



ACPA MID-YEAR MEETING

June 3-5, 2025

The Charleston Place
Charleston, SC



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PRE CONFERENCE EVENTS

Monday, June 2nd

Exciting Optional Excursions - Meet in the Hotel Lobby.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Registration – Second Floor, Mezzanine

3:00 PM

Private 2-Hour Happy Hour Cruise of the Schooner Pride

Join us for a happy hour adventure aboard the Schooner Pride. This 84' tall ship, modeled after 18th-century coastal trading schooners, brings to life the charm and history of Charleston's vibrant sailing past. Enjoy beer, wine, and light bites while cruising through the picturesque Charleston Harbor. Relax and unwind with breathtaking views of Charleston's waterfront in a comfortable, intimate setting.

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Afternoon Distillery Excursion with Luxury Shuttle Transfer

Hop aboard a luxury shuttle for a fun-filled afternoon to one of Charleston's top distilleries! Take a guided tour, enjoy a flight of spirits tasting with tasty light bites, and discover your new favorite drink. Then, relax and mingle with a crafted cocktail made from your chosen spirit. It's the perfect way to sip, savor, and experience the best of Charleston's craft distilling scene!

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8:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Charleston Dark History & Ghost Tour

Charleston is widely considered one of the most haunted cities in the country. Join us on this ghost tour to learn about pirate battles, murderous criminals, and otherworldly spirits that call Charleston their home. Space is limited so registration is required.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: DAY 1

Tuesday, June 3rd

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM **ACPA Foundation Board of Directors Meeting – Simmons Board Room**
By Invitation Only

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Registration – Second Floor, Mezzanine**

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **Welcome Breakfast – Magnolia Ballroom**
Join Brian Schmidt, Director of Policy Analysis and Senior Regional Economist with Portland Cement Association, for a Rise and shine, 20-minute, bite-sized breakfast briefing on the cement forecast for the remainder of 2025 and potential impacts from tariffs and inflation.

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9:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Workshop Session 1: Dowel Bars – A Crash Course in Load Transfer Technology – Willow Ballroom**

Dowel bars have been utilized in concrete pavement since the early 1900's. While the early days saw numerous changes and advancements in load transfer designs, the standard practice utilized today has been in place and unchanged for many years. As new dowel designs and materials have become available, state agencies have pushed for an updated way to evaluate and consider new load transfer systems. This workshop will review the history of load transfer before providing an update on work done under the TTCC (NC2) pooled fund to change how dowel systems are evaluated. The workshop will go on to look at performance of dowel systems with an aim at addressing and improving areas that have been raised as a cause of concern. Finally, the workshop will feature how dowels and load transfer can be evaluated and how their design can impact overall pavement design and performance.

Speakers & Presentations:

- *Overview/A History of Dowels*, Mark Snyder, PhD, P.E., President and Manager, Pavement Engineering and Research Consultants, LLC
- *Dowel Bar Specification and Testing Review/Update*, Mark Snyder, PhD, P.E., President and Manager, Pavement Engineering and Research Consultants, LLC
- *MnDOT Dowel Performance Study*, Maria Masten, P.E., Concrete Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- *Improvements to Faulting Models Including Corrosion*, Julie Vandenbossche, PhD, P.E., Professor and Associate Chair of Research, Swanson School of Engineering, University of Pittsburgh
- *Review of Use of Galvanized Products in Concrete*, Mark Snyder, PhD, P.E., President and Manager, Pavement Engineering and Research Consultants, LLC
- *ACTPT Dowel Related Research*, Gary Mitchell, P.E., Consulting Chief of Engineering and Construction, American Concrete Pavement Association

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11:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Networking Break – Grand Hall**

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Luncheon and Keynote Address Featuring David Kearby, Executive Director, TRIP: A National Transportation Research Nonprofit – Magnolia Ballroom**

Building Awareness, Building Projects: How Public Support Fuels Contractor Success

Every day, we rely on roads, bridges, and essential infrastructure to keep us safe, save us time, and protect our hard-earned money. Yet many people don't realize just how critical these investments are—until something goes wrong. Raising public awareness about infrastructure needs should be a collective industry effort. When the public understands the real impact—safer commutes, fewer delays, and economic stability—they speak up. And when they do, politicians listen. By fostering informed support, we create momentum for the investments that drive construction industry success and, ultimately, enhance public well-being.



1:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Networking Break – Grand Hall**

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Workshop Session 2: Everyone's a Concrete Pavement Promoter (Part 1): Understanding and Addressing Common Myths of Concrete Pavement – Willow Ballroom**

Concrete pavements have a reputation for being a long-life, low-maintenance solution. However, there are also three common myths that are frequent hurdles for agencies in selecting concrete pavements and overlays. These myths can be summarized as concrete (1) takes too long, (2) costs too much, and (3) is too hard to repair. This workshop focuses on addressing these concrete myths and eliminating them as a hurdle for selecting concrete for paving projects.

Speakers & Presentations:

- *Introduction to Concrete Messaging and Concrete Myths, Sarah Dalton, P.E., Senior Director of Engineering and Construction, American Concrete Pavement Association*
- *Changing People's Minds, Joel Galassini, Galassini Consulting*
- *Concrete Costs Too Much, Jim Mack, P.E., Director, Market Development, Cemex*
- *Concrete Takes Too Long/Concrete is Too Hard to Construct, Leif Wathne, P.E., Associate Director, National Concrete Pavement Technology Center*
- *Concrete is Too Hard To Repair, Matt Zeller, P.E., Concrete Promoter, Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota*
- *State Perspectives on Blended Cements (Insights from NCC), Maria Masten, P.E., Concrete Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation and Chair, National Concrete Consortium*



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Tuesday, June 3rd

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception – *Grand Hall*

ACPA welcomes you to Charleston, South Carolina in style. Join us and your industry colleagues in the beautiful Grand Hall for fun custom cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres as we round out the first day of the Mid-Year Meeting.



Upcoming ACPA Events



AIRPORT WORKSHOP

October 21-23, 2025

Charlotte, NC

Join ACPA for this annual three-day national workshop on best practices in design, construction, and rehabilitation of concrete pavements used for airport applications. The workshop program will feature technical presentations by subject matter experts with practical experience in the topic areas.



ANNUAL MEETING

December 2-4, 2025

Carlsbad, CA

ACPA is excited to welcome you to Carlsbad, California for the 2025 Annual Meeting. The three-day conference offers high-level educational sessions, unique networking opportunities to grow your professional network, and the not-to-be-missed annual Excellence in Concrete Paving Awards Gala.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: DAY 2

Wednesday, June 4th

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration – Second Floor, Mezzanine**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Networking Breakfast– Magnolia Ballroom**

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8:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Workshop Session 3: Everyone's a Concrete Pavement Promoter (Part 2): Aligning Concrete Pavement Messaging – Willow Ballroom**

Every member of the concrete pavement industry plays a crucial role in promotion. As we navigate a new administration, it is critical for everyone to understand the role they play in communicating the importance of concrete in the nation's infrastructure. The concrete pavement industry's collective message must align with the Department of Transportation's priorities of safety, efficiency, and innovation. This workshop focuses on how everyone in the concrete pavement industry can advocate for concrete as the solution to delivering quality infrastructure that meets the DOT's goals and serves the traveling public.

Speakers & Presentations:

- *ASCE's Infrastructure Report Card*, Josh Shumaker, Director of Policy Research and Industry Relations, American Society of Civil Engineers
- *Concrete Delivers Construction Safety and Efficient – Panel Discussion*, Contractor Panel
- *Concrete Pavement Innovations to Deliver Quality Infrastructure*, Peter Taylor, PhD, P.E., Director, National Concrete Pavement Technology Center

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Networking Break – Grand Hall**

10:00 AM – 11:30AM **Design and Engineering Functional Committee – Ashley Cooper**

The Design and Engineering (D&E) Committee will be meeting to discuss efforts including pavement design, optimization, evaluation, type selection, and management. Topics will include efforts with PavementDesigner.org, tools for optimizing pavement designs based on economic and environmental concepts, and updates on design strategies for novel loading types. Additional topics related to previous items will also be discussed.

Marketing and Communications Functional Committee – Fenwick

During this meeting, the Committee will be provided an update on recent marketing accomplishments, new strategic outreach opportunities, and various platforms. Additionally, the committee will discuss how to broaden the association's reach, improve ACPA's industry event presence, and key campaign messaging for the remainder of the year.

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11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Networking Luncheon with ACPA and Foundation Updates – *Magnolia Ballroom*

Join us for lunch and an association update. Nick Davis, Vice Chair of the ACPA Foundation, will provide an update on recent ACPA Foundation achievements and upcoming activities. ACPA's President and CEO will discuss the association's growing value to our valued members.

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1:00 PM – 2:30PM

Research, Technology, and Innovation Functional Committee – *Fenwick*

The RT&I committee goal is to identify gaps in concrete paving technology, needed improvements in materials and processes, and future industry concerns and issues. For this year's midyear meeting there will be an update on current ongoing research and discussions regarding equipment improvements in the paving industry.

Quality Construction Functional Committee – *Ashley Cooper*

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5370-10J Standards for Specifying Construction of Airfields for industry review. A copy of the draft specifications has been distributed through the ACPA Chapter State network for ACPA member review and input. FAA Headquarters Engineer, Harold Muniz will be providing a brief update to relevant changes that impact airfield pavement construction and will be soliciting feedback from the concrete paving industry. Come prepared to discuss this updated construction standard with the FAA. In addition, the Airport Concrete Pavement Technology Program (ACPTP) will provide a brief update on on-going research (time permitting).

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Network Break – *Grand Hall*

2:45 PM– 3:45 PM

Strategic Advisory Committee – *Ashley Cooper*

In this meeting, the committee will evaluate progress on the strategic plan, assess priorities from functional committees, and review the implementation of a new online awards system. The agenda will also cover an analysis of market trends and a discussion on updating the current strategic plan, as three years have passed since its adoption.

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Network Break – *Grand Hall*

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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Government Affairs Committee: Advocacy During Times of Change – Willow Ballroom

ACPA continues to grow its influence through its national government affairs program. In 2025, ACPA has been more active than ever before on Capitol Hill, meeting with the Nation's top lawmakers and agency officials. Key take aways from this year's fly-in will be shared as well as an agenda for the remainder of this year and beyond formulated. Hear directly from ACPA contractors who traveled to Washington, DC to carry our industry's message. Also, receive current updates on the status of an infrastructure bill and other key pieces of federal legislation.

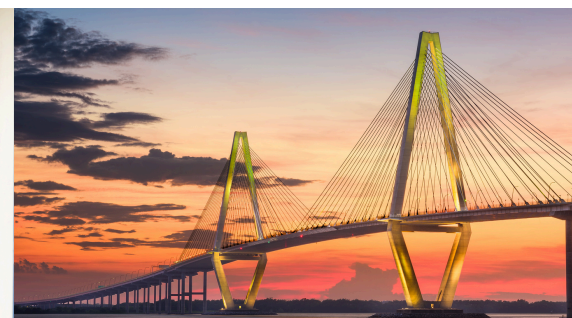
5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

Chairman's Reception – Market Street Circle

Come enjoy a beautiful evening under the Charleston stars in the enchanting Market Street Circle for the ACPA's Chairman's Reception featuring custom cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with a southern flare.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: DAY 3

Thursday, June 5th

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Breakfast** – Second Floor, Mezzanine (open to Board of Directors Members and Emerging Leaders Group Participants Only)
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Board of Directors Meeting** – Ashley Cooper (By invitation Only)
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Emerging Leaders Group Steering Meeting** – Fenwick
Engage with the Emerging Leaders Group (ELG)
Steering Committee for a detailed discussion on the goals and upcoming activities for the ELG. The Steering Committee is seeking input on ELG activities at the 2025 ACPA Annual Meeting and more.
- 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM **ELG Workshop: Leading Through Generations** – Fenwick
Join Joel Galassini, Galassini Consulting, for a discussion of the challenges leaders face with multiple generations in the workforce. Learn about key generational differences and how they impact career approaches and strategies.



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