

# ARM

ANNUAL CONVENTION HYBRID EDITION  
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1, 2021



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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 • ONLINE ONLY

12:00-12:15	Opening Remarks	MnDOT Deputy Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger	For many years, MnDOT's leaders have reached out in partnership to provide insight on issues of common interest to ARM members. We are, once again, pleased to have MnDOT play a major role in our annual convention, which begins with welcoming remarks from MnDOT's Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer, Nancy Daubenberger.
		ARM President John Rivisto	ARM President John Rivisto welcomes you to the 2021 Convention, which features the best of all possible worlds. It's a chance to renew old friendships, forge new ones, to learn in-person, and to participate online. There's essential information for aggregate producers, ready mix producers, suppliers, manufacturers, contractors, and agency experts alike.
12:15-12:30	2021 Convention Overview	ARM Executive Director John Cunningham	The 2021 ARM Convention is unique in its hybrid format and in the extraordinary content provided within. It is all a function of the times in which we live and the necessity of being connected with the most important topics of the day.
12:30-1:00	DNR Update	Heather Arends, DNR Land & Minerals	Heather Arends will provide a report from the DNR's Lands & Minerals Division, with primary emphasis on the Aggregate Mapping Program.
1:00-1:15	Sponsored Break with Trivia and Prizes		
1:15-1:45	FMCSA Update	Matthew Marrin, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Matthew Marrin of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will provide a status update including implementation of the new Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) program that begins early in 2022.

1:45-2:30	Annual Concrete Materials Update	Maria Masten, MnDOT Concrete Engineer	MnDOT's Concrete Engineering Office provides leadership and assistance for maintenance and construction of long-lasting concrete structures and pavements. Maria Masten heads up the office and provides her annual overview of pertinent topics from within.
2:30-2:45	Sponsored Break with Trivia and Prizes		
2:45-3:15	Annual Grading and Base Update	Terry Beaudry, MnDOT Grading and Base Engineer	MnDOT's Grading and Base Office provides expertise and leadership for use of aggregates in pavement and roadway systems. Terry Beaudry leads the office and provides comments regarding current issues.
3:15-4:00	Concrete Materials Research at MnROAD	Dr. Tom Van Dam, NCE; Dr. Larry Sutter, Michigan Technological University	The National Road Research Alliance (NRRRA) will be constructing new test cells at its MnROAD facility in 2022. The rigid pavement test cells will focus on sustainability and the materials that promise to enhance it.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 • IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAMED *(Located in the Great Hall except where noted)*

10:00-5:00	On-site Registration	ARM Staff	The conference registration desk will be open for in-person attendees at The Depot.
11:00-11:30	ARM Annual Meeting of the Membership	ARM Membership	The annual business of the association will be conducted, including election of members of the Board of Directors.
11:30-11:45	ARM Board of Directors Meeting	ARM Board of Directors	The Board of Directors will meet briefly for election of Officers. This meeting is open to all ARM members.
12:00-12:15	Passing of the Gavel	ARM President John Rivisto and Vice President Hank Hauge	
12:15-1:15	Lunch with the Stand-up Economist	Elliot Eisenberg, PhD	Former Senior Economist at the National Association of Home Builders.
1:15-2:30	ARM Environment and Land Use Committee Meeting (Breakout in Charles Frost room)	Committee Co-Chairs: Ken Coats and Jake Dalbec	This special committee meeting will take place in the break-out room at The Depot. Zoom participation is offered, but the meeting will not be webcast on the Convention site.
1:15-1:45	The Outlook for Minnesota's Labor Market	Oriane Casale, Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)	Impacts on the labor market from the pandemic are subsiding while some linger. Oriane Casale will provide an overview of the State of Minnesota's labor market and what to expect going forward.
1:45-2:30	Inside Scoop: Federal Infrastructure and Transportation Bill	Andrew Tyrell, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)	The road to 2021's infrastructure and highway bills has been historic and tumultuous. Andrew Tyrell was involved from start to finish and will provide his unique perspective on the journey.
2:30-2:45	Sponsored Break with Trivia and Prizes		
2:45-3:30	Tech Tricks and Problem Solvers (Breakout in Charles Frost room)	TBD	Tech Tricks and Problem Solvers is a special break-out session featuring 10 minute vignettes of innovative products and services. This is where you'll be introduced to some of the latest and greatest developments in the aggregate and concrete industries.
2:45-3:30	Mississippi's ICF School Experience	Joel Waters, Mississippi Concrete Association	Mississippi's concrete industry recognized the unique opportunity for the use of concrete structures in schools. The safety and security benefits are obvious, but the schools reacted most positively to the savings represented by energy cost reductions.
3:30-4:00	The Straight Story on eTicketing	Keith Onchuck, Ozinga	Electronic ticketing is gaining momentum all across the country. Keith Onchuck has been on the leading edge of adopting the new technology for one of Illinois' largest aggregate and ready mix producers. Mr. Onchuck will provide an overview of Ozinga's system and the benefits that he sees for his company.
4:00-4:45	Legislative & Political Landscape	Marty Seifert, Government Relations, Flaherty & Hood	2021 was another rocky political year featuring plenty of drama. The coming year promises some of the same. Marty Seifert will preview the upcoming legislative season and provide an overview of ARM's legislative agenda.
5:00-7:00	ARM Reception and Return of the Rock Races. The fan favorite Rock Races return for 2021, sponsored by Enduracon Technologies, LLC, and ISE Logik Industries, Inc.		

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 • ONLINE BEGINNING AT 1PM & IN PERSON BREAKFAST *(Rock Island Room)*

8:00-8:30	Our Concrete Industry Management (CIM) Program	Tim Hostettler, South Dakota State University	This IN-PERSON breakfast presentation from your new CIM program will feature remarks from the program's director, Tim Hostettler. The North Central Region now has its own Concrete Industry Management program at South Dakota State University, which is primed for immediate success.
1:00-1:45	Fixing Problem Areas with Cement Stabilization and Concrete Overlay	Dr. Tumer Akakin, ARM of MN; Michael Hoeft, K & M Construction; Dan Schellhammer, Midstate Reclamation	ARM's own Technical Advocacy Director, Dr. Tumer Akakin, will be joined by Michael Hoeft and Dan Schellhammer to discuss the use of portland cement to reclaim aging roadways, which can then be topped with concrete for a durable and cost-effective solution.
1:45-2:00	Sponsored Break with Trivia and Prizes		
2:00-2:45	PLC Cement: What Should Contractors and Producers Expect?	Jamie Farny, Portland Cement Association (PCA)	The use of Portland Limestone Cement (PLC) is one of the fastest growing changes in today's ready mixed concrete industry. It is likely that PLC will dominate Minnesota's cement supply within the next few years. Mr. Farny will provide the basics of what producers and contractors need to know about PLC and what it means to their operations.
2:45-3:00	Sponsored Break with Trivia and Prizes		
3:00-3:30	The Federal ROCKS Act	Austin Bone; National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association (NSSGA)	This year's federal infrastructure and transportation bill featured the Rebuilding Our Communities by Keeping Aggregates Sustainable (ROCKS) Act. This bill focuses attention on the importance of keeping locally sourced aggregates available for transportation projects. Availability is key to ensure sustainability and efficiency of aggregate production.
3:30-4:00	Let's Rock: Building Careers in the Mining Industry	Shawn McKinney, Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers; Scott Clanin, Clanin Marketing	The Illinois aggregate industry recently launched a new workforce development campaign aimed at reaching today's young people. The "Let's Rock" campaign is one that could benefit both the aggregate and concrete industries here in Minnesota through potential partnership with the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers.