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**A SMALL LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL**

When I think about transportation funding and all of the obstacles we have faced trying to find a long term solution, I start to feel like Bill Murray’s character in the movie “Groundhog Day.” It seems as if we have been down countless rabbit holes, chasing an elusive solution, only to come up short-handed time-after-time. As I write this piece, there seems to be a small flicker of light at the end of the tunnel. Prior to the United States Congress adjourning for their summer recess and passing the 34th short-term extension of the highway bill, the United States Senate passed a 6-year highway bill – The Drive Act. The Senate passed version of the bill includes a 3% annual increase in funding; however, they have only funded the bill for three years. The House is expected to take up the bill shortly after they return from summer recess in late September. At this time it is unclear what direction the House will go. The biggest issue with the House is how to pay for the new bill. I am certain there will be a great deal of debate once the House reconvenes, but we are now at a place we haven’t seen in a long, long time. We have a 6-year bill that has passed the Senate, and now we as an industry, must do all that we can to get the House to pass the bill. If we fail to pass the Drive Act this year, we are certain to see a number of short-term extensions through the end of 2016 and, as you all know, next year is an election year. So act now, contact your Congressmen and urge them to support the Drive Act and hopefully when we wake up tomorrow it will be February 3rd and that flicker of light we see at the end of the tunnel isn’t a train.

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Members are encouraged to contact Laura Markway via email at lauramarkway@moasphalt.org or by calling 573-645-6071 to set up meetings with your local city/county officials.

Please feel free to reach out to our new members and offer them a warm welcome to MAPA.

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AMY MILLER ASSUMES NEW ROLE AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) named Amy Miller, P.E., as its new National Director. She was introduced at the annual summer meeting of the State Asphalt Pavement Associations (SAPA) in Williamsburg, VA.

Miller, a professional engineer licensed in Florida, has an extensive background in pavement design and pavement type selection issues. As national director of the APA, she will be responsible for coordinating and leading education and field deployment efforts for the asphalt pavement industry, working in close cooperation with the Asphalt Institute (AI) in Lexington, KY, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) in Lanham, MD, and the 40 state associations.

“I look forward to working with the APA’s partners to highlight exactly how asphalt pavements are the material of choice for ensuring quality, comfort, and value for the driving public and road owners alike,” Miller said.

Miller earned her bachelor’s in environmental engineering and a master of business administration from the University of Florida. She is a past-president of the Florida Structural Engineers Association, and has experience working as a consulting engineer, for a building materials supplier, and with a construction trade association.

“Having Amy guide and support the industry’s field deployment efforts will help reinforce all the state-level work our associations do to ensure the public gets the best value possible out of the roads they use every day,” said Richard J. Schreck, Executive Vice President of the Virginia Asphalt Association and 2015 SAPAChairman.

“As an industry, we spend considerable resources on engineering, research, and development with a focus on quality. Amy will help ensure that this important work is put to use in the field,” said Peter Grass, President of AI.

“The asphalt pavement industry is moving forward with many advancements that boost sustainability and pavement performance,” said Mike Acott, President of NAPA. “We are excited to have someone of Amy’s caliber leading our efforts to put these innovations in front of road owners and decision makers.”
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AHoy MATEY! There was no need to batten down the hatches this year. MAPA’s 2nd Annual Summer Social grew from the previous year and proved to be just as entertaining. Thursday’s events started off with a marketing committee meeting followed by a Board of Directors meeting. After adjourning, 86 producer and supplier member representatives and their families set sail on a cruise around Table Rock Lake aboard an 85 ft. vessel, complete with Captain and three crew members. Crew mates made sure beverages were cool, while the children played games below deck or took a turn at the Captain’s wheel, complete with a Captain’s hat.

A cocktail hour with hors d’oeuvres was followed by dinner and dessert in the grassy courtyard overlooking Table Rock Lake. A beautiful sunset set the stage for the night’s entertainment. Gary Welch was back to serenade MAPA guests and even allowed a few special guests singers to chime in.

Friday morning, several MAPA members took to Branson Hills Golf Course, formerly known as Payne Stewart Golf Course, to try their hand at mastering the greens.

MAPA sincerely thanks all the sponsors of this year’s event and we hope to continue growing it in years to come.
To see the complete 2015 Summer Social photo album, please visit www.facebook.com/MoAsphalt. Be sure to “LIKE” our page while you are there!
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