold J. Halm Presidential Award to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for its long-standing life cycle cost and pavement type selection policies that recognize the importance that healthy industry competition has on creating higher quality pavements at a lower overall cost to the public.

“Good pavements are built by good contractors and the Wisconsin DOT’s steady hand is a result of its focus on maintaining an excellent core of contractors with highly skilled crews,” said ACPA President/CEO Gerald F. Voigt. Wisconsin’s annual paving program allows for the contractors to continue their commitment to their employees and to continue the capital investments into their companies.

“For more than 50 years Wisconsin DOT has proactively managed their pavement network using a variety of solutions involving both concrete and asphalt pavement. Their policies have resulted in some of the highest quality pavements and one of the most well-maintained pavement networks in the United

States,” Voigt said. He also said the state’s pavement cost are among the lowest unit costs in the country, as measured by the square yard of concrete or ton of asphalt. He attributed this to the DOT’s management policy and philosophy that looks beyond the expedient choices and toward the prudent ones.

The Harold J. Halm Presidential Award has been awarded selectively since 1994. It is presented to an individual or organization for “distinguished achievement.” The award is named in honor of the first president of ACPA, who served from 1964 until his death in 1985.

Marlin J. Knutson Award for Technical Achievement

ACPA presented the 2015 Marlin J. Knutson Award for Technical Achievement to Julie M. Vandenbossche, Ph.D., P.E., University of Pittsburgh, for more than 25 years of accomplishments in the field of concrete pavement research, particularly her work on the design of concrete overlays on asphalt pavements. The design models offer the concrete pavement industry new opportunities in the industry’s quest to provide quality alternatives to traditional asphalt resurfacing.

The Marlin J. Knutson Award for Technical Achievement is presented to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to advance the development and implementation of technical innovations and best practices in the design and construction of concrete pavements.

This award is named in honor of the second chief executive of the American Concrete Pavement Association. Marlin J. Knutson served in that role from 1985 to 1998, and during his tenure, was a staunch advocate for technical service and technology transfer. The Knutson Award for Technical Achievement has been awarded annually since 1998.

Outstanding Pavement Promotion Award

The award was presented to Larry Engbrecht, South Dakota Chapter – ACPA, for his professional approach and honorable, straightforward nature as Executive Director of the South Dakota Chapter-ACPA. These qualities have built a trustful environment where the South Dakota DOT and industry partner together to find mutually beneficial solutions using concrete pavements. This has led to a stable market for concrete paving and the introduction of concrete overlays as a tool in the DOT’s toolbox.

The ACPA Outstanding Pavement Promotion Award has been awarded selectively since 1998. It is presented to an individual or group who has made significant contributions through promotion efforts or programs to advance the awareness, specification, and/or placement of concrete pavements. The recipient must be an employee of an ACPA member-company, ACPA national staff, or staff of a local chapter/state association affiliated with ACPA.

Lifetime Pavement Recognition Award

The award was presented to Westminster Avenue between 1300 East & 1400 East, Salt Lake City, Utah. Westminster Avenue was among the first concrete streets ever built by the city, having been constructed in 1916. It serves as a testament to the longevity of concrete pavements, carrying traffic just as it did nearly one hundred years ago.

“The cost of construction was \$5,894.74, which if divided evenly over its 99-year life means that it only cost the city \$59.54 per year plus any minimal maintenance costs expended over its lifetime,” said ACPA President & CEO Gerald F. Voigt, P.E.

The original construction was a trapezoidal design of between 5" to 7" of concrete pavement (7 inches at the crown, 5 inches at the outside edges). Voigt added that although city has no documented record of maintenance on the street, there have been only isolated repairs and a few full depth slab replacements during its lifetime.

Awarded annually since 1994, this award is presented to the agency owner of an in-service concrete pavement that has demonstrated exceptional performance and service to its local community, state, and users. (This recognition rotates annually between public market segments: highway, street and airport. The 2011 award was presented for a municipal facility.)

Sustainable Practices Recognition Award

The award was presented to the Utah DOT Region 2; Geneva Rock Products, Inc., and Holcim (US) for their work on the Interstate-80 reconstruction project from Silver Creek Junction to Wanship, Utah. This award recognizes the leadership of these companies/organizations and the individuals involved in the project, specifically in the area of pavement sustainability. The award also pays appropriate tribute to the teamwork and leadership in conceiving and executing the I-80 project.

This project is believed to be the first ever partial depth reclamation of only 4 inches of existing asphalt with cement, as well as the first large scale paving project using Envirocore cement. The combined efforts have resulted in the attainment of the “triple bottom-line” of societal, environmental, and economic factors. This project has made the Utah DOT and others in the concrete pavement industry more aware of what can be done in applying sustainable practices without impacting cost, schedule, or the traveling public.

Begun in 2010, the ACPA Sustainable Practices Recognition Award is presented to an organization or team (owner and contractor) that demonstrates leadership by implementing sustainable design and construction practices that consider societal, environmental, and economic factors.

About the American Concrete Pavement Association

The American Concrete Pavement Association is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry. The primary mission of the ACPA is to create and maintain a strong national presence through dynamic, strategic leadership; effective technical expertise and resources; and persuasive advocacy on behalf of the concrete pavement industry.

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