



APAM Celebrates Holiday Season and 2016 Award Winning Teams

On December 8th, the association hosted its annual 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 very festive night as we celebrated our 40th anniversary of the Asphalt Paving Awards Program.

Over 220 people attended and enjoyed the festivities including representatives from MDOT, APAM members, local agencies, county road commissions, consultants and Michigan universities. The evening was filled with cold beverages and great conversation as industry partners celebrated the upcoming Holiday Season and the honored award winning teams.

The evening's program began with Executive Director John Becsey welcoming the attendees. APAM's President, Gregg Campbell introduced special guests and offered remarks on the Paving Awards.

Randy Van Portfliet, MDOT, Director Bureau of Field Services & Superior Region Engineer, was presented with a special plaque honoring his retirement and for his many years of partnering with the Asphalt Industry. Mr. Van Portfliet offered opening remarks on the importance of the APAM/MDOT Partnership with the industry and thanked the many dedicated MDOT employees that he worked with during his 40-year career.

Chuck Mills, APAM's Director of Engineering, presented Bill Mayhew, Mt. Pleasant TSC Manager with the 2015 Perpetual Pavement Award from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance for a section of M-20 in Isabella County, in the Bay Region.

Dave Cowper, Ajax Paving Industries, announced the APAM Scholarship winners. This year 2 deserving students received scholarships. ([click to view the 2016 APAM Scholarship Recipients List](#)).

To complete the festivities, Chuck Mills, APAM Director of Engineering announced the winners of the 2016 APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards as the plaques were presented by MDOT's Randy Van Portfliet and APAM President Gregg Campbell.

This year 64 projects were evaluated in 10 different award categories. The judging committee visited each of the nominated projects, traveling 4,455 miles in 11 days. Each project was rated in the following areas: Appearance, ride, texture, uniformity, longitudinal and transverse joints, edges, utility cover adjustments and degree of difficulty.

Congratulations to all the award-winning teams who worked on the 20 projects that received the 2016 Asphalt Paving Awards.

[\(Click here to see a listing of the 2016 Award Winning Projects\)](#)