ROI Delivered

It is time to ask you to renew your membership in VTCA. When I look back on our accomplishments in 2019, the return on your investment in membership was resounding. Why? Because funding equals work, and VTCA delivered on its goal of securing another major transportation funding package. In a political environment where experts said it couldn’t be done, VTCA did it – the funding package will provide nearly $300 million a year in new, dedicated transportation funding.

Membership renewal information was emailed on November 5. If you have not already done so, please return your confidential Member Volume Report now. These are due back on December 6. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Dana Morris or Greg Hoffman.

We appreciate your support and look forward to another successful year as we work on your behalf.

Ryan Gorman, PE, DBIA
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VTCA President 2019-2020

“Dedicated to Your Success”
Registration Now Open For The VTCA Winter Meeting

It’s time to make your plans for the VTCA Winter Meeting! This year’s rodeo is set for February 6 - 9 at the spectacular Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to build relationships with fellow members and enhance your ability to succeed in Virginia’s historic transportation construction program. This year’s lineup includes great speakers and valuable educational sessions.

• Bart Thrasher, PE, VDOT Chief Engineer, will be with us to talk about Virginia’s historic and complex transportation program. Thrasher was selected as the agency’s Chief Engineer in June 2019.

• Dr. Bob Holsworth, one of Virginia’s leading political analysts, will return to the VTCA podium to share insights and predictions for what lies ahead, post-election, for Virginia and for the transportation construction industry.

• Environmental compliance is one of our industry’s most complex challenges. “The Devil is in the Details” will be presented by VTCA counsel Pat Genzler of Vandeventer Black, Steve Kuntz, PE, Vice President with Dewberry, and Chuck Smith, Senior Vice President with Shirley Contracting Company.

• “What Does Your Personal Risk Index Tell You and Your Employer?” Audience members will take an electronic “survey” to see what their personal risk index is and discuss applications for its use in the workplace. Bethany Murphy, CPCU, AFSB, Scott Insurance, will lead the discussion.

• VTCA’s Executive Vice President Jeff Southard will bring you up-to-speed on the work of the Virginia General Assembly. He will also give an update on the many issues and initiatives that VTCA is pursuing on behalf of its members.

All the details are in the Winter Meeting brochure. Please contact anyone on the VTCA staff should you have questions or need more information. We look forward to seeing you at the Wild West Winter Meeting!
General Assembly Convenes On January 8

With Democrats in control for the first time in 26 years, the Virginia General Assembly will convene on January 8. Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (Fairfax) was elected Speaker of the House, Delegate Charniele Herring (Alexandria) was elected Majority Leader, and Delegate Rip Sullivan (Fairfax) was elected Caucus Chairman. Filler-Corn is the first woman Speaker of the House in Virginia’s history. Delegate Herring becomes the first woman and first African-American to become Majority Leader.

The business community generally expects that the House leadership will take a measured, deliberative approach to their legislative agenda. Bold policy initiatives that were promoted by some outspoken members (such as repealing the Commonwealth’s right-to-work statute) are expected to be tempered by the newly installed leadership.

Key committee chairs have now been appointed. These appointments have cemented Northern Virginia’s control on positions of influence within the General Assembly.

- **Del. Luke Torian** of Prince William County will chair the budget-writing Appropriations Committee.
- **Del. Vivian Watts** of Fairfax will chair the Finance Committee. She served as Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety from 1986 to 1990.
- **Del. Jeion Ward** of Hampton takes the helm as Commerce and Labor Committee Chair.
- **Del. Roslyn Tyler** of Sussex will chair the House Education Committee.
- **Del. Delores McQuinn** of Richmond will chair the House Transportation Committee.
- **Sen. Dick Saslaw** of Fairfax is the new Senate Majority Leader and will chair the Commerce and Labor Committee.
- **Sen. Janet Howell** of Fairfax will serve as chair of the Senate Finance Committee.
- **Sen. David Marsden** will chair the Senate Transportation Committee.
- **Sen. George Barker** of Fairfax will chair the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee.
- **Sen. Louise Lucas** of Portsmouth will chair Senate Health and Education.
- **Sen. Mamie Locke** of Hampton will chair the Senate Rules Committee.

VTCA PAC RAISES OVER $145,000

Thanks to our corporate members and individuals who helped the VTCA Political Action Committee raise over $145,000 in the past eight months.
Plastic Inlaid Marker Requirement Effective January 2020

VDOT formally announced in August of this year changes to the inlaid (snowplowable) markers used on VDOT projects. Since the announcement VDOT has finalized the Road and Bridge Standard and the Special Provision addressing the new requirement.

Beginning with active projects (case by case basis), 2020 Schedule Paving Contracts, and all Regular Projects (RAAP/SAAP advertised after January 1, 2020) VDOT will require plastic inlaid markers (PIMs) in place of the cast-iron snowplowable raised pavement markers. The change is in response to the safety risk the cast iron markers create if dislodged from the pavement.

Complete details of the implementation timeline and technical requirements are available online:

- Directive from the State Construction Engineer (8/5/19)
- Special Provision (SP704-000120-00, 8/26/19)
- Section 1300 (1330.80-1330.82 and 1330.90) of the Road and Bridge Standards announced October 30, 2019.

Transportation Construction Management Institute Registration Now Open

Registration is open and online for the 2020 TCMI program, marking over three decades of training Virginia’s transportation industry’s emerging leaders. The 32nd Transportation Construction Management Institute set to train another class of industry and VDOT leaders beginning February 22 and concluding February 28, 2020. In response to industry recommendations the program duration has been changed shortening the length of the program from ten days to six days helping to mitigate the impact on employers and employees.

Offered on Virginia Tech’s campus in Blacksburg, TCMI leads participants through a comprehensive developmental program tailored for individuals on a leadership track in the industry. Participants in the program come from private industry construction and engineering companies as well as VDOT staff from across the state. The diversity represented by the participants provides an unprecedented opportunity for participants to gain greater understanding of their ability to solve problems and effectively communicate the solutions.

Class space is limited. Details and online registration for the 2020 program is available at [http://www.cpe.vt.edu/tcmi/index.html](http://www.cpe.vt.edu/tcmi/index.html)

District Dialogue December 4 In Hampton Roads

VTCA-VDOT District Dialogues give attendees a unique opportunity to meet with VDOT leaders, locality representatives, and other transportation industry professionals to discuss specific projects and opportunities in the Districts.

It is not too late to register for the Hampton Roads District Dialogue set for December 4 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center while online registration is now closed. Call or email Dana Morris at VTCA to register. Dana@vtca.org, 804-330-3312.

Save The Date!

The 2020 VTCA Spring Transportation Conference returns to the Hampton Roads Convention Center April 1 - 3. Mark your calendar. Details to come in late January.
VDOT To Host 2020 Mid-Atlantic Quality Assurance Workshop

VDOT will host the 2020 Mid-Atlantic Quality Assurance Workshop February 11 - 13 in Williamsburg. The Workshop includes DOTs and affiliated industries from seven mid-Atlantic states and attracts nearly 400 delegates.

VTCA is pleased to be playing a significant role in the planning and implementation of the Workshop. VTCA will be specifically responsible for four presentations, including Soil Stabilization, Use of #10 Screenings as Embankment and Fill Material, and Aggregate Fines and Manufactured Sand in Ready Mix Concrete.

VDOT will be sending conference details soon. VTCA will also publish registration information as it becomes available. In the interim, please feel free to contact VTCA’s Rob Lanham, rob@vtca.org.

VTCA Distributes 480 Rock Kits At Annual VAST Conference

Once again, VTCA Aggregate Producer members participated in the Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) Conference. This year’s Conference was held at the Hotel Roanoke November 14 – 16. The VAST Conference draws over 800 science educators from across the Commonwealth.

VTCA’s exhibit booth is centered around Rock Kits and tote bags full of Virginia geology books, maps and other goodies. This year we handed out over 480 Rock Kits!

The Rock Kit is an interactive experience where teachers are given an empty Rock Kit box and then get to get their “hands dirty” by filling their own box with samples. The box has labeled compartments that hold up to ten samples, accompanied by a key to all the aggregates that are available, including the producer, what the mineral is, where it is mined and what the uses are for that mineral. At this time of year, many of the 5th grade teachers are getting ready to begin Earth Science studies and the Rock Kit is a great tool for them.

Thank you to these producers for providing this year’s samples:

- **Luck Stone**
- **E. Dillon & Company**
- **Powell Valley Stone Company**
- **Rockydale Quarries**
- **Boxley**
- **Vulcan Materials**
- **The Frazier Quarry**
- **Rockbridge Stone**
- **Salem Stone**
- **Acres Sand and Stone**

Special thanks go out to **Salem Stone** and **E. Dillon & Company** – they each filled nearly 500 miniature Ziploc bags with sand and pulverized lime. This is truly a task that is “above and beyond” and we are grateful. Many thanks also to these organizations that helped make our participation at the VAST Conference a huge success:

- Sample Bags: **Vulcan Materials** and **Rockydale Quarries**
- Rock Kit Boxes: **Luck Stone**
- Geology Materials: DMM
- Staffing the Booth: **The Frazier Quarry, Rockydale, Salem Stone, Boxley, & DMM**

Ed Dalrymple Recognized For Commitment To Workforce Development

Ed Dalrymple, president of **Cedar Mountain Stone** and **Chemung Contracting**, has been recognized for his work in the areas of workforce development, STEM education, and community philanthropy. Dalrymple was instrumental in the creation of the Virginia Education Center for Asphalt Technology (VECAT) at Germanna Community College. Dalrymple received the prestigious L. B. Henretty Memorial Outstanding Citizen Award by the Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce. We invite you to read more at [http://bit.ly/2OGNciD](http://bit.ly/2OGNciD).
Member News

MAKCO, Inc., a guardrail and safety improvements contractor, held its 50th Anniversary Celebration in October. MAKCO joined the Virginia Road Builders Association in 1970 and has supported the industry through its membership for almost 50 years. A tip of the hard hat to MAKCO!

Chaney Enterprises, a ready-mix concrete, aggregates, custom blends, and related construction supplies provider, has announced the retirement of its chief executive officer, William “Bill” F. Childs, IV. Francis “Hall” Chaney, III, the company’s president, has moved into the role of president and CEO. Childs will continue to serve as a director of the company.

“Chaney Enterprises is representative of many family-owned businesses across the United States,” Childs said. “Founded by a father, son, and a handful of other dedicated people with a dream and common vision, we have grown dramatically over the last 57 years, always focused on the founding principles of taking care of the people we serve, doing the right things the right way, and giving back.

“I have completed my service to all these people and entities,” Childs said. “I am retiring from Chaney Enterprises and our affiliated companies feeling completely fulfilled and very proud of our collective accomplishments over the years.”

Volkert has announced the upcoming retirement of Dennis Morrison, PE and the promotion of Keith Weakley, PE, DBIA. After 12 years of service to Volkert, and a long and distinguished 30-year career with VDOT, Mid-Atlantic senior vice president Dennis Morrison, PE, will retire in January 2020. During his tenure with Volkert, the Mid-Atlantic region grew from three to six offices, more than tripled in number of employees, and increased its net revenue over 300 percent.

Keith Weakley, PE, DBIA, will assume the leadership of the Mid-Atlantic region in January, filling the vacancy left by Morrison’s retirement. Keith joined Volkert in 2010 and is currently vice president and chief engineer for the region. Keith has more than 25 years of experience developing, designing, and managing transportation projects in the state of Virginia, having served as the VDOT Staunton District Structure and Bridge Engineer prior to joining Volkert. Keith received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech and his master’s in the same discipline from the University of Virginia.

New Members

Alpha Corporation is a woman-owned multidisciplinary construction consulting firm providing engineering, program and construction management, project controls and technology services. Established in 1979, the firm enjoys many long-standing client relationships developed through excellence in project and service delivery.

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Position Sought

Recent graduate with master’s degree in Geography (King’s College, London) and B.S. in Geographic Science (James Madison University) is seeking to contribute solutions to modern environmental issues. Extensive academic background in qualitative and quantitative research, environmental sustainability, human development, environmental policy, and climate change. Highly capable, detail-oriented thinker with a passion for research, having completed and presented two independent research dissertations at professional symposiums. Efficient team player with a strong customer focus, proficient in written and oral communication.

For a copy of this resume, please contact Kayla at VTCA, kayla@vtca.org
In Memoriam

**Thomas Leo “Tom” Partridge** died on November 16 at the age of 75. He was a devoted employee of the Branch Group for over 25 years, and proudly served as President of E.V. Williams from 1997-2011. Beloved husband, father, and papa, Tom passed away in his home with his cherished wife Rachel by his side.

https://www.altmeyerfuneralandcremation.com/obituary/thomas-leo-partridge/

**Rufus E. Dalton, III** died on November 19 at the age of 88. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, Rufus joined Birsch Construction in Norfolk. When the company was sold to REA Construction, he became Vice President of Operations for Virginia. Rufus served on the Virginia Road Builders Association Board of Directors, as president of the Virginia Asphalt Association, and as president of the National Asphalt Paving Association.

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?pid=194521255

**John H. Rocca** passed away on November 19 at the age of 77 following an extended illness. President of Brothers Signal Company, John was active in the Virginia Road & Transportation Builders Association for decades, serving on numerous committees and the Board of Directors. Governor Gerald Baliles appointed him to a five-year term on the State Board for Contractors in 1986. A legend in drag racing, John was very proud of his Tuscarora Indian heritage and was often seen in full regalia.


**True Farr Luck**, devoted wife of Charles S. Luck III, passed away on October 28 at the age of 85. True was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Married in 1955, True and Charlie built a partnership that became the foundation of the Luck family and the Luck Stone family of companies.

https://www.bennettfuneralhomes.com/obituary/true-farr-luck

**John V. Roland** died on October 26 at the age of 74. Many in our industry knew John from his service with the Virginia Asphalt Association. A graduate of Virginia Tech, John served in the U.S. Navy and with the Virginia Water Control Board prior to joining VAA. He is survived by his wife Moya.


**Shirley J. Ybarra** passed away on November 10 in Washington, DC. Ms. Ybarra served as Virginia’s Secretary of Transportation from 1998 to 2002, and Deputy Secretary from 1994 to 1998. She authored Virginia’s Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995, considered the model public-private partnership legislation in the United States.

https://www.richmond.com/obituaries/ybarra-shirley/article_cc0846cc-6451-5f2f-8f16-98897a00ea10.html