

2020-2021 Pavement Preservation Committee Report

The pavement preservation committee had a good year overall. The effects of the COVID pandemic definitely had left its mark on the year.

In April, the annual conference was canceled. We had 5 sessions ready to go. However, most of these speakers were able to reschedule to this year's 2021 conference.

This year the Pavement Preservation Committee had 3 zoom web conference meetings. Our first meeting was in June after life kind of returned to some normality from the COVID in some areas. We also met in November and February.

Since one of the main purposes for all committees is the supporting the NACE annual conference, a main topic of all our meetings was finding topics and speakers which may have a national interest for county Engineers, and also topics which are of interest to the local area of the NACE conference as they will have a larger group attending. We provided 6 topics with speakers to the 2021 NACE Annual Conference, which was converted to a virtual online conference due to the lingering COVID virus outbreak.

We look forward to an in person conference in 2022 as much of the value in the annual conference takes place outside of the regular sessions.

Highlights of our past year include:

- Finding a Vice Chair – Wayne Schoonover of Grand Traverse County, Michigan. Wayne is also the Michigan representative to NACE.
- Furthering and improving our webpage on pavement preservation. This page is found on the NACE website under the pavement preservation committee or direct link at <https://naace.memberclicks.net/pavement-preservation-committee>. Right now, it has links to several toolboxes to help an engineer determine the right fix for his pavement.
- Establishing subcommittees for the various pavement types and other important things. We now have a subcommittee for Asphalt, Concrete, and one to help with getting a functional website.
- Our open mic / Roundtable discussions part of our meeting has really taken off. This is where anything can be discussed by committee members. Our committee membership is so diverse and so knowledgeable that no matter the question or topic, someone always has experience or knowledge on it. This has become a favorite part of our meeting. Many different topics have been discussed, including use of RAP in asphalt, mix designs, slurry seals, pavement recycling, and much more.

Although we got off to a slow start, we had a successful year on the preservation committee. This year, we will be expanding the knowledge base of our members, working on the website, and possibly other projects which the NACE office requests and/or the committee members would like to do.

Respectfully submitted,

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