Message From The President

I would like to start off by saying that it is an honor to be chosen to serve as President of VTCA for 2019-2020. Although our immediate past president Ken Randolph left me some big shoes to fill, I am ready, willing, and able to assist VTCA and our members just as he has over the past year.

Assisting me in this charge are VTCA Vice President Jeff Perkins of Boxley and Secretary-Treasurer Jon Harman of Shirley Contracting. Together, we join forces with our colleagues on the Board of Directors to form a strong and experienced team that is enthusiastic about taking on our roles, tackling the issues, and adding a new dimension to our ever-changing industry.

As I become your President, rest assured that it is a responsibility I do not take lightly. We are entering a time when our industry faces an extreme labor shortage. As a team, we will reach out to today’s youth, introduce them to our industry and encourage them to consider making it a career choice. We will also strive to expand craft training programs to provide the skills our trade workers need. This will get us on a pathway to bolster our workforce so that we can continue to engineer and build Virginia’s growing infrastructure.

I look forward to working with VDOT and our engineering, aggregate producer, associate and contractor members to bring our industry to a higher level and enhance our programs that position us to deliver quality projects safely, under budget, ahead of schedule, and in full compliance with all environmental permits. I am here to listen to all opinions, suggestions, and comments and to assist VDOT and our members in coming up with high-powered solutions that will get us where we need to be.

Thank you to the VTCA membership for this opportunity to serve as your President. Sincere gratitude also goes to the hardworking VTCA staff for their dedication and service to this wonderful organization. For everyone, my door is open, and my phone is always on. Please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gorman, PE, DBIA
Corman Kokosing Construction Company
“The Power Of Performance” Marks The Theme For The Annual Meeting

VDOT Commissioner Stephen Brich, PE, outgoing Chief Engineer Garrett Moore, PE, and incoming Chief Engineer Bart Thrasher, PE, helped VTCA kick off the 2019 Annual Meeting on July 11. Their vision for the future of Virginia’s transportation program provided for robust dialogue around the opportunities coming our way. Mr. Moore received a standing ovation for his dedication to the industry and his leadership of the Department.

Other presentations focused on:

- Controlling Costs and Headaches in Business Disputes, with Gretchen Ostroff, Esq. of the law firm Vandeventer Black;
- Preventing Fraud in the Workplace, with Billy Robinson, CPA, CCIFP, Brown, Edwards & Company; and
- The Economy and the Markets: What to Expect in 2019, Part 2, with Kevin Demers, CFA of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

The presentations are on the VTCA web site at www.vtca.org/resourceitems/vtca-annual-meeting-2019/.

With nearly 400 attendees from every segment of the industry, the Omni Homestead provided a beautiful backdrop for three days of conversation and camaraderie. With over 100 spouses and 60 children, the Annual Meeting was truly a family affair.

“Changing of the Guard” – New Officers and Board Members Introduced

On behalf of the 2019 Nominating Committee, Bob Gallagher, PE, of Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, announced results of the elections for new officers and Board members. Elected to serve the Alliance are:

President: Ryan G. Gorman, PE, DBIA, Corman Kokosing Construction Co.
Vice President: Jeffrey N. Perkins, Boxley
Secretary-Treasurer: Jon Harman, Shirley Contracting Company
Associate Representative: Craig E. Kahoun, Carter Machinery Co., Inc.
Aggregate Producer Representative: Mark J. Norden, E. Dillon & Company
Contractor Representatives: Brian Evans, Branch Civil, Inc.
M. Phillip Burleigh, Burleigh Construction Co., Inc.
Engineer Consultant Representative: Amy Morris, PE, T3 Design Corporation
And the Winners Are ...

The Annual Meeting features an opportunity for VTCA members to shine on the golf course and on the sporting clays field. We are pleased to announce the winners of this year’s tournaments!

Highest Overall: Hank Van Ness, Guest
Flight A: Jim Van Ness, Luck Stone
Flight B: Jim Straka, SAM
Flight C: John Basham, Rockydale Quarries
Flight D: Caroline Mandel, Guest

First Place
Budge Hunter, D. A. Brown
Matt Deacon, D. A. Brown
Steve Chapin, Guest
Jim McGill, Blue Water Industries

Second Place
Matt Schiefer, Luck Stone
Matt Schiefer, Jr., Guest
Ross Ellis, Austin Powder
Marc Kmec, Martin Marietta

Skill Prizes
Mens Longest Drive – David Lyle, Phillips & Jordan
Ladies Longest Drive – Heidi Mellott, Guest
Closest to the Pin – Matt Deacon, D. A. Brown
Closest to the Pin – David Gregory, The Frazier Quarry

Thank You to Our Sponsors
Virginia Mines Recognized For Exemplary Safety And Reclamation

Mineral Miners worked a total of over four million hours without a lost time accident!

Virginia’s mineral mining industry has received recognition for an exemplary safety record and for outstanding reclamation of mined land during 2018. Miners recorded over four million hours of work without lost time accidents!

Each year the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) and the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) recognize mines and miners annually for outstanding work in both areas. The safety and reclamation awards were presented on July 13 during VTCA’s Annual Meeting.

“Safety is DMME’s first priority for the companies operating mines in the Commonwealth,” said DMME’s Mineral Mining Director Phil Skorupa. “When we combine efforts with the mine operators and VTCA, we instill a strong safety culture at each mining operation. These employees are committed to safety and they deserve recognition for completing a year accident-free.”

In 2018, Virginia’s mines employed 2,930 production employees and 3,952 contract employees. Production employees worked 4,865,130 hours and contract employees worked 972,010 hours producing 64,845,434 tons. During 2018, 231 mineral mines in Virginia worked without having a lost time accident.

The top eight mines received awards for their safety records.

**Quarry Operations**

75,000 + Employee Hours: Carmeuse Lime and Stone, Winchester Plant Quarry, Frederick County with 107,911 hours

50,000 - 75,000 Employee Hours: Martin Marietta Materials, Doswell Quarry, Hanover County with 63,274 hours

25,000 - 50,000 Employee Hours: Luck Stone, Spotsylvania Plant Quarry, Spotsylvania County with 47,198 hours

0 - 25,000 Employee Hours: BWI Abingdon, Abingdon Quarry, Washington County with 24,938 hours

**Open Pit Operations**

30,000 + Employee Hours: USC Saltville Brine, Saltville Salt Co., Washington County with 92,961 hours

10,000 - 30,000 Employee Hours: Branscome, Inc., Hofmeyer Pit, Charles City County with 26,615 hours

5,000 - 10,000 Employee Hours: Aggregate Industries, Rappahannock Farm, King George County with 8,670 hours

0 - 5,000 Employee Hours: Adams Construction, Daniel Sand Plant, Halifax County with 4,816 hours
DMME also recognized 43 individuals who have worked in the mining industry for a minimum of 15 years up to 45 years without a lost time accident. DMME presents the individual recognition awards at the mine site.

Exemplary reclamation was also awarded. At their annual meeting in June, The Orphan Land Advisory Committee selected mines for their efforts in restoring land disturbed by mining to an environmentally friendly and usable state after mining is complete.

Receiving honors for reclamation were:

**Overall Winner and Non-Quarry Winner** - Hoover Color Corporation, #1 Mine, Pulaski County

**Honorable Mention – Non-Quarry**
- Hill Sand and Gravel, Inc., Hill # 2 Mine Quarry, Accomack County
- Simons Hauling Co. Inc., Grapevine Road Pit, Henrico County
- The Curtis Group, Southampton Pit, Southampton County

**Quarry Winner** - Luck Stone Corporation, Green Quarry, Greene County

**Open Pit Miner Apprenticeship Award Received**

As reported in the June Blue Top, VTCA was selected as a recipient of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) Mine Safety and Health Training Award for Metal/Nonmetal Surface Mining. IMCC Executive Director Tom Clarke presented the Award to VTCA and DMME at the Annual Meeting in July.

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VTCA Meets With VDOT Procurement Concerning Aggregate Bids

Since VDOT employed electronic bidding for H-Orders late last year, VDOT Procurement staff have been working to update and streamline the bidding process. After reaching out to VTCA, the Aggregate Producer Marketing Committee presented suggestions to VDOT. But after a Procurement Office reorganization, efforts stalled. Unfortunately, the bidding process for aggregates became more disorganized and obtaining bid result information has become more challenging.

VTCA requested a follow-up meeting with the Acting Director of Procurement, Toya Peterson. VTCA representatives met with her on July 22. Ms. Peterson assured VTCA that changes will take place in the next three weeks that will enhance the bidding process for aggregates. Some of these immediate improvements include:

- Bid schedule - aggregate bids will return to a two-week bidding cycle. Bids will be advertised every other week as they were previously.
- Bids listed by Districts – aggregate bids will be listed and grouped by each VDOT District. All items within a VDOT District will be listed under one IFB number per district.
- Bid Results - assurance was given that VTCA will receive bid results no later than five days following the bid. This will allow VTCA to post the results within one week of the bid.

Other changes were discussed and will be addressed in future meetings. VTCA is scheduled to follow-up with VDOT Procurement on August 12.
VDOT has published the second revision to the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual (Part 6 of the Virginia Supplement to the MUTCD). The manual reflects the most current standards, guidance, options, and support for the design, application, and placement of Temporary Traffic Control Devices on roadways in Virginia during construction, maintenance, utility, permit and emergency operations.

Revision 2 clarifies questions raised since Revision 1 was issued and contains information for compliance to the MUTCD standards and provides additional typical traffic control layouts recommended by field personnel.

The new requirements introduced in this revision have the following effective dates:

- Effect for daily operations by VDOT personnel on September 1, 2019, and for projects advertised after January 1, 2020.
- Effective for daily operations prior to September 1, 2019, and for projects advertised between July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2020.
- The 2011 Virginia Work Area Protection Manual without Revision 1 continues to be in effect for projects advertised before July 1, 2015.

The PDF version of Revision 2 is shown here, to access a chapter, click on its listing in the table of contents.

The technical changes shown in Revision 2 to the 2011 Work Area Protection Manual can be found here.

Significant changes shown in Revision 2 to the 2011 Work Area Protection Manual can found in this PowerPoint presentation:

All of the Work Zone Traffic Control training presentations and materials, as well as the 2015 Work Zone Safety Guidelines for Temporary Traffic Control (typically referred as the Work Zone Safety Pocket Guide) are being revised to reflect the changes in Revision 2 and will be available soon. Copies of the 2011 WAPM with Revision 2 will be available soon from the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA).

VDOT Leadership And Organizational Changes

This summer has seen several changes in VDOT’s leadership roles and the agency’s organizational structure.

In late June VDOT announced that Bart Thrasher would be taking the role of Chief Engineer replacing Garrett Moore who is retiring this fall. Since joining VDOT as a transportation engineer trainee in 1997, Bart has served in multiple leadership positions in both the public and private sectors. Within VDOT, he gained executive leadership experience in Central Office as the state location and design engineer and in the field as the Richmond District engineer. As state location and design engineer, he was responsible for statewide project management and preconstruction activities of VDOT’s $2 billion construction program.

As Richmond District engineer, Thrasher led a complex transportation program resulting in the successful completion of the GRTC Pulse bus rapid transit project in the City of Richmond, the I-95 Temple Avenue interchange improvements project and roundabout in the City of Colonial Heights, the Lewistown bridge replacement project over Interstate 95 in Hanover County, as well as continued progress on the Interstate 64 widening project in Henrico and New Kent counties.

A licensed professional engineer, Thrasher holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering technology and a master’s degree in business administration from Old Dominion University, as well as a bachelor’s degree from Emory and Henry College. He is a graduate of the Virginia Executive Institute and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials’ National Transportation Management Institute.

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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 offer breakout sessions, whereby Professional Development Hours will be offered for select agenda items.

Registration and sponsorship opportunities will be online in mid-August on VTCA’s website. Save the date now for this event!

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Bart began his new responsibilities on July 10. Garrett will serve as a special assistant in the commissioner’s office until his retirement.

Kevin Gregg was named VDOT’s Chief of Maintenance and Operations in late July. Gregg will provide strategic oversight of significant programs across the Commonwealth’s 124,000 lane-mile network, including asset management, traffic engineering, maintenance, operations and land use.

Kevin is no stranger to VDOT having previously served 25 years prior to joining private industry. Among his executive leadership positions at VDOT, he has served as deputy district administrator for both the Richmond and Hampton Roads districts and has served as the state maintenance administrator in Central Office. In his most recent role as deputy district administrator in Richmond District, Kevin oversaw maintenance and operations programs with over 500 team members responsible for the largest highway system in the state at nearly 19,000 lane miles.

Kevin holds a bachelor’s degree in organizational management from Saint Paul’s College and a master’s degree in business administration from Averett University. He is a graduate of the Virginia Executive Institute, the Commonwealth Management Institute and the Transportation Construction Management Institute.

Kevin will assume his new role on August 10, 2019.

A significant shift in the organizational chart has also been implemented. The shift moves all nine districts under the oversight of Chief Deputy Commissioner Rob Cary. The engineering and construction divisions remain under the oversight of the Chief Engineer and Chief Deputy Engineer. The Department’s latest organizational chart is available on VDOT’s website at www.virginiadot.org/about/resources/vdotchartwnames.pdf.
Political Action Committee Nears Goal

In order to continue our strong relationships with legislators who stand ready to listen and consider our concerns and to do our part to support Virginia’s strong pro-business political climate, it is critical that an industry as important as ours be engaged on all fronts in the political process—and that includes assisting legislators who believe in a strong transportation network and business environment.

To that end, VTCA’s Political Action Committee (PAC) set a goal to raise $150,000 by September 1st to assist in the reelection of General Assembly candidates who have been supportive of our funding and business issues.

WE HAVE REACHED 80% OF OUR GOAL, having raised $119,000. The following companies and individuals have supported our PAC this year:

- JSG Corporation
- Tavares Concrete Co., Inc.
- Salem Stone Corporation
- Charles W. Barger & Son Construction Co.
- James River Equipment
- Whitman, Requardt & Associates
- MAKCO, Inc.
- Boxley Materials Co.
- Orders Construction Co.
- Luck Stone Corp.
- Slurry Pavers, Inc.
- Belstar Inc.
- Basic Construction Co., LLC
- McDonough Bolyard Peck
- Wallace Montgomery
- Lee Hy Paving Corp.
- Dewberry
- Associated Asphalt
- Bryant Contracting, Inc.
- Superior Paving
- Corman Kokosing Construction Co.
- Carter Machinery Co.
- Lanford Brothers Co.
- E. Dillon & Company
- McPeak Supply, LLC
- Excel Truck Group
- Chantilly Crushed Stone
- John Vandergriff
- R. Wayne Schwartz
- Jeffrey C. Southard
- Adams Construction
- Rinker Design Associates, P.C.
- Klein Engineering, PSC PC
- T3 Design Corporation
- Murphy Tuomey Wilson
- Allan Myers
- Rockydale Quarries Corp.
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
- Faulconer Construction
- Robert Gallagher
- Warner B. Coburn
- Lynchburg Ready Mix Concrete Co.
- ATCS, PLC

Please consider making a contribution to the VTCA PAC today.

If your company has a policy that keeps it from making a contribution to the PAC, please consider an individual contribution to the VTCA PAC, OR a corporate contribution to our industry advancement and public outreach efforts such as Virginians for Better Transportation.
Member News

McClung-Logan Equipment Company, Inc., announced that it has acquired White Oak Equipment. The purchase will position McClung-Logan to better serve their growing customer base in Virginia with additional territory coverage, expanded product lines and compact equipment expertise.

White Oak Compact Equipment will operate as a Division of McClung-Logan in their existing markets, representing the full line of Takeuchi excavators, track loaders, wheel loaders, skid steers and product attachments. Tom Ficklin, Co-Owner, President and CEO of White Oak Equipment, will join McClung-Logan as General Manager of the Compact Equipment Division.

Mark McCarty, Co-Owner, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of White Oak Equipment will remain with the company as Sales Manager of the Compact Equipment Division.

“White Oak has a strong tradition and wonderful legacy of providing compact equipment and hands-on product support solutions in Virginia for almost 50 years,” said Darrin Brown, President of McClung-Logan. “This deal represents a new and exciting chapter for McClung-Logan as our combined teams and product offerings will enable us to meet the market needs across a broader footprint. Specifically, the expansion into Fredericksburg, Virginia will help McClung-Logan better support customers in that area.”

Anderson Hydra Platforms is pleased to announce its new name – Anderson UnderBridge. The new name more accurately reflects the firm’s expertise, summed up as “When overhead is underneath.” For more information, contact Cynthia Dandridge, cyndi@andersonUnderBridge.com.

Welcome To Our New Members

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VTCA’s Jan Morehead attended the 85th Anniversary celebration of Whitlock Brothers in Newport News on June 5.
CCWA Classes

The Community College Workforce Alliance and VDOT have collaborated for certification training. Classes will be provided through CCWA. Instruction will comply with VDOT procedures and specifications. Accreditations will also be provided by VDOT.

The VDOT Hotline is 804-523-2290. Eligible Virginia residents can receive a 66% discount on these inspector courses! For more information, please visit [http://ccwatraining.org/vdot/](http://ccwatraining.org/vdot/).

Down The Road

- **September 10**: Smoke School - Richmond, VA
- **September 11**: Smoke School - Roanoke, VA
- **September 14**: Smoke School - Abingdon, VA
- **October 1**: Consultant Forum - Richmond, VA
- **November 6**: ESCCC - Roanoke, VA
- **November 7**: Northern Virginia District Dialogue - Fairfax, VA
- **December 3**: Safety Seminar - Fredericksburg, VA
- **December 4**: Safety Seminar - Roanoke, VA
- **December 4**: Hampton Roads District Dialogue - Hampton, VA
- **December 5**: ESCCC - Richmond, VA
- **February 6-9, 2020**: Winter Meeting - Scottsdale, AZ
- **July 16-19, 2020**: Annual Meeting - Virginia Beach, VA

VTCA Office Closed

The VTCA office will be closed September 2 for Labor Day. We salute the contributions of all the men and women working to make our nation strong and prosperous!