

# 2020 – 2021 Annual Report to the NACE Board Structures and Environment Committee

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## **Background:**

In May 2020, I was asked by NACE President, Scott McGolpin to Chair the Structures & Environment Committee. This was my second year to Chair a NACE committee. I have served on the Awards Committee, the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Structures and Environment Committee. I have attended all the NACE Annual Conferences since 2009 in Peoria, Il. In 2010, I was the Conference Co-Chair for the NACE Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. I have been serving on one or more of the above mentioned NACE Committees since 2015.

## **Accomplishments:**

1. The Committee elected a Vice-Chairman. Mr. Alex Davis, P.E. with the Buchanan County Secondary Road Department will serve in the position. He is the Assistant County Engineer for Buchanan County in Independence, Iowa.
2. The Chairman continued the strong ties between the Structures and Environment Committee and the Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance (SSSBA).
3. The Committee has scheduled the five following presentations for the 2021 NACE Virtual Conference: (Bridge Deck Sealing – What is Best for your Bridge), (Current WOTUS and Nationwide Permits Issues Concerning Transportation Projects), (Accelerated Bridge Construction for Rural Counties), (Accelerated Bridge Deck Repairs in Jackson County, Alabama) and (Construction of the Chester R. Kurtz Bridge over the Great Miami River).

*This year was a little slow due to the Covid-19 Pandemic*

## **Goals for Next Year:**

1. The Committee will continue to review the Waters of the US rules and regulations.
2. The Committee will try to find a National Partner within the Concrete Industry.