



# APAO August 2016 Newsletter

Below are summaries of some of APAO's activities. Because we know your time is limited, we mention only highlights. Please contact John or Becky with any questions ([jhickey@apao.org](mailto:jhickey@apao.org); [btalent@apao.org](mailto:btalent@apao.org)).

## **APAO Newsletter Contact List**

If there are employees within your company who are not on our member contact list, but who want or should receive our newsletter, please provide their e-mail address to Becky.

## **APAO Mid-Year Meeting Recap**

We raised over \$23,000 for the APAO Education Foundation, nearly \$10,000 more than 2015. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to our sponsors: AD-TEK, Inc., Albina Asphalt Company, Blue Line Transportation Company, Inc., Jordan Ramis PC, McCall Oil Company, Pape` Machinery, Inc., Atlas Copco, LeeBoy, and Windsor Rock Products, Inc. Next year's Mid-Year Meeting will be July 21-22, 2017, at Sunriver – it is never too early to make reservations at Sunriver (800) 547-3922.

## **APAO Annual Meeting, December 8-9, 2016, The Heathman Hotel & Portland Art Museum**

Our speakers will cover recent trends in sustainability in paving, priorities for the National Asphalt Pavement Association, state legislative efforts (including the outlook for a state transportation infrastructure funding bill in 2017), ODOT's priorities for 2017, and other important topics. We will also have nationally-recognized entertainment that is guaranteed to be hilarious. The Heathman reservation number is (503) 241-4100 (discounted rates apply for Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon Annual Meeting attendees).

## **Asphalt Conference & Advanced Pavers Workshop, February 21-22, 2017, Valley River Inn, Eugene**

The Conference is a great opportunity for owner and contractor representatives to learn about asphalt pavement design and construction from experts in the industry. Please use the Conference as an opportunity to build relationships with the owner representatives with whom you work – do that by inviting your owner contacts (inspectors, engineers, and public works personnel) to join you. Asphalt pavement projects simply go better when the owner and the contractor are knowledgeable about the industry and best practices. The Valley River Inn reservation number is (800) 543-8266 (discounted rates apply for Conference attendees).

## **Prison for South Carolina Paving Company Employees for DBE Fraud**

The President and other employees of Boggs Paving, Inc., pled guilty to DBE fraud and were recently sentenced to prison. Boggs Paving: controlled a bank account in the name of a DBE trucking company and funneled money through the account to make it look as though the DBE received payment for work (the DBE received a kickback for allowing its name to be used on the account); created false DBE invoices; masked the Boggs logo on trucks by covering them with magnetic decals of the DBE's logo; and prepared bids in the DBE's name.

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## **DBE Fraud Case Continued**

An article on the case was published in the Charlotte Business Journal: [http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside\\_the\\_loop/2015/11/monroe-road-paving-exec-gets-30-months-in-prison.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside_the_loop/2015/11/monroe-road-paving-exec-gets-30-months-in-prison.html). Although an egregious example, it is a reminder to continuously remind your employees of the DBE requirements and to be transparent with public owners about DBE participation.

## **Trackless Tack for ODOT Projects**

There are new trackless tack products available from suppliers in Oregon. ODOT understands that contractors have little motivation to try something new and take all of the risk of it not working, and will work with contractors to craft a change order that will remove that risk and allow the use of certain trackless tack products on a pilot project basis. If you are willing to use trackless tack on one of your projects (and become more familiar working with a product that will possibly become the standard in the industry), please contact John Hickey or Larry Ilg.

## **IMPACT Leadership Group Conference, September 22-24, 2016**

The IMPACT Leadership Group Conference is presented by the National Asphalt Pavement Association. It is a conference for the next generation of leaders in the industry and will focus on technology, leadership, and relationships. The event will be held at The Wit Hotel in Chicago, IL. For more information, visit [www.AsphaltPavement.org/IMPACT](http://www.AsphaltPavement.org/IMPACT).