

Pervious street for Habitat for Humanity completed in Olympia. Co-sponsored National Pervious seminar; national record of 165 attending, Association Offices used in NextGen TV series for W. Seattle ICF "Fortified Home" features energy efficiency and green building.

- ◆ **Enviro Comm.**- deals with Ecology on NPDES issues, no formal meetings scheduled.
- ◆ **Aggregates Comm.**- Focused on negotiating SB 5972 w/ DNR and drafting Reclamation performance securities requirements in WAC.
- ◆ **DOT & Technical Comm.**- Progress with DOT on ASR issues, degradation, working on performance specifications, QPL acceptance for imported cement, changed CDF specification, discussing fly ash situation and usage of slag and SCC and other DOT mysteries.

#### Education:

*Committee planning and activities, Administer and implement National programs, develop, administer and implement Association meetings and events, maintain Technical Library, provide technical resources to Association members, develop technical, promotional, or general publications as necessary, deliver ACI certification programs, expand educational opportunities.*

- ◆ **NRMCA Concrete Driver Professional (CDP)** trained 30 new drivers for Rinker / Vancouver Skagit R/M & Smokey Point Concrete. Driver review described as "excellent". WA State Patrol assists in exam portion of program. 155 drivers tested to date. We can do much more.
- ◆ **ACI Certification:** Conducted 17 sessions in Field Testing, Finisher, Lab and Strength Testing including Alaska. 476 Exams administered.
- ◆ **Traditional Association meetings:**
- ◆ **Legislative Retreat:** Not formally conducted, PAC strategy, Legislative Issues reviewed by Board of Directors & legislative Committee.
- ◆ **Winter Workshop:** November 2006 / Vancouver WA w/ OCAPA. 24 Associate Member exhibits. Presentations included: MSHA Miners Act, Safety Strategies, Motor Carrier Audits, Community Educational Resources, using Bio Diesel, Tire management, other industry related topics. Over 144 in attendance.

- ◆ **Legislative Workshop & WCIC Reception:** WCIC changed format, not conducted
- ◆ **Excellence In Concrete Construction Awards:** May 2007 / Bellevue Hyatt Regency. 255 attending, presented 67 Category awards and 56 Runner up certificates in 11 categories. 39th annual EIC.
- ◆ **Family Summer meeting:** July 2007 / Chelan

#### Communications:

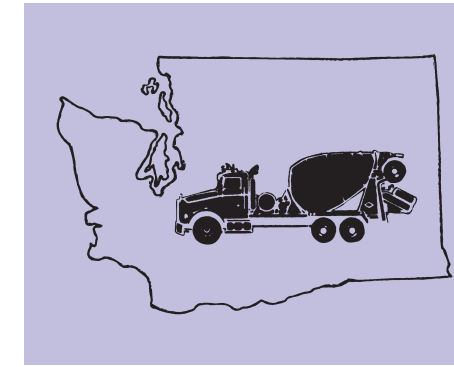
Maintain regular Association member communications network through traditional and electronic means, Member Resource Directories, media relations, coordinate with National Associations.

- ◆ Published 4 issues of traditional newsletter FAST TRAX, and 8 editions of the electronic newsletter; *e-Trax*. 2006—2007 Directory published and distributed.
- ◆ [www.washingtonconcrete.org](http://www.washingtonconcrete.org) updated Member links, Producer search by County and "members only" access areas. On-line database management expanded to allow members to update company info and profiles as necessary. Associates categories now displayed by products and services.

#### Membership Services:

*Bring value to membership, RETRO program, deliver national programs, events and services, Create and grow Industry network & membership, Highlight Associate member products and services to Producer members, Promotion of Industry attributes, products, and services.*

- ◆ [www.concretethinker.com](http://www.concretethinker.com) introduced nationally at AIA. Web based sustainable & LEED resources for cement and concrete products. PNW instrumental in developing this website.
- ◆ **RETRO program:** Our Worker's Comp program managed by ERNW. Program grew to 68 member companies & premium base over \$3.5M. 05-06 adjustment went to maximum assessment due to severe time loss claims. 1st annual RETRO meeting planned for July. **For program info Contact: ERNW: 800-433-7601 ext. 15**



## 39TH ANNUAL SUMMER FAMILY MEETING

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## 2006-2007 Annual Membership Report

I would like to thank *President Steve Cowden of Cowden Gravel & Ready Mix, the Board of Directors, our Committee chairs, & Committee members* for their support and contributions to the Association this year. Our agenda and activities broadened not only locally, but in Olympia. Educational efforts expanded with the NRMCA Pervious Certification program (92 trained). It has been a while since our Association enjoyed the leadership of a smaller family company. Steve's willingness to participate at this level is as an important reminder of commitment to accomplish new goals important to our industry and local communities. Pres. Cowden verified our core activities offered to serve our membership and adapt to your changing needs. With so many things to focus on in any given year and the pace in which we now all operate, oversight is essential to make sure we are on track to measure and review our objectives. Having Pres. Cowden invest the time to take an active role in Association efforts is a significant compliment to our membership. His commitment was in addition to managing his family business with his sons and who's responsibilities are needed in the day to day activities of his company. His willingness to extend himself beyond these needs to serve the statewide industry demonstrates the strength and commitment of our industry to work together. By working together, irregardless of size, we can better address our issues with a more complete perspective and provide value to our membership. Steve always provided the time to discuss the business and to guide the direction of a growing Association. The value of his time and insight is greatly appreciated.

Equally important is the value of our *Associate members* to our Association and industry. Their expertise is our future as they supply our industry with new and improved solutions to increase our efficiency, productivity, and profitability. *On behalf of the Board of Directors, please remember the key role our Associates play in supporting your Association and I encourage you to support them first whenever possible.*

Bruce T. Chattin  
Executive Director

*In 2006–2007 The Association responded to its core products, services, and overall mission.*

### Advocacy: (Governmental Affairs)

*Legislative, Federal & State Agency, County relations, communications, strategic planning, media relations, relationships with affiliated industry and construction Associations, support and advocate role of the industry, our products, services.*

- ◆ **Dept. of Ecology:** A relatively quiet year with Ecology. Initial discussions on Puget Sound Storm Water Management guidelines for the use of pervious concrete and related credits. Ecology is increasing NPDES S&G permit inspections resulting in more citations. Producer members are encouraged to review Site BMP's and storm water management plans and work with inspectors on any recommendations to demonstrate compliance.
- ◆ **Dept. of Natural Resources:** The Association maintains DNR needs to be the statewide leader for the identification and designation of construction aggregate resources and provide unbiased mapping information to counties for GMA compliance. The Association and industry worked closely with DNR staff to draft and support SB 5972. Mutual objective was to provide improved enforcement tools for operators mining without a permit. We are working with DNR to formally implement the Blanket Bonding Reclamation as required in the 2006 Fee Bill. This has been a long process and DNR poised to initiate gradually to identify unnecessary complexities.
- ◆ **2007 Legislative Session:**
- ◆ The Association through our lobbyist; (*Steve Buckner, Millennium Public Affairs*) had a number of significant legislative accomplishments in 2007. This included defeating and actively working numerous bills impacting our members. S&G was a "go home" issue in the final days of session. The legislature debated the importance sand and gravel resources and industry contributions to WA economic and transportation infrastructure. One Senator attempted to use the legislative process to preempt the existing permitting process. Despite his attempts to amend the state Operating Budget and Puget Sound Partnership Bill, the House recognized the importance of respecting the permitting process as currently prescribed by law and the importance of allowing that process to play

out. The issue reached the Governor's office and elevated the visibility of our industry and products. The issue may return in 2008.

### ◆ **Transportation :**

#### **Regional Transportation Improvement Districts:**

King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties advanced a transportation funding package for over \$14B for construction projects. The list includes "mega projects" IE: 520 Bridge and Alaskan Way Viaduct. The issue goes to November ballot as well as "Sound Transit 2", a funding package for transit projects from Everett through the Eastside. Funding request estimated at \$10+ Billion. RTID is required to be implemented before previously appropriated state dollars are made available to complete the project list.

#### ◆ **Other Bills that Passed:**

- ◆ **ESSB 5312: Scrap Metal Theft Bill:** Association involvement was a direct reaction to the numerous incidents industry is experiencing in metal theft. The Bill was passed and signed by the Governor. The law won't stop theft, it will reduce instant cash provided for stolen property, will create theft and transaction disincentives including record keeping of minor transactions and provides law enforcement with greater tools and evidence collection.
- ◆ **SSB 5972: DNR Enforcement Bill:** The industry & Association worked with DNR to provide greater enforcement tools for illegal mining and to get to landowners that allow mining without a permit. Bill clarified other existing enforcement measures DNR currently uses. This progress is one step towards anticipated rewrites of future sections of RCW 78.44.
- ◆ **SB 6001: Climate Change Bill:** The Association was part of an initial committee comprised of AWB and other industries to work with the Governor's office regarding her efforts for WA to have a leadership role in Climate change issues. The coalition worked closely with the Governor's office throughout the session on the bill. The Governor also signed onto a western states Climate change agreement. Industry concerns were focused on not repeating the restrictions of cement production and CO2 limitations as passed in CA.
- ◆ **SB5372: Puget Sound Partnership:** Creates new agency, directed by William Ruckelshaus (formerly of the EPA) to clean up Puget Sound and disbands the Puget Sound Action Team. \$8B appropriated to clean the Sound. Storm water management is a major strategy to reduce pollution runoff to the Sound. The future of Pervious Concrete and other pervious surfaces should become viable solutions for new storm

water management methods.

- ◆ **SHB 1455: Floodway Bill;** Changed definition of floodway in Shoreline Revisions

#### ◆ **Bills that did NOT Pass:**

- ◆ **SB 6030:** Protecting homeowners who hire contractors to remodel or build homes and penalized suppliers. Defeated for 4th time.
- ◆ **SSB 5550, 5046, 5048:** Sen. Weinstein's Homeowner Warranty Bill. Created stringent 2-10 year warranty schedules for home construction which established a nightmare of litigation. We were at risk for the improper installation of materials by others. Bill killed by Speaker Chopp, concept likely to return.
- ◆ **SB 6011: Creating a Maury Island Preserve**
- ◆ **Covered Loads Bill:** did not get a hearing.
- ◆ Numerous Green House, CO2 reduction Bills
- ◆ **"Focus on Aggregates":** Association & Snohomish County members meet to establish a realistic approach to identify and designate sand and gravel per GMA. Effort has created a strong working partnership with County Planners. Governor's office has been monitoring our progress. Final product being drafted and will be refined thru the summer. This effort may become a template for other counties to model.
- ◆ Successfully met with King County Transportation staff and Council to dramatically scale back Haul Route Fee Agreements for aggregate operations.

### Governance:

*Day to day operation of Association business affairs, staff, and Committee structure.*

- ◆ In addition to managing the Association, WACA also manages the WA. Chapter of ACI. Includes their Board of Directors, conducting 9 monthly chapter meetings, 2 National seminars and a new Golf tournament in 2007.
- ◆ The Association coordinates 7 Committees; *Promotion, WSDOT & Technical, Safety, Enviro & Land Use, Aggregates & Retro.*
- ◆ **Safety Committee** conducted 7th Annual MSHA Part 46 Training in 8 sessions January through March 2007 statewide. 651 miners trained.
- ◆ **RETRO Advisory Committee** monitors growth and performance of Association RETRO program with our TPA advisors.
- ◆ **Promotion Committee:** Completed 2nd printing of Pervious brochure. Pervious presentations made to Kitsap Cty, Tri Cities homebuilders, and others.

