

## **APAM Celebrates Holiday Season and 2008 Award Winning Teams**

On December 11th, the association hosted our Holiday Banquet and the presentation of the APAM / MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University. It was a very special evening as we celebrated the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our Asphalt Paving Awards Program.

Over 300 people attended and enjoyed the festivities including representatives from MDOT, APAM members, local agencies and consultants. The evening was filled with frosty beverages, good food and great conversation as industry partners celebrated the upcoming Holiday Season and the honored the award winning teams.

The evening's program began with Executive Director John Becsey welcoming the attendees and introducing special guests.

MDOT's Chief Operations Officer, Larry Tibbits offered opening remarks on the successes of MDOT's partnership with the industry including the Construction Quality Partnership and the importance of the APAM/ MDOT Paving Awards. The Awards were presented by MDOT's COO and APAM President Andy Schmidt.

Dan Stover and Bruce Bolen announced the APAM scholarship winners. <u>(Click here to see more information on this year's winners)</u>.

And to complete the festivities, Chuck Mills announced the winners of the 2010 APAM /MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards as the plagues were presented by MDOT's Greg Johnson and APAM President Andy Schmidt.

For 2008, a total of 44 projects were evaluated in 10 different award categories. The judging committee visited each of the nominated projects, traveling about 3,500 miles in 9 days. Each project was rated on a scale of 1-10 in the following nine quality areas: Appearance, Ride, Texture Uniformity, Longitudinal and Transverse Joints, Edges, Utility Cover Adjustments and Degree of Difficulty.

Congratulations to the all of the people who worked on the 13 projects that received these coveted awards for 2008.

Click here to see a listing of the 2008 award winning projects.