

PRESS RELEASE: RPA ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

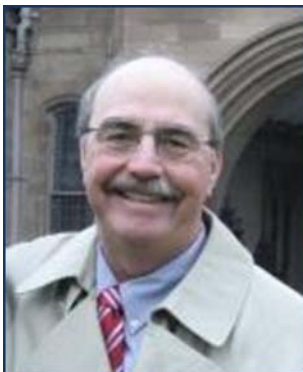
Mark Belshe, P.E. is the New Executive Director of the Rubber Pavements Association

Tempe, AZ (August 9, 2010): RPA President, Dr. Barry Takallou, P.E. today announced the appointment of Mark Belshe, a past RPA President, as its new Interim Executive Director.



According to Dr. Takallou, Belshe brings “extensive and considerable experience into the Asphalt-Rubber industry; a registered professional engineer; expertise in refining and implementing effective strategic plans; and a fresh perspective and creative ideas regarding how RPA can improve its service not only to members, but also to local, state and federal DOT agencies. “Mark Belshe is a person who comes to us with vision and detailed new ideas. These characteristics certainly have the potential to raise the bar for our organization in ways that will be beneficial to all of our membership.”

“I am looking forward to continuing to be part of the RPA family,” said Belshe. “While recognizing the many accomplishments of the RPA and its members in the past, these economic times present great challenges going forward. Together our leadership will foster new gains in best practices, research and market growth. I believe that partnering with the local, state and federal DOT agencies will bring us to new levels of member engagement. There is a rapid growth of usage of Asphalt-Rubber in highway construction in Brazil, China, Europe, Mexico, the Middle East and South Africa and the RPA will continue to be a guiding resource in the development of asphalt rubber technology worldwide.”



Mark Belshe has over 36 years experience in heavy highway construction, including 22 years with FNF Construction. As the Asphalt-Rubber General Manager and Vice President – Project Sponsor, Mark provided executive leadership to field management and oversaw all aspects of a project’s administration. Mark started at FNF as a staff estimator and worked as a field project engineer and project manager in the course of his career.

Mark has a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona and a MS in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University. He is licensed in Arizona and California as a Registered Professional Civil Engineer and he is also a Registered Land Surveyor in Arizona.

Mark has been active with the Rubber Pavements Association since the early 1990’s and he served as President of the Association in 1999-2000. He has presented papers at AR2000, AR2006 and the 2007 TRB. Mark has made multiple presentations for RPA, NAPA and others, and he is a well known face to many in the industry.

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