

THE BENEFIT OF CAPA MEMBERSHIP - 2008

CAPA Mission: *To advance the quality and use of asphalt pavements in Colorado.*

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- *Environmental Sustainability – The Future of Asphalt is Green.*” was the theme of a very successful **35th Annual Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference & Equipment Show**. The event attracted over 1,500 participants (1,200 attendees, 300 exhibitors, etc.) and very good feedback. The equipment show was expanded and the plant tour and the sessions were well attended. Good feedback was also received on the Asphalt 101 Educational sessions.
- CAPA members benefit from reduced course fees for all education and certification courses of the **Rocky Mountain Asphalt Education Center (RMAEC)**. The Rocky Mountain Asphalt Education Center developed the following new “core” training courses in 2008;
 - *An Introduction to Laboratory & Field Equipment Maintenance and Calibration*
 - *Asphalt Maintenance and Preservation Inspection Seminar*
 - *Asphalt Pavement Maintenance for Property Owners and Managers*
- **Live Asphalt Webinars were introduced by the RMAEC in 2008.** The RMAEC is the first asphalt training organization in the country to use web based training. The first webinar was on Dec. 16 – Porous Asphalt attracting participants from a three state region. .
- The **Laboratory for Certification of Asphalt Technicians (LabCAT)** received excellent feedback from technicians on the benefit of the instruction and the quality of the program.
- The **CAPA Asphalt Laboratory at Colorado State University (CSU)** is being well used as the CM 370 Asphalt Materials Course was taught to 40 students in the spring of 2008. In addition, a new continuing education course entitled *The Principles of Asphalt Materials and Construction* is being developed and will be taught in the spring of 2009.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- A successful forum was held in February with the **FAA Northwest Mt. Region**.
- **23 new member organizations** were added in 2008. This includes new Producer Member Elam Construction. For the year, membership renewal was over 95%.
- CAPA has been added to the Advisory Board of the **Mesa State College new Construction Management Program**.
- **Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)** - A productive forum was held in April with representatives of the APCD. Information was provided to CAPA members on how to stay in compliance from an environmental enforcement of HMA operations.
- The **Federal Highway Administration secured approximately \$3,000 in support of the LabCAT/RMAEC Program** and the purchase of new testing equipment.
- CAPA partnered with CDOT on a **Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Task Force** that led to record amounts of recycling on state highways in 2008.
- CAPA is partnering with a number of organizations including CDOT in support of the reauthorization of the **Federal transportation reauthorization legislation**.
- CAPA awarded undergraduate scholarships (\$1,500/each) to two **CSU Construction Management students**.
- CAPA was a **featured presenter on “green” technology** at the Annual CCI (county) meeting.
- We worked closely with **representatives of the polymer (AMAP) industry for support**. They attended the October CAPA/CDOT meeting, have provided technical support, and will be presenting at the annual Conference coming up in February.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

- Technical bulletins were developed and made available to CAPA members on the following subjects: use of asphalt release agents, warm mix asphalt, porous asphalt, understanding asphalt binders, and understanding asphalt mix design – Marshall versus Superpave.
- CAPA initiated discussion with a number of agencies and organizations including CDOT, MGPEC and others regarding the **benefit of increased use of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP)**. Joint efforts has led to increase use of RAP.
- The joint **CAPA/APWA Asphalt Technology Scholarship Program** has awarded scholarships to six individuals (Greeley, Colorado Springs, WesTest, PPI, CTL/Thompson, City of Thornton) who will be attending the “*Short Course in Asphalt Technology Course*” at NCAT in Alabama.
- Worked diligently to educate owners, agencies, and consultants on the **supply and availability of asphalt**. The following resources were developed;
 - An Advisory entitled *Asphalt Price Increases Felt Industry Wide*
 - A Technical Brief entitled *PG Binders – Taking the Mystery Out of the Numbers*
 - An Editorial/Opinion by Tom Peterson was published by the Denver Business Journal.
 - Developed a perspective entitled Asphalt Price & Supply, September, 2008.
- Worked with CDOT to **ensure reimbursement for Commerce City sales tax** on projects where there has been a change in binder grade or source.

INDUSTRY ADVOCACY

- The **15th Annual “Best in Colorado” Asphalt Pavement Awards Program** was a success. There was a high level of competition for awards, a well attended awards dinner, and an increase in publicity of award winners following the awards program. The award winners was featured in the April issue of Colorado Public Works Journal magazine.
- CAPA participated in a day long **Legislative Energy Hearing at the state Capital**. The forum was sponsored by the Republican Study Committee of Colorado and the focus of the forum was to explain the environmental regulations of our industry and the need for asphalt materials.
- **Build Green with Asphalt Takes Huge Step Forward** - One of the goals of our emphasis on environmental sustainability is to get asphalt pavements recognized as part of “*building green.*” One giant leap forward towards this goal was the construction of the porous asphalt parking lot at the Denver Waste Management facility in Denver. We thank a number of our members for making this possible. In 2009, Urban Drainage & Flood Control District will be revising Volume 3 of the Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual. If all goes well with our new parking lot, we are hoping for the adoption of porous asphalt parking lots has part of the revised manual.
- CAPA was a coalition supporter that **defeated several anti-business measures on the ‘08 ballot**.
- CAPA was represented as a member of the Construction Committee that helped develop the University of Colorado **Leeds School of Business 2009 Business Economic Outlook**.
- CAPA is partnering with a number of organizations in support of the **proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Package** and **increased funding for transportation in Colorado**.
 - We are participating with CCA, CRMCA, CSSGA, and RMCC on a new Transportation Construction Lobbying Coalition. The Coalition meets bi-weekly to help coordinate lobbying efforts for transportation legislation and/or a ballot measure in 2009.
 - Provided input into CDOT’s presentation to the legislative Joint Budget Committee (JBC) on December 2 and will be providing testimony to a hearing on December 15 on Job Creation.