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## **STATE ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION INSTALLS LEADERSHIP FOR 2025**

WAILEA, HAWAII – Jan. 31, 2025 – Russell W. Snyder, CAE, executive director of the California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA), was officially installed as chairman of the State Asphalt Pavement Association, Inc. (SAPA) at a meeting of the SAPA Board of Directors held today in Wailea, Hawaii. He succeeds the 2024 chairman, John Hickey, executive director of the Oregon Asphalt Pavement Association.

Snyder is an experienced association executive and former state transportation official who has been serving on the SAPA Executive Committee and numerous other leadership positions interacting with the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute and other organizations.

“Russell has had a distinguished career representing the interests of the asphalt pavement industry in California and nationally since 2008,” said outgoing SAPA chairman John Hickey. “He has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow state asphalt pavement association executives and I know he will continue to work collaboratively with our many partners to elevate our industry.”

Snyder thanked Hickey for his many years of service to the industry and to SAPA Inc., and presented him with an award recognizing his leadership. “John’s inspiring leadership and dedication helped elevate the prominence and effectiveness of the SAPA organization on behalf of all of our member companies and the asphalt industry as a whole,” Snyder said.

The SAPA Board of Directors also approved the remainder of officers for the association for 2025. They are: Kevin Burke, executive director of the Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association (Vice Chairman); Erich Ponti, Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association (Secretary); and Trenton Clark, Virginia Asphalt Association (Treasurer). Hickey will continue to serve on the SAPA Executive Committee as immediate past chairman.

At its Jan. 31 meeting, the association also presented a special award to longtime association executive Jon Young with the Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry for his dedication and service to the association and the industry.

**About SAPA:**

The State Asphalt Pavement Associations Inc. (SAPA) is a non-profit trade association comprised of executives of the various state asphalt pavement associations across the United States. The organization's mission states that "we are a professional membership organization of state asphalt associations that support the advancement, education, and promotion of asphalt pavements." To learn more about SAPA, visit the organization's website at: [www.sapainc.org](http://www.sapainc.org) .

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