A: ISSUES

1. AAPA 13th International Flexible Pavements Conference
   Branch has assisted in communications with the Premiers and Roads Minister’s offices including input on the contents of their presentations.
   Queensland papers at the conference will cover
   - Sub-alliances | SMA developments | Maintenance treatments for skid resistance |
   - Asian bitumen quality assessment
   Registered attendance approaching 200+, good spread of international participants. Will hold a 16 October 2009 Strategic Alliance workshop at Main Roads on NCAT and innovation advantages from shared accelerated pavement materials testing. (Randy West / Ramon Bonaquist)
   The Branch has received support for the development of a short video promoting the role of surfaced roads in the 150 years of Queensland’s development. Production of the video has commenced and members have been asked to provide support materials. Budget between $18 and $20K. The video will be shown at the conference at the dinner and before the Minister’s presentation – copies will be made available for members use and for training.
   Queensland Civil Infrastructure Alliance “Building our Future 2009 update” publication snapshot will be distributed at the conference.

   Action: Provide support for the conference promoting role of Minister for Main Roads & A.DG

2. MEETINGS WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF

   A. STRATEGIC ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 2009
      - SMG meetings to continue & E&T likely to be little changed
      - Nundah sprayer calibration facility move to be communicated
      - APRG 18 – Herston investigating Marshall versus Gyratory compaction – wait
• Spray seal registration system ready to go – operating manpower required
• Vericom & surface characterisation projects supported
• Laboratory Registration System – should impact on other systems – info needed
• Management Issues response to be expedited
• AAPA argument to support road closures to be put forward at the next SMG
• SARG 5 November on “Specification Implementation”
• Performance Based Specifications – purchasing conditions to be reviewed – Tony Plucknett
• Papers selected from ET Forum for the AAPA 13th International Conference are:
  SMA developments – Gavin Soward, Asian bitumens – Dr Robert Urquhart
• Presentation to the SEQIITF reviewed – could raise the issue formally with QTMR

B. SENIOR MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2009

An invitation has been received for members to meet with the Senior Management Group of Transport and Main Roads on Tuesday 10 November 2009 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. It is expected that the DG will participate in the meeting although the issue presented for discussion will affect who in the department attends.

Current proposals will include
• Benefits of a planned Accelerated Pavement Strengthening Program
• Motivation by AAPA members to close roads to allow safer cost effective overlays

**Action: Provide response on participation & develop presentations.**

3. STRATEGY 2009 & BUSINESS PLANNING 2009/2010

The National Strategy and Business plan has been revised and will be circulated through the national office before the Board meeting in October 2009. The Queensland Branch Strategic Plan’s 6 new initiatives will be linked the national activities – funding has been allocated to the projects identified.

• Surface Friction Characterisation - $40K
  Surface Friction Measurement - $25K
  QDTMR Engineering Technology Forum – display – Qld members cost $4K
  Q150 report on the role of surfaced roads in Queensland 150th celebrations - <$20K
  Training program – Asphalt placement and compaction – estimated $15K
  Training material – support for the Qld surfacing selection manual – estimated $10K
• An additional project has been identified and supported by the Seal Contractor members involving a simplified screening device to assess binder distribution and application.
  A project will be proposed through the National Technology Committee.

**Action: Integrate Qld Operational Business Plan with National Strategic Plan**

4. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION MANAGEMENT CONCERNS / ISSUE

Main Roads has provided response to the “management” issues raised and has been discussed with Ross Guppy at Strategic Alliance Managers level. The response has not fully addressed the member concerns and comments have been sought from the previous Technical Committee Chairmen before formulating a response for consideration by the GM’s.

The 6 October has been targeted to review the latest technical evaluations of the specifications. AAPA’s feedback has been submitted on the Binders, Aggregates and Asphalt specifications with the Sprayed Seal submission to go by the 25 September.
Key issues not adequately addressed in the response include:

a. Need for Formal Guidelines to provide assistance in uniform interpretation and implementation of the specifications.

b. Use on aspiration intention clauses adds unquantified implications to the specs and should go into the guidelines

c. Testing frequencies – PAFV when marginal and binders

d. Test properties – typically coarse aggregate source rock properties should be tested at the quarry, PMB’s need time to assess field values etc. Mix design requirements may need some flexibility to achieve the divergent requirements

e. Third party test facilities should be allowed if the high test frequencies are to be applied.

Action: Meet with ED(R&D) on the response from Main Roads after direction of GM’s clarified

5. CEMENT CONCRETE & AGGREGATES ASSOCIATION

AAPA GM’s met with the CCAA member GM’s and reviewed the need for a reliable quarry product delivery system and the testing of source rock properties at the quarry. The availability of PAFV 53 aggregates in the SEQ was confirmed although the test frequencies remain a concern which they are to address with Main Roads. AAPA was invited to participate in two of their “alliance” projects with Mains Roads

• PAFV availability across Queensland – Les Millar nominated
• Test frequencies – awaiting nominee - Peter Pezet suggested by CCAA

Action: For noting.

6. SKID RESISTANCE – SURFACE FRICTION PROJECTS

AAPA Queensland has received funding support from national research funds for its two projects on surface friction.

• Surface Friction Characterisation - $40K for 2009/2010 to evaluate the surface friction data for 238 ramps in South East Queensland – members have commenced the identification of projects they were involved in which will attempt to link materials and mix properties to better than and worse than normal performance.

• Surface Friction Measurement - $25K for 2009/2010 to develop a test procedure for the Vericom rage of g-force measurement devices. Project has commenced with AAPA national technology committee participation through workshop on 23 September 2009.

Action: Manage projects and deliver results.

7. PAFV VALUES FOR NON-WEARING COURSE LAYERS – on hold no change

No response has yet been submitted to Main Roads – after discussion at the Technical Committee and the CCAA meeting with Main Roads it may be prudent to not respond until the overall status of PAFV and PAFV testing has progressed further.

Action: Pend response to Main Roads until the PAFV discussions with CCAA & QDTMR have progressed

8. AUSTRALIAN DANGEROUS GOODS CODE 7 – no change
Delegated to the Safety & Training Committee for review and feedback to the National Committee – no change since the last meeting.

**Action: Feedback through the Safety & Training Committee**

**B: GENERAL ISSUES**

1. **ELECTIONS 2010** – the Branch Officers for 2010 needs to be confirmed. Current situation is:
   
   a. Chairman – Darryl Byrne - Downer EDi Works - proposed
   
   b. Vice Chairman – Brisbane City Council / Works – nominee to be proposed
   
   c. Safety and Training Committee – Pioneer Road Surfaces – Lyle Leisemann – proposed
   
   d. Technical Committee – Allen’s Asphalt – David Bell proposed
   
   e. Associations Committee – nominee sought
   
   f. Marketing Committee – Shell – Ron Carroll – nominated
   
   g. Secretary – BP – nominee to be proposed
   
   h. Associates Representative – election by next Branch meeting

2. **CIVIL CONSTRUCTION FEDERATION QUEENSLAND** – have participated with the Chairman in the development of the “Building Our Future 2009 update” which has been finalised for printing and release in the first week of October. Pre-release meetings are being organised with Main Roads, Infrastructure & Planning Ministers and the Premier. A snapshot of the key findings will be provided to members and released at the QMCA dinner and the AAPA 13th International Conference. Costs are expected to remain within the budgeted $6 500 previously approved by the Branch.

   **Action: maintain AAPA participation.**

3. **QDTMR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY FORUM** – The display was being prepared, satchel insert provided. Display concentrated on member’s achievements in the State, displaying electronic copies of photographs of works in PowerPoint projections & videos on a large screen. There was good support from members who assisted in setting up the display and running the presentations.

   **Action: Evaluate members support for ongoing participation**

4. **ASSOCIATES ORGANISED COMMUNICATIONS FORUMS**

   Details covered in the Roads magazine

5. **AAPA TRAINING SUPPORT** – Three day course the Bituminous Surfacing – General Principles and Practices was held 25 to 27 August 2009 – member staff participation as presenters & site visit organisers was appreciated – well supported by 36 delegates – moved to a larger venue to accommodate the larger group.

6. **END OF YEAR FUNCTION** – planned for 26 November 2009 – venue to be selected – have invited DG to be guest at dinner after the function.

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