

MAPA's first Pave Maine Awards

THE MAINE Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA) kicked off its First Annual Pave Maine Awards in April at its 16th Annual Spring Paving Seminar at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

Mark Barnes of Shaw Brothers Construction and MAPA's Executive Director Tanya Griffeth spent two years putting together a program that would recognize the outstanding paving work being done in Maine. Members had four categories to choose from based on tonnage; 0-500, 500-2,500, 2500-10,000 and 10,000+. Each project was judged on construction techniques or materials, executing a difficult or challenging job, partnering with client, positive impacts to the community and safety. The MAPA board elected a group of distinguished judges with more than 100 years of combined experience in the industry to review all applications and select this year's winners.

Northeast Paving of Bangor won the 2019 Pave Maine award in the 0-500 tons category. In the spring of 2018 Northeast Paving was contacted by the caretaker for Stephen King's Estate in Bangor. The property included Mr. King's iconic house and the guest house. The driveway had not been touched since the last time the company paved it approximately 20 years ago.

Northeast Paving also won in the 500-2,500 tons category. The project was located in Bucksport on the Dr. Thegen Memorial



Pave Maine Award recipients (from the top): All States Asphalt, Hagar Industries and two teams from Northeast Paving. This was the first year Maine Pavement Association gave out the honors for excellence in paving.

Bridge connecting the town of Bucksport to Verona Island. The 700-foot-long bridge deck had the pavement milled off, then new scuppers put in, new membrane on the deck, and two lifts of pavement. The bridge joints

were also repaired during this project. What made this project unique was the traffic control required. With the Penobscot Narrows Bridge, Fort Knox, and the attractive Maine coast, this area sees a lot of tourism along this route.

Hagar Enterprises from Damariscotta won in the 2,500-10,000 division. The project was located on Route 27 in Boothbay. This project was unusual, as it involved partnerships with MaineDOT, Boothbay and private enterprises all working together to ensure the successful completion of new traffic and pedestrian upgrades. Work included a new rotary, turning lanes, access road, pedestrian walkways, bike paths, a town office parking lot and a new post office parking lot.

All States Asphalt of Richmond took the 10,000 division win. The project was located in China/Belmont. This project was 21.71 miles long and included 338,914 square yards of surface treatment of ultrathin bonded wearing course and 2,978 units of dense mix. By contract requirements this 21-mile stretch of roadway needed to be substantially complete by June 15, 2018. The Trek Across Maine charity bike ride was scheduled for mid-June. The timeline was very aggressive with work starting on April 30, 2018.

MBTA congratulates the first-ever Pave Maine award winners! ■

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