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PAIKY Leadership Changes A Message from Dean Blake

At the annual meeting in August, PAIKY President, Frank Hamilton, announced an exciting change regarding the future of the association. Brian K. Wood, previously the Assistant Executive Director of the association, will now serve as Executive Director.

He is an extremely bright, hardworking individual who has absorbed a great deal about our industry since joining PAIKY five years ago. He will be an excellent leader for the association.

Although I will continue working with PAIKY, I will step down as Executive Director and serve instead as Deputy Executive Director. The combination of a young engineer and a seasoned veteran should serve the industry well.

This decision was a difficult one for me because the association has been such an important part of my life and career, but with the support of the Board, I was able to make a choice that I believe will be most beneficial for PAIKY and for me.

Many of you already know that I have battled a heart condition over the last year. On September 7, I went in for additional treatment in Houston. I am happy to announce that I have recovered from the treatment and am excited to get back to work. I thank you all for your kind and caring support.

I know that you are in good hands with your new Executive Director, and look forward to working with you as Deputy Executive Director.

Meet PAIKY's New Executive Director



Brian K. Wood, P.E.

The PAIKY Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Brian Wood, 34, of Prospect Ky., has been named Executive Director of the association. Wood has served as PAIKY's Assistant Executive Director since May 2000. A graduate of University of Kentucky, Wood has his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering. While at UK, he was awarded a fellowship from the Kentucky Transportation Center Advanced Transportation Institute.

Wood previously worked in Louisville at Law Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., a consulting firm. He began there as a geotechnical and materials engineer, and was later promoted to project manager. In 1998, he began serving as the department manager of Engineered Construction working on marketing, managing projects and

supervising a staff of engineers, technicians and draftsmen.

Wood began at PAIKY in 2000 as Assistant Executive Director. He has been involved with life cycle cost analysis, structural pavement design, mixture design and pavement-type selection. He has worked to

educate Kentucky Transportation Cabinet employees and officials, city and county officials, architects and engineers about the benefits of hot mix asphalt through marketing and technical publications. He has also been a resource for association members.

In 2000, he received his Professional Engineering license and was selected to participate in Leadership PE, a training program sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. Wood was named Young Civil Engineer of the Year in 2003 by the Civil Engineering Industry Advisory Committee and the Department of Civil Engineering at the UK. He is also a registered political lobbyist in Frankfort, Ky.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wood is married and has two children. He and his wife, Jennifer, are proud parents of Olivia, five, and two-year old Eli. He actively involved his church and enjoys golf, cycling and spending time with his family.

Brian Wood's Key Stats

- Earned BS from UK in 1994
- Earned MS from UK in 1996
- Registered lobbyist in Frankfort
- Enjoys golf and cycling
- Named Young Civil Engineer of the Year in 2003
- Earned P.E. license in July of 2000

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Paving the Way to Progress in Baghdad

One of the greatest infrastructure needs in the Middle East is the construction of roadways and bridges. The very same work that PAIKY members specialize in and complete in the Commonwealth is the same work that is helping to connect the citizens of war-torn countries in their pursuit of peace and democracy.

So, how is the industry different in Iraq? When working on projects in the states, contractors work around tight schedules and rush hour traffic control, but outside of Baghdad contractors can experience threats from local gangs and have to maintain tight security around job sites in order to get projects done on time.



With a new paving machine on the job, work resumed



Villagers formed their own security force after a local gang attacked the paving equipment, firing a rocket propelled grenade through a paving machine

These contractors experienced a confrontation while paving a main road into town so local villagers could trade their goods with the rest of the city.

This temporarily delayed construction but local villagers formed their own security against further attacks so the job could continue. It is now 60 percent finished. Local villagers make up most of the labor force to construct the 9 kilometers leading into the markets of Baghdad.

Asphalt certainly is paving the way – it's the choice for building infrastructure in Kentucky and around the world.

Did You Know? You can be Proud of Asphalt Paving

It's impossible to listen to, watch or read news without hearing about environmental concerns – the stewardship of earth is a growing issue in our society. PAIKY members and those who choose to build asphalt projects can be proud of their choice to work with asphalt.

Asphalt isn't just another industry ignoring ever-present environmental concerns. It's not even an industry that is doing just enough to get by. The industry has been consciously seeking ways to improve waste control and provide means for recycling.

The Asphalt industry has a record of taking a proactive approach to the environment through recycling. The Federal Highway Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency recently released a survey that found that 80 percent of the asphalt pavement removed each year during widening and resurfacing projects is reused as part of new roads, roadbeds, shoulders and embankments – that's approximately 80 million tons of reclaimed hot mix products. The record for more "common" items such as aluminum cans (60 percent), newsprint (56 percent), plastic soft drink bottles (37 percent) and glass beverage bottles (31 percent) was no match for asphalt.

Asphalt – the best road to a cleaner, more sustainable environment.

Did you know? About 80 million tons of hot mix asphalt products are reclaimed and reused?

Education: It's Not Only for Our Kids

PAIKY is pleased to offer many informational meetings and continuing education seminars to see that the membership of the association is up-to-date on all best practices and new innovations in the field.

PAIKY members strive to provide the best service and product in the industry for Kentucky's roads and travelers.

In just a few short months, PAIKY's annual Winter Training School will be kicking off with more opportunities for information gathering and sharing. For more information about upcoming events or educational opportunities, visit the Web site at www.paiky.org.

Storms Devastate Gulf Coast, Ripples Felt Nationwide

Roads During Recovery may be Expensive

The first and worst implications of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will be felt in the devastated Gulf Coast regions that sustained direct hits from the back-to-back storms. The ripples of such an economic impact, however, will be felt in industries from the apparent to the less obvious: prices on everything from groceries to construction could go skyward in coming months.

Recently, Marc D. Williams, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Commissioner of Highways confirmed that highway construction costs are on the rise and that the Transportation Cabinet may have trouble keeping up with the miles and miles of Kentucky roads that need to be constructed and maintained.

As these increases manifest themselves in the Commonwealth's economy, Kentucky's highway construction industry, including the asphalt industry, will be forced to pay higher prices for materials and, in turn, projects will cost more to complete.

If the budget remains the same, higher materials costs will virtually rob money from the road fund. A \$66 million line item for resurfacing, for example, may provide for 10-20 percent less work this year than in previous years.

The road fund may seem like a big number in the budget, but will it be enough? If the budget remains the same, but costs continue to rise, roads in Kentucky may not receive the proper attention and repair that is needed.

Annual Meeting Shares Preview of Paving Futures

The Marriott Griffin Gate was host to another PAIKY Annual Meeting this August and as with years past, members convened for two days of programs, speakers and a few social functions.

"We want our members to have a chance to socialize, network and have fun when we get everyone together," said Dean Blake, the association's now-Deputy Director. "But our main focus is to inform and educate our members of trends

in the industry – especially through the speakers we recruit to address the group."

A highlight was the attendance of Mike Acott, President, National Asphalt Pavement Association, who presented a history of Hot Mix Asphalt paving and projections for the future.

"We were honored and excited to have Mike at our annual meeting," said Brian K. Wood, Executive Director of PAIKY.



Mike Law of Scotty's Contracting, receives the Sheldon G. Hayes Finalist award from NAPA President Mike Acott.

Award Winners

2005 Perpetual Pavement Award Winner
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Julian-Carroll-Jackson Purchase Parkway
Marc Williams (recipient)

2004 Sheldon G. Hayes Finalist
Mountain Enterprises, Inc.
US 23, Johnson County
Lexington, KY
Phil Annis (recipient)

2004 Sheldon G. Hayes Finalist
Scotty's Contracting and Stone LLC
Interstate 65, Warren County
Bowling Green, KY
Mike Law (recipient)



**Plan for PAIKY:
Mark Your Calendars for
these Important Events**

NAPA Annual Convention
January 22-26, 2006
Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa
Hollywood, FL
Contact: Carol Metzger
Phone: 888-438-6499

PAIKY Winter School
February 6-8, 2006
Downtown Marriott
Louisville Kentucky
Visit www.paiky.org for details
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