The 2018 CPAM annual membership meeting commenced at 1:33 p.m. with a welcome from CPAM Executive Director Matt Zeller. After he requested everyone sign the antitrust statement at their table, meeting attendees introduced themselves to the group. Zeller then announced new member companies since last year’s meeting and introduced Carol Kratz, CPAM’s part-time administrative assistant hired in August.

Zeller next offered a recap of the year, noting that 2018 was a good year with four million square yards (SY) of concrete let this year for the first time ever. A big piece of that was one million SY on the MnPASS project, which is a multi-year job. He added that 2019 looks to be a good year, thanking MnDOT for their good efforts to ensure both the concrete and asphalt industries have enough work. On the county side, 2018 was a little down from 2017, primarily due to some 2018 jobs being shifted to 2019 lettings; and 2020 looks to be very good.

Zeller announced that Bob McPartlin, CPAM’s part-time promoter, officially retired in July. He thanked him for his years of service and presented him with a pewter replica of a concrete paver on behalf of the association.

At 1:49 p.m. Zeller introduced this year’s guest speakers from MnDOT. Nancy Daubenberger, Asst. Commissioner - Engineering Services, started off by noting that with the election of Tim Walz as governor, MnDOT management was required to reapply if they wanted to keep their positions. Charlie Zelle, MnDOT’s current transportation commissioner, is not applying; and we may not know until after January 1 who the new commissioner is. Daubenberger then stated that the new Pavement Investment Guide is a “pretty big deal for MnDOT.” The software will help to make decisions, and she thanked Matt Zeller for his discussions and involvement over the past couple years, noting that MnDOT wants both industries to be healthy. She then turned the meeting over to Glenn Engstrom, Director - Office of Materials.

Engstrom began by thanking industry for their great work over the years. He then explained that the Pavement Investment Guide is a new, math-based software tool to help districts make their decisions. “No one is doing this now – we’re breaking new ground” with this pilot project. The software will analyze data and help districts to determine what is the right mix of fixes for their roadways. MnDOT will consult with CPAM and MAPA regarding expected lives of the fixes. MnDOT will report to legislators on the project in February 2019 and expects the project to be done in June 2019. Engstrom closed by saying that, “We’ll get better prices with two healthy industries, and we’re very interested in that.” Pavement data will be updated annually.

Zeller then turned the meeting over to Todd Callahan, President of CPAM’s Board of Directors, who called the official meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. Callahan noted that last year’s membership meeting minutes were approved by Alex Ugalde (Diamond Products), David Castleberg (Ready Mix Concrete) and Jake Steinberg (Highway Materials, LLC), and are available on the CPAM website. This year’s meeting minutes will be reviewed by April Stier (GCC), Mark Setterstrom (Cemstone) and Jack Tuckner (Esch Construction Supply). Once approved, they will be available on the CPAM website.

At 2:24 p.m. Sarah Bazey, CPAM Vice President, presented the treasurer’s report on behalf of Mark Brinkman, CPAM Treasurer. Bazey thanked CPAM staff for ensuring the association was “an efficiently run entity” and noted that CPAM was in good financial standing, directing anyone with questions to contact Deb LaValle or Matt Zeller.

Callahan thanked Bazey and continued the business meeting, noting there was no old business. He then began new business with the Nominating Committee Report. A ballot with nominations for the CPAM Board of Directors for 2019 was reviewed by attendees, and the floor was opened for any additional nominations or changes for the open board positions. No changes or additional nominations were offered. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the entire slate of nominations. Voting was conducted by voice vote, and the ballot was approved with nominations “as is.”

President Callahan then transferred the presidency of CPAM to President-Elect Sarah Bazey by the traditional passing of the gavel. President-Elect Bazey entertained a motion to adjourn the business meeting as her first order of business. Motion made, seconded and approved. The business meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

A drawing for door prizes followed, ending at 2:41 p.m.