

Concrete resources are close at hand

Western States Chapter-ACPA, Inc. (WSC) was founded in January 1997 as a Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association. I joined the Chapter as its executive director in August 1997. Richard (Dick) K. Moore joined WSC in 2001 as a consulting field representative in Nevada. As an affiliated chapter, we have the full service of ACPA National as well as our own associates.

My first impression of ACPA was the depth of technical knowledge within the various categories of engineers. There have been a lot of personnel changes since that time. Probably the most significant is that Jerry Voigt rose from staff engineer to Chief Operating Officer / Senior V.P. of Technical Services, to now President and Chief Executive Officer of ACPA. While he has reached the top of the corporation, Jerry is still eager to resolve concrete pavement issues.

While the names of the staff may have changed at ACPA, the service to members remains at the highest level. ACPA is not a vendor. ACPA is a resource for concrete pavement to the construction industry. Those staff members ready to serve the needs of the construction industry are:

Mike Ayers, PhD	Director Pavement Technology
Scott Haislip	Director Streets & Local Roads
Steve Waalkes, P.E.	Director Engineering and Rehabilitation
Leif Wathne, P.E.	Director of Highways (Washington D.C. office)
Larry Scofield	Director of Environmental Technology (Arizona office)
John Roberts, P.E. V.P.	Pavement Restoration Division (New York office)
Robb Jolly	Senior V.P. Market Development / Managing Director CPEF (Washington D.C. office)
Bill Davenport	V.P. Communications and Membership
Andy Gieraltowski	Director-Information Technology

We have dedicated this issue of Concrete Matters to highlight the variety of information available, and the technical resources at ACPA, through Western States Chapter. I have worked with all of these professionals and it has been a pleasure.

Western States Chapter is a member of the Pacific Southwest Concrete Alliance. The website for PSCA is www.concreteresources.net. While WSC is focused on concrete pavement, the Alliance covers virtually all of your concrete needs. Covering California and Nevada the other members of the Alliance are:

California Nevada Cement Promotion Council	Tom Tietz, Executive Director
	David Akers, Engineer
	Andy Youngs, Technical Consultant
Southern Nevada Concrete & Aggregates Assoc.	Steven Hill
Sierra Nevada Concrete Association	Fred Colin
Southern California Ready Mixed Concrete Assoc.	Larry Maes
Concrete Promotion Council of Northern California	Rob Wallace

Again, we are not a vendor, we are a concrete resource. As you can see, the WSC resources are many and varied. For additional information, please visit our website www.wscacpa.com.



Tom Salata, Executive Director

ACPA: LEADING THE CHARGE TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND



Gerald F. Voigt, P.E., President & CEO
American Concrete Pavement Association

In January, Gerald F. Voigt, P.E., was appointed the fourth chief executive of the American Concrete Pavement Association, or ACPA. As the fourth person to hold this station since the association was founded in 1963, Jerry Voigt has been both consistent and passionate in his views about the Association and the industry it serves.

We are leading the charge for changes and product improvements necessary for concrete pavement to meet the the public's demand for a better, safer infrastructure.

We are strengthening ACPA's resolve to achieve a goal common to all of us in the transportation industry – improve our nation's outstanding network of highways, airfields, and roadways. We will neither rest on our laurels nor do the same things we have been doing. We will address important issues, like safety, performance, and the true picture of costs in every aspect of construction and rehabilitation.

Why is this goal realistic and within our reach? Because we're not going it alone. We're drawing on the experience and expertise of the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, state DOT's, and our partners from every quarter of the industry.



National Center Takes Giant Steps Forward

Chartering Committee Convenes, Puts Plan into Action

At its first meeting for the industry's groundbreaking research and technology center, ACPA's R&T chartering committee recently moved forward with a number of decisive actions aimed at establishing the center. Among them was the approval of a formal name, the "National Center for Concrete Pavement Technology" (NCCPT).

The committee also approved a formal mission; a structure for funding the center; and several other measures, including alignment with the "Concrete Pavement Road Map." The road map, a 7- to 10-year plan, was co-developed by the Federal Highway Administration and the Center for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Technology (PCC Center) at Iowa State University.

The meeting marked another milestone in establishing a national research and technology center for the concrete pavement industry. The concept of establishing a national center for research and technology transfer was initially approved by ACPA's Executive Committee in March.

A Unique Role

The NCCPT, which will be seated at the Center for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Technology, will play a unique and unprecedented role in transportation research.

Its primary roles will be to coordinate concrete pavement research and implement research results.

There's much more to the story, however. The NCCPT also is expected to unite researchers throughout the country around common interests and facilitate partnering and funding among agencies, industry, and academia for increased leverage and impact.

Other Steps Forward

The actions of the chartering committee marked important steps toward establishing the national center for concrete pavement technology.

The meeting, held in Chicago, included key officials from the concrete pavement industry, as well as Tom Cackler, P.E., and Dale Harrington, P.E., of the PCC Center; Steve Anderle of the Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State University; and Vern Schaefer, PhD, Iowa State University.

Also of note, the concept of the NCCPT has been receiving strong and positive feedback from a growing number of transportation industry and public sector officials. The meeting represented giant steps forward in creating what will become the transportation community's most innovative approach ever to the research and advancement of concrete pavements.

For additional information about the NCCPT, contact Pat Nolan at Interstate Highway Construction (303-790-9100) or Jerry Voigt at ACPA (847-966-2272).

Leading the Charge

Here's a list of the concrete pavement industry's chartering committee for the National Center for Concrete Pavement Technology:

- > Pat Nolan (Interstate Highway Construction) - **Chairman**
- > Steve Andrlé (CTRE)
- > Jim Braselton (Lafarge North America)
- > Tom Cackler, P.E. (PCC Center)
- > Mike Byers, P.E. (Indiana Chapter - ACPA)
- > Peter Deem (Holcim US)
- > Leet "Ed" Denton (Denton Enterprises)
- > David Howard (Koss Construction Co.)
- > Dan Keys (Berns Construction Co.) - *2005 Chairman - ACPA Board of Directors*
- > Gerry Krozel (Prairie Materials)
- > M. Lee Powell III (APAC-Southeast, Ballenger Paving Division)
- > Bob Risser, P.E. (Michigan Concrete Paving Association)
- > Gordon Smith, P.E. (Iowa Concrete Paving Association)
- > Rick Sniegowski (K-Five Construction)
- > Jerry Voigt, P.E. (ACPA)
- > Andy Wyckoff (Fred Carlson Company)