The Thomas D. Larson Endowment for Excellence was created at the Pennsylvania State University to honor the life and legacy of transportation leader Thomas Larson. Larson passed away in July 2006, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and commitment with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), the Federal Highway Association (FHA) and Penn State. Larson is remembered for his selfless commitment to the finest in education and productivity in Pennsylvanian and federal transportation.

The heart of the endowment will be the annual Thomas D. Larson Transportation Lecture, an event that will bring leading experts in the field to campus to talk about the most important issues impacting the industry. In addition, the endowment will fund cutting-edge research into issues affecting the transportation industry today and the future, as well as providing financial support for future transportation pioneers.

Larson got his start at Penn State earning his master’s and doctoral degrees in civil engineering. Upon completing his Ph.D. in 1962, Larson began working as a professor of civil engineering. During his time as a faculty member at Penn State, Larson co-founded what is now the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute.

Larson’s passionate commitment to the finest in transportation shone through in his work and in 1979, then-Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh designated him the secretary of PENNDOT. While serving in the post, Larson became famous in the transportation field for restructuring the agency into a successful and progressive transportation organization. In 1982, Larson was honored as Engineering News Record’s Man of the Year for his contributions to the Pennsylvania transportation system.

After ten years at PENNDOT, Larson was appointed the head of the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) by President George H.W. Bush. During his time with the FHA, Larson helped develop the National Transportation Policy as well as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which focused on updating and rebuilding the infrastructure of American roadways.

Larson’s professionalism, innovation and efficiency have left a lasting imprint on the Pennsylvanian and national transportation system and on Penn State. Ever humble, Larson was known to close friends and colleagues simply as “Tom,” despite his many accomplishments and national stature. His friends wanted to remember Larson’s hard work by creating an endowment in his honor.

The Thomas D. Larson Endowment for Excellence will help support the transportation field in a variety of ways, including: aiding undergraduate and graduate students through scholarships and fellowships, developing academic and research programs focusing on transportation issues, as well as providing faculty and staff with state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

With the benevolent financial support of our alumni and friends, the endowment will honor Larson’s memory and legacy while fostering the future of the transportation industry.

If you are interested in learning more about this endowment, please contact the development office in Penn State’s College of Engineering at 814-863-3848 or e-mail jdietz@engr.psu.edu.
Mid-Atlantic Region Technician Certification Program

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The Mid-Atlantic Region Technician Certification Program (MARTCP) is comprised of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia and the Federal Highway Administration. This organization is dedicated to raising the knowledge level of technicians performing, sampling and hands-on testing of materials, construction inspection and other services related to the transportation industry.

The agencies participating in the MARTCP have agreed to develop core programs in hot mix asphalt, concrete, soils and aggregates, and pavement markings. All agencies may not formally participate in each certification program area. Additional programs may be added in the future as needs are identified. The MARTCP Agencies have also agreed to include “best practices” as a portion of each technical program.

Currently Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and the District of Columbia are accepting technician certification programs developed by MARTCP for reciprocity across state lines. What this means to the technician is there is no additional testing required when moving from state to state to perform testing and/or inspection. The technician is required to know and understand individual state specifications for the certification discipline in which they will be performing testing.

West Virginia and Pennsylvania at this time require the technician working in their states, who are MARTCP certified, to demonstrate knowledge of state specifications through written testing, hands-on demonstration of testing proficiency or signoff by authorized DOT personnel in performing state specific tests. Resolving the issue of state specifications will be one of the remaining challenges to full reciprocity within MARTCP.

The Precast Technical Team for MARTCP has completed development of the certification program manual for Precast Concrete Technician which will be implemented by January 1, 2008. This program will apply to Quality Control Technicians performing QC activities in the precast fabrication plant.

The Pennsylvania State University Northeast Center of Excellence for Pavement Technology (NECEPT) has been established as the central administrator for the Mid-Atlantic Region Technician Certification Program (MARTCP). NECEPT will serve as the MARTCP customer service representative and its duties include maintenance of developed website and database, issue and update certification cards, coordinate re-certification of technicians, provide training manuals in printed and electronic form. NECEPT has developed a MARTCP website to administer technician certification for MARTCP states.

The website will provide the opportunity for the technicians to register for a course on line, and includes programs, schedules of courses in various states, and contact information for MARTCP, as well as any available links to each of the participating member agencies. A database has also been developed for this purpose. The goal is to use this database as an integrated regional database of MARTCP certified technicians. The database can be accessed by state representatives. In addition, searching certification status of individuals will be available to agencies needing such information. Currently the developed website/database is in its draft form and is under review by MARTCP states.
The Hotel Hershey hosted PAPA’s 75th Anniversary celebration on June 16, 2007. Thanks to the generosity of volunteer member companies who sponsored the event. Printing of the 75th Anniversary booklet was the courtesy of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. Over two hundred members and guests participated in an evening of friendship and fine dining. The celebration began with golf on the East Course of the Hershey Country Club. Twelve foursomes participated. A reception was held in the Hotel’s Fountain Lobby followed by a seven course dinner in the Hotel’s Garden Terrace Ballroom.

Mr. Kim Snyder, President, Eastern Industries, Inc. and past president of PAPA served as Master of Ceremonies. Kim provided much of the entertainment during the course of the evening much to the delight of the attendees. Current President John “Jack” Kibblehouse, Sr., introduced past presidents of PAPA who were in attendance. Speakers during the event were Honorable Senator Roger A. Madigan, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee; Gary L. Hoffman, Principal Engineer, Applied Research Associates, Inc.; and Richard H. Hogg, Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Music for the event was provided by the Nightlite Band. Special commemorative items were provided to mark the 75th Anniversary, including a booklet entitled, “75 Years of Asphalt Progress.”

PAPA extends its gratitude to staff members Millie Lombardi and Audry Ritter for their dedicated effort and hard work in making the event such a huge success. A special thank you to Bob Nicotera for the sponsors powerpoint presentation.
Hotel Hershey and Gardens

Hershey County Club

Hotel Hershey Fountain

Putting Practice

Hershey East Course

Reception

L/R: Greg Nelson, Bruce Haas, John Whitehead and Lois Charles

L/R: Millie Lombardi, Randy Byler and Donna Balmer

L/R: Karen and Dan Meehan; Nicole and Ron Kurpiel

L/R: Dee and Carlos Rosenberger; Gary Hoffman

L/R: Jim Moulthrop, Paul Detwiler, Jr. and Dave Schaper
L/R: Faith and Mark Kendrick; Dennis and Lori Dolan

L/R: Suzie, Melissa and Mike Hawbaker

L/R: Tim and Liz Ramirez; Debbie and Roger Apple

L/R: John Soltis, Staci and Jason Ritchey

Kim and Linda Snyder

Ryan and Shawna Coder

L/R: Don Overdorff and Jim Zimmerman

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75TH ANNIVERSARY

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L/R: Nancy Thompson, Audry Ritter and Matt Wilson
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The Northeast Regional Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) met on March 27, 2007 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton, PA. Thanks to the planning of Carlos Rosenberger of the Asphalt Institute (AI), this meeting has been a huge success over the past five years.

The APA was formed as a joint marketing venture between the Asphalt Institute, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) and the State Asphalt Pavement Association Executives. The objectives of APA, is to promote the use of HMA and to distribute technology on HMA through pertinent brochures, fact sheets, etc.

The Northeast Regional APA is comprised of contractors, asphalt suppliers, state Asphalt Pavement Association Executives, consultants from Maryland to Maine, and representatives of AI and NAPA. The key feature of this meeting is identifying “success stories” in HMA and common issues throughout the region. Key topics for 2007 were as follows:

- Producer Test Results for DOT Acceptance
- 2007 Market Outlook and Concrete Efforts to take HMA Market Share
- Material Issues (Asphalt Cement and Mixtures)
- Pavement Thickness Design Software

Success stories shared were perpetual pavement design and construction in New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

Forty-four people attended the meeting this year (23 contractors, 14 asphalt suppliers, 3 SAPAE, 2 consultants, 1 AI and 1 NAPA). Carlos Rosenberger chaired the session.

PAPA needs YOU!!

PAPA is actively searching for ideas for upcoming editions of the newsletter. If you would like to write an article or provide PAPA with a company profile, please contact Millie at 717-657-1881. We look forward to hearing new and interesting ideas!
Asphalt Paving Quality Improvement Task Force Meets

The joint PAPA/PENNDOT Asphalt Paving Quality Improvement Task Force met March 27, 2007 at the Nittany Lion Inn, and June 12, 2007 at the Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA. The prominent action items discussed were the following:

- HMA Warranty Standard Special Provision
- Local Acceptance Standard Special Provision
- Paver Widener Sampling
- 37.5mm SUPERPAVE sampling
- Section 409 (Publication 408-Specifications) data on performance
- HMA Longitudinal Joint Specification

In general, these topics require specification revisions which are reviewed through PENNDOT’s Clearance Transmittal Process.

PAPA’s Technical Committee Meets on Key HMA Issues

PAPA’s Technical Committee met on May 9, 2007 at the Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA. Eighteen members of the committee attended. Ten key items were discussed by the committee as follows:

- Stone Mastic Asphalt – Standard Special Provision
- Changes to Bulletin 14 – Skid Resistance Level “E” Aggregate
- PAPA/MTD Round Robin and AMRL Tests
- High Percentage RAP Mix Designs
- Longitudinal Joint Density Specification
- Material Transfer Vehicle Specification Requirements
- 19mm Thickness Specification
- Sampling 37.5mm SUPERPAVE
- Paver Widener Sampling
- Asphalt Price Adjustments – Total Asphalt Content versus Virgin Asphalt Content.

The next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in August.
On Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Hotel Hershey, the Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association celebrated the 75th Diamond Anniversary of our Charter. Our association is one of the oldest bituminous asphalt mix associations in the United States. The group originally formed in Philadelphia on July 1, 1932 and was chartered as “The Bituminous Concrete Association”. At the 1969 annual meeting, they changed the name to our current “Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association”.

Through 75 years and 30 presidents, our association has cooperated with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to improve product and manufacturing methods with research and technology. The formation of a technical committee has positioned our association in the forefront of research, product quality and advancement in our industry.

A special thank you to our members for the support and attendance at the celebration – we had over 200 attendees! Our thanks for the planning of our menu (a most delicious seven-course meal) and to our Master of Ceremonies Kim Snyder, President of Eastern Industries, Inc. Our program was balanced well between our dinner courses and the excellently gifted speakers – Senator Roger Madigan, Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration Richard Hogg, and Gary Hoffman, Principal Engineer, Applied Research Associates, Inc. A most gracious thank you to all of our speakers and guests for taking the time to share in our celebration.

And last, but not least, an extra special thank you to our PAPA Staff! Ron Cominsky, Millie Lombardi, Audry Ritter, Frank Colella, and Bob Nicotera – whose cooperation and hard work made our celebration as successful and entertaining as it was. We all are deeply grateful and fortunate to be a part of this amazing organization. ☑
On April 20, 2007 at the Board of Directors meeting Mr. Steven Bright, Secretary, EJB Paving and Materials Company was nominated to be the new PAPA Environmental Committee Chairman. We look forward to working closely with Mr. Bright on important Environmental issues facing the Industry.

On May 8, 2007, the state Senate confirmed the appointment of Kathleen McGinty as Governor Rendell’s secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection. Secretary McGinty was reconfirmed by a 42-6 vote. Congratulations to Ms. McGinty, who is dedicated to the environmental protection in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Environmental Committee Meets With DEP On General Air Permit

In late spring, the Association’s Environmental Committee met with senior DEP Officials at the Association’s offices to discuss final language for a General Air Operating Permit for future asphalt production operations. The proposed permit (GP-13) has been several years in the making, but has the following advantages:

✦ Future applications will be simplified.
✦ Compliance levels are expected to increase as owners having multiple sites will have a single set of standards to operate under.
✦ Adding asphalt plants at existing production sites will become easier.

A key feature of the new General Operating Permit is that individual production locations will be requested to make sure that proper combustion is occurring early in each construction season, but the ongoing need for stack test under the operating permit will be removed. It is anticipated that simplified combustion tests will have a cost of no more than $1,000, although some members may elect to complete the testing in-house.

It is anticipated that most plants will be able to use the new permit even if they currently operate as “synthetic minor” facilities to avoid Title V permitting. As a final step, DEP is developing “tiers” to be included in the General Permit, and members have been polled at their maximum production rates, so that as many plants can be included under the General Permit as is possible from a regulatory standpoint.

In the coming weeks the draft General Permit is expected to be released by DEP’s group responsible for stationary sources, and go through final upper level DEP signoff, and then be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for public comment.

We will keep you informed in Paving the Way as the General Permit becomes final. It should be noted by members that the General Permit cannot be used at “Greenfields” sites, as sites where no asphalt production is currently taking place will need to continue to go through the individual air permitting process.

Should you have any questions on the General Permit, contact Gary Brown at RT Environmental Services, Inc. at 800-725-0593 Extension 34.

Renewal Of General Permit For Baghouse Fines And Scrubber Pond Residue Being Evaluated By Members

In June, the DEP Central Office made a decision to consolidate Permits WMGR027 and WMGR028 into a single General Permit for Beneficial Use of Baghouse Fines and Scrubber Pond Residue going forward. Association members were sent a letter by DEP, as well as one from the Association, to help them understand their options. Those plants placing materials in surface mines, either on or off their property need to continue to operate under the General Permit with Mining District concurrence. Also, those consuming Waste Derived Liquid Fuel (WDLF), or those planning to consume WDLF in the future also should continue to operate under the General Permit.

DEP gave an option to those previously holding the permit to manage the material as “clean fill” but managing the material as clean fill is an expensive option, because on an on-
going basis, materials would have to be tested at 12 samples per 3,000 yards, which is a more expensive proposition than operating under the General Permit, which only calls for material testing every several years. Continuing to operate under the General Permit for most plants appears to be the least costly option.

Should you have any questions on the General Permit renewal process, contact Walter Hungarter at RT Environmental Services at 610-265-1510, Extension 38. ◆

Kim W. Snyder Elected Secretary of NAPA

Kim W. Snyder, President, Eastern Industries, Inc., Center Valley, Pennsylvania, has been elected Secretary of the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) for 2007. Mr. Snyder was installed in office during NAPA’s 52nd Annual Meeting in California.

Among Mr. Snyder’s NAPA activities are serving on the Executive Committee since 2004. He has been a member of the Legislative Committee since 2000 and a state director since 2001. His contributions to NAPA include serving on numerous other committees and task forces.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of Rhode Island, Mr. Snyder earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Snyder is a past president of the Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association, the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, the Transportation Construction Industries Political Action Committee (TCI-PAC), and the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to Kim W. Snyder! ◆

2007 PENNDOT LETTING SCHEDULE

Following is the tentative Letting Schedule for Construction Year 2007:

- January: 11 and 25
- February: 8 and 22
- March: 8 and 22
- April: 12 and 26
- May: 10 and 24
- June: 7 and 21
- July: 12 and 26
- August: 2, 16, and 30
- September: 13 and 27
- October: 11 and 25
- November: 8 and 29
- December: 13 and 20

2008 PENNDOT LETTING SCHEDULE

Following is the tentative Letting Schedule for Construction Year 2008:

- January: 10 and 24
- February: 7 and 21
- March: 6 and 20
- April: 3 and 17
- May: 1, 15, and 29
- June: 5 and 19
- July: 12 and 26
- August: 3, 17, and 31
- September: 11 and 25
- October: 9 and 23
- November: 6 and 13
- December: 4 and 18

2009 PENNDOT LETTING SCHEDULE

Following is the tentative Letting Schedule for Construction Year 2009:

- January: 8 and 22
- February: 12 and 26
- March: 5 and 19
- April: 2, 16, and 30
- May: 1, 15, and 29
- June: 7 and 21
- July: 4 and 18
- August: 2, 16, and 30
- September: 6 and 20
- October: 3, 17, and 29
- November: 12
- December: 3 and 17

Based on project types, projects will be advertised five (5) to seven (7) weeks prior to the letting date. All lettings will be held on Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. unless otherwise advertised.
### Consolidated Procedure – Pennsylvania Department of Transportation/Department of General Services

**Contract 5610-36**

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- **PAPA / PENNDOT Bus Tour**  
  August 15-16, 2007  
  Radisson Hotel Greentree  
  Pittsburgh, PA

- **Executive Committee Meeting**  
  September 20, 2007  
  Carnegie House  
  State College, PA

- **Board of Directors Meeting**  
  September 21, 2007  
  Carnegie House  
  State College, PA

- **48th Annual Asphalt Paving Conference**  
  December 11 – 13, 2007  
  Hotel Hershey  
  Hershey, PA

- **NAPA’s 53rd Annual Meeting**  
  January 27 – 30, 2008  
  Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa  
  Phoenix, AZ