The 2019 Annual Meeting is set for July 11–14 at the Omni Homestead Resort in the cool and beautiful Allegheny Mountains in Hot Springs, Virginia. The room block is open, and registrations are pouring in. It’s time for you to take action to join us!

The value-driven program will provide you with a substantial return on the investment of your time and money.

- **VDOT Plans, Priorities and Initiatives** – Commissioner Stephen Brich, PE, and Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer Garrett Moore, PE will be joined by a team of senior VDOT professionals to talk with us about the future of the Department’s program.

- **How to Control Costs and Headaches in Business Disputes** – presented by Pat Genzler and Gretchen Ostroff with the law firm of Vandeventer Black. Get the tools and learn the strategies you need to deal effectively with business disputes.

- **Preventing Fraud in the Workplace** – Billy Robinson, CPA, CCIFP, with Brown Edwards & Company, has twice been named a Super CPA by *Virginia Business* magazine, and Brown Edwards is ranked in the Top 10 in the Country by *Accounting Today* magazine. Billy will provide guidance to business managers on how to identify and prevent business fraud.

- **The Economy and the Markets: What to Expect in 2019 Part Two** – Kevin Demers is an assistant vice president on the Equity Model Portfolio Solutions team at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. The team seeks to identify attractively valued securities with strong long-term fundamentals that fit within a generally conservative risk profile. In his role, he provides fundamental stock analysis to support the domestic equity model portfolios as well as contributes macroeconomic and market insights to inform positioning.

In addition to the top-notch sessions, the Sporting Clays Tournament and the Golf Tournament are on tap, and are open to spouses and age-appropriate children.

With a history dating back to 1933, the historic Homestead Shooting Club hosted the first-ever U.S. Open Sporting Clays Championship in 1992. Its mountaintop setting is breathtaking. Golfers will relish the Resort’s Old Course - completed in 1892, it is distinguished as home of the nation’s oldest first tee in continuous use.

Other recreational activities abound at The Omni Homestead! There’s the 2-acre waterpark fed by the waters from natural springs, with two 100-foot water slides and a lazy river. There is the adults-only Serenity Garden and Pool complex. Horseback riding, mountain biking, falconry, zip lining, fly fishing, and a fabulous KidsClub for children 3 – 12 – no one will be bored!

VTCA’s Annual Meeting is family-friendly, so reserve your room now and register with VTCA! Visit [www.vtca.org/event/2019-vtca-annual-meeting/](http://www.vtca.org/event/2019-vtca-annual-meeting/)

**The room reservation deadline is June 7 – don’t delay!**
Applications Now Being Accepted For 2019 Transportation Engineering Awards - Deadline Is July 15

The Engineering Consultant Leadership Committee (ECLC) of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) conducts an annual competition for the VTCA Transportation Engineering Awards. This program recognizes outstanding design work in the transportation industry.

ELIGIBILITY - All VTCA Engineering Consultant Members are eligible to enter. The project must be located in Virginia and must have been managed by a Virginia office with the major portion of the consultant work performed in the Commonwealth. A project may only be entered once; however, a single firm may submit multiple entries. Projects must be related to transportation.

PROJECT COMPLETION DATES - The project must have been completed or substantially complete (open to planned traffic, with full utilization, only punch list and clean up remaining) by June 30, 2019.

AWARD CATEGORIES - Prizes will be awarded to entrants in the following categories:

OVERALL WINNER (Overall High Score)
PROJECTS LARGER THAN $10 MILLION
• VDOT
• Other*
PROJECTS SMALLER THAN $10 MILLION
• VDOT
• Other*
DESIGN-BUILD
• Any Public Transportation Client
  * Federal, State (other than VDOT), Cities and Municipalities

A Grand Prize will be awarded in each of the 3 main categories and Honorable Mentions will be given in each of the subcategories. An Overall Winner will be determined by the entry receiving the highest score across all categories.

SCHEDULE - Submissions Due: July 15, 2019. Awards Announced and Presented: October 1, 2019, VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum


2019 VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum Set For October 1

The 2019 VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum will be held on October 1 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The annual conference brings transportation engineers and managers from the consultant community and VDOT together to discuss specific issues surrounding VDOT’s consultant design and inspection program.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to meet with your peers and VDOT officials to discuss the latest issues and program updates. This year will include topic-specific breakout sessions! Professional Development Hours will be offered for select agenda items.

Mark your calendar and save the date. Registration and sponsorship opportunities will be online in July on VTCA’s website.
VTCA Hosts Quarry Tour For DEQ

On May 20, VTCA and Luck Stone hosted a quarry tour for Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials. The tour was held at Luck Stone’s Spotsylvania Plant near Fredericksburg. Over 20 representatives from DEQ’s Central Office and Northern Regional Office participated.

Developed by VTCA’s Aggregate Producer Environmental Committee, members gave an hour-long presentation highlighting the demand for aggregate products, and reviewing permitting procedures, production processes and reclamation requirements. The focus was to educate DEQ officials about the unique conditions mining operations face with regards to environmental impacts. Following the presentation, the group was given an in-depth tour of the operations.

The tour was extremely successful. Meaningful discussions between DEQ and industry representatives gave everyone a better understanding of each other’s needs and requirements. Further constructive discussions between DEQ and industry will take place in the near future as we continue to advance our working relationships.

Special thanks to Luck Stone’s Joel Van Campenhout, Ronnie Fellers and Mark Vigil for hosting the tour. We are also grateful to Dan Sadler of Cedar Mountain Stone, John Brooks, III with Apex Companies, and Chee Saunders with Cardno, Inc. for their assistance.

Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship Wins National Award

VTCA is proud to announce that the Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship Program developed by VTCA, Germanna Community College, Mountain Empire Community College and the Virginia Division of Mineral Mining, has been selected as a recipient of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) Mine Safety and Health Training Award for Metal/Nonmetal Surface Mining!

The IMCC is a multi-state governmental organization supporting the natural resource and related environmental protection and mine safety and health interests of its member states. In announcing this award, the IMCC said “The Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship program is unique in that it is the first such apprenticeship program developed for the mining industry.”

The award was announced at IMCC’s Annual Meeting on May 7, 2019 and will be presented to VTCA at our Annual Meeting at the Omni Homestead in July.

Also, exciting news - polling of several Aggregate Producer members indicates that there may be as many as 10 apprentices enrolled the Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship program by the end of the year!

For more information on the Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship Program please contact Rob Lanham rob@vtca.org – 540-229-9662.

DMME Reclamation Permit Fees Set To Increase

The amended Reclamation Regulations for Mineral Mining [4 VAC 25-31] has been signed by Governor Northam; the final version will be published on June 10, 2019 in the Virginia Register. Please note that effective July 25, 2019, the fees associated with Reclamation Permits will increase by $2.00 per disturbed acre. Click here for the full regulation - http://townhall.virginia.gov/l/viewstage.cfm?stageid=8489
VTCA Visits Capitol Hill

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) held its annual Fly-in May 13-15 in Washington, DC. VTCA was invited to join Vulcan Construction Materials in meeting with members of Congress. The focus of the visits was to inform legislators about the importance of passing a progressive federal transportation funding bill. VTCA’s Rob Lanham joined Vulcan to meet with senior aides of two newly elected Representatives from Virginia, Jenifer Wexton (D – 10th District, Northern Virginia) and Elaine Luria (D – 2nd District, Virginia Beach/Tidewater). The group also met with Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland (D – 2nd). All are supportive of increased transportation funding.

A meeting with Rep. Virginia Foxx (R – 5th) of North Carolina also developed. She was not supportive of increasing taxes for transportation funding but was supportive of utilizing cost cutting measures to generate more funding for transportation.

Vulcan had a contingency of about 25 professionals from across several of their divisions on hand to help convey the message. Murphy Tuomey of A. Morton Thomas and Charlie Kilpatrick of The Lane Construction Corporation were also “on the Hill,” along with Ryan Terry, project director with The Lane Construction Corporation in Virginia Beach. Terry is a member of the 2019 class of ARTBA’s Industry Leader Development Program, an intensive “boot camp” introduction to the federal legislative and regulatory processes.

FHWA Announces New Virginia Division Administrator

Thomas Nelson, Jr. has been named the new Virginia Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration. Since May 2015, Thomas has served as the Kentucky District Administrator, where he provided leadership in implementing the $700 million Federal-aid highway program. He built strong partnerships with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and local agencies, and was instrumental in providing strategic direction and a common vision to program delivery.

Throughout his career, Thomas has held many key positions. Prior to his service as the Kentucky DA, he served as Special Assistant to the FHWA Administrator where he provided direct support to the Administrator and served as a key adviser on program and policy issues having national, regulatory, and legislative implications. Thomas also served in the FHWA Office of Innovative Program Delivery as a Major Projects Engineer where he provided technical and policy assistance to FHWA field offices, partners, and stakeholders in implementing risk-based project management.

Thomas holds a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. He will assume his new duties in late June. Wayne Fedora will be the Acting DA pending Nelson’s arrival in Virginia.
Member News

**Whitlock Brothers** celebrates its 85th Anniversary and you are invited to the party! **Whitlock Brothers** has supplied the construction industry since 1934. To celebrate the anniversary that commemorates the past, recognizes the present and anticipates future partnerships, you are invited to the upcoming celebrations. Both begin at 10:30 am and run through 2:30 pm. Discounts, special buys, give-aways, door prizes, product demonstrations and lunch are all on tap. Don’t miss the fun!

Newport News - June 5
4801 Roanoke Avenue

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**Terra Site Constructors, LLC** is pleased to announce that Peter W. Bernat has joined the firm as Senior Vice President of Operations. Bernat is responsible for managing and directing all company projects, from concept to implementation, in order to guarantee quality, manage financial objectives, and ensure client satisfaction. He will oversee Terra’s team of experienced engineers and construction personnel, providing the vision and leadership required to define and execute the firm’s strategic plan for engineering and construction excellence, as well as growth.

“I am pleased to welcome Peter to the Terra team,” stated Babur R. Mian, President and CEO. “Peter has the leadership skills and construction management experience to lead the Terra team to new levels as we continue to make advancements and provide innovative solutions to complex construction problems for our valued clients.”

Bernat has more than 28 years of construction management experience and most recently served as Vice President/General Manager at Corman Kokosing Construction Company where he managed the Mid-Atlantic region Heavy Highway and Marine Divisions. He is a proven leader with vast experience in managing all aspects of the construction process, including budgeting, design, pre-construction, construction and post-construction activities. Peter’s distinguished project portfolio includes design-build, design-bid-build, complex utilities, fast-track bridges and large-scale transportation infrastructures.

Terra Site is also pleased to announce that Debbie Sellars has been promoted to Vice President of Construction Operations. In her new role, she will oversee all aspects of field operations of the company to ensure that Terra Site continues to not only meet, but exceed, the expectations of its growing client list.

“Debbie has played a critical role in our field operations since she joined the firm in 2017,” stated Babur R. Mian, President and CEO, “Her leadership and experience have contributed to considerable performance improvements, and I am confident that this new role will give her the opportunity to further enhance our processes to ensure we consistently meet our production goals while emphasizing safety and maintaining quality.”

A certified Construction Site Safety Technician (CSST) and Construction Site Safety Supervisor (CSSS), Ms. Sellars has more than 35 years of experience in the construction industry. She has a broad range of project administration experience and a proven track record of success in managing equipment fleets, materials, and people.

Prior to joining Terra Site, Ms. Sellars served as Executive Vice President of Operations for a contracting firm in Virginia where she managed a $10 million fleet and was responsible for purchase of equipment and job site materials, safety training, and hiring and onboarding.

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**Brown Edwards & Company** has been named one of the four most successful accounting firms in the country by *Accounting Today*. Their “Special Report: Inside the Top 100 Firms” was released in April.

“Large firms might get all the attention with their towering offices in major cities, but sometimes even being a “large small firm” is enough to make waves, according to Jason Hartman, CEO of Virginia-area firm Brown, Edwards & Co.” Click the link below to read the full in-depth profile.

Download the report here.
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