



## SPEAKER BIOS

### **Russ Hanson** • [rhanson@agcnd.org](mailto:rhanson@agcnd.org)

Russ Hanson, Executive Vice President, Associated General Contractors of North Dakota. The Associated General Contractors of North Dakota is the largest construction trade association in the state. The AGC of ND has approximately 500 contractor members from businesses involved in all facets of commercial construction, including commercial buildings, highway/bridge construction, water projects, heavy/civil construction, and construction equipment and material suppliers. More than 30 years ago, Russ was hired as a page and bill clerk for the 1989 Legislative Assembly. Between 1989 and 2005, Russ served as an associate executive for APT, Inc., executive director for the ND Agricultural Products Utilization Commission, and president of the ND Retail/Petroleum Marketers Association.

### **Tom Wood** • [Twood1954@gmail.com](mailto:Twood1954@gmail.com)

Mr. Wood has worked in the road construction / maintenance for over 40 years. He has mix of public and private service. The last 20 years he has worked on pavement preservation treatments specialize in emulsion base methods. He also teaches classes for numerous LTAP'S and the National Center for Pavement Preservation. Mr. Wood retired from MnDOT early in July 2016 with over 28 years of service. He currently works for ASTECH Corp., continuing to promote the use of pavement preservation as method to extend pavement useful life.

### **Taylor VanEaton, PE** • [tvaneaton@nd.gov](mailto:tvaneaton@nd.gov)

Taylor earned her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NDSU. Taylor has worked for the North Dakota Department of Transportation for thirteen years in different divisions and districts. She has been a team leader in the Valley City District for the last five years. Taylor is a registered professional engineer in North Dakota and Alaska.

### **Grant J. Kuper, PE** • [Grant.Kuper@bolton-menk.com](mailto:Grant.Kuper@bolton-menk.com)

Grant Kuper is a principal engineer for Bolton & Menk and serves as the Fargo Civil Work Group Leader. Since beginning his career in 2012, Grant's main focus has been urban and rural municipal and construction engineering. Throughout that time, Grant has served the NDDOT and a number of municipalities in providing construction observation/administration for HMA projects. He enjoys the variety of work that comes each day and serving his clients from design through construction.

**Mike Brever** • [mikebrever@dakota-asphalt.org](mailto:mikebrever@dakota-asphalt.org)

DAPA Executive Director. Mike brings to the association 34 years of industry experience working with asphalt materials and quality control. Mike attended Concordia College and has testing certifications in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Having served on several quality control specification committees throughout the years and working in the bituminous industry, Mike looks forward to representing his view points to public agencies and encouraging standardization on specifications. He is looking forward to meeting members and working together on mutual items of interest in the highway construction industry.

**Danny Schmidt** • [Danny.Schmidt@kniferiver.net](mailto:Danny.Schmidt@kniferiver.net)

Quality Control Manager RSO, Knife River Materials. Specializing in asphalt mix design, Danny works closely with aggregate production to ensure the seamless transition to asphalt production on Knife River's paving projects. In 2009, he started working in the quality control lab at Knife River Materials as a field supervisor. Today, he is still in the lab and serves as quality control manager. Danny was born and raised near Bemidji, MN. He earned a BS from Bemidji State University in industrial technology with an emphasis in construction management.

**Bryce Wuori, P.E.** • [Bryce.w.wuori@gmail.com](mailto:Bryce.w.wuori@gmail.com)

Bryce Wuori, MPM has always had a passion for construction. In pursuing this passion, he studied Construction Engineering at North Dakota State University and holds a Master of Project Management from the University of Mary. As the CEO and co-founder of Pavewise, Inc., Bryce believes technology is the future key to success for the pavement and construction industry.

**Dana G. Larsen, P.E.** • [Dana.Larsen@co.ward.nd.us](mailto:Dana.Larsen@co.ward.nd.us)

Dana Larsen graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1997 and is a Registered Professional Engineer. Dana has been with Ward County for 25 years and has served as the County Engineer since 2008. Dana's primary responsibilities are for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, overseeing the county parks and county GIS System. Dana currently serves on the North Dakota Association of Counties Board of Directors, served on the North Dakota Association of County Engineers board and committees, and is a member of the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee. Dana has received a number of awards including the County Engineer of the Year from NDACE, and the Colonel's Award for Excellence from the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

**Gerard Feist** • [gjfeist2@gmail.com](mailto:gjfeist2@gmail.com)

Gerard is the NDLTAP Asphalt Consultant he provides on-site asphalt and equipment maintenance outreach. Gerard has led a wide array of asphalt roadway repair and preventive maintenance efforts. Gerard has extensive knowledge in the areas of crack sealing, routing cracks, rubberizing cracks, cold mix patching, spray patching, complete overlays, new paving of roads, and pot hole repair. He has worked on rural roads, streets, and parking lots and is well versed in equipment maintenance.

**Tyler Wollmuth, P.E.** • [twollmuth@nd.gov](mailto:twollmuth@nd.gov)

Tyler Wollmuth is the Assistant Materials & Research Engineer at the ND Department of Transportation. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Tyler has worked in the Design Division, Bismarck District and Materials & Research Division over the last 20 plus years. Tyler's current role is leading the materials testing, research and project development activities for the Materials and Research Division. Tyler is actively involved on several Materials related committees including the AASHTO Committee on Materials & Pavements, the MnROAD National Road Research Alliance, the Consortium on Asphalt Pavement Research Initiative, and the Bismarck State College Engineering Tech Advisory Board.

**Denise Osmond** • [dosmond@nd.gov](mailto:dosmond@nd.gov)

Denise Osmond is a Human Resources Professional with the State of North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance, business owner of Oztech Electric, and Human Resources Professor for masters students at the University of Mary. Denise has worked for the State of North Dakota for nine years with time with the Retirement & Investment Office, North Dakota Department of Transportation, and Workforce Safety & Insurance. She has shared her expertise on workforce recruitment tools and best practices around the state through her employment to benefit the greater good.

**Matt Linnemann, P.E.** • [mlinnemann@nd.gov](mailto:mlinnemann@nd.gov)

Matt Linnemann, Deputy Director for Engineering, North Dakota Department of Transportation. Matt was named deputy director for engineering in December 2022. He leads NDDOT's project development, construction, maintenance, and operations functions. Matt works with these teams to innovatively deliver core engineering services, communicate strategic focus areas, and build strong relationships to safely move people and goods.

**Steve Fischer** • [sfischer@agcnd.org](mailto:sfischer@agcnd.org)

North Dakota AGC Safety Director, Steve joined the AGC team in 2021 after retiring from a 21½-year career with the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Part of his law enforcement time was spent providing safety training to officers from all agencies. Steve is passionate about providing training that will make a difference in people's lives to keep them safe. A lifelong ND resident raised in Ashley, Steve graduated from NDSU with degrees in sociology and social sciences.

**Michael Mart, P.E.** • [mmart@bismarcknd.gov](mailto:mmart@bismarcknd.gov)

Michael is a senior project engineer with the City of Bismarck and is a registered professional engineer in North Dakota. After earning a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from NDSU in 2011, Michael began working for the City of Bismarck as an engineering technician and became a project engineer in November of 2012. He oversees the pavement management program for the city and has designed and overseen several roadway construction projects.

**Larry Gangl, P.E.** • [lgangl@nd.gov](mailto:lgangl@nd.gov)

Larry Gangl was named Bismarck District Engineer in July 2017. As the Bismarck District Engineer, Larry is responsible for the construction and maintenance of 2600 lane miles of roadway. Before coming to Bismarck, Larry was the district engineer in Dickinson and assistance district engineer in Williston. Larry has a deep interest in roadway preventive maintenance and was the chair of the committee that initially developed the roadway and bridge preventive maintenance program for the Department in the early 2000's. Larry knows and understands the importance of a strong maintenance program. He has bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Dakota (UND).

**Kyle Litchy, P.E.** • [LitchyK@casscountynd.gov](mailto:LitchyK@casscountynd.gov)

Kyle Litchy, Cass County Assistant Engineer. Kyle attended college at NDSU. While at NDSU he received an internship at Cass County Highway Department during the 2011 & 2012 construction seasons. He graduated in 2013 and started employment at Cass County. Kyle has been employed at Cass County for 10 years.

**Justin Ramsey, P.E.** • [jramsey@nd.gov](mailto:jramsey@nd.gov)

Justin has been working for the Department since receiving his Construction Engineering degree from NDSU in 2003. He spent over 4 years in the Construction Pool, followed by 5 years in Tech Support in the Design Division. Since 2011 he's been the Team Leader in the Transportation Services Section of the ETS Division overseeing specifications, special provisions, value engineering, and other unique tasks.

**Ryan Lynch • [ryan.lynch@colorbiotics.com](mailto:ryan.lynch@colorbiotics.com)**

Ryan grew up working summers for his family construction company as a parts runner, laborer, equipment operator, dispatcher, and plant operator. After college and a stint in the Navy, Ryan re-entered the Asphalt industry, working for Flint Hills Resources on the Asphalt Commercial team for, building an Asphalt Additives Company at Georgia Pacific Chemicals and then Bakelite Chemicals. He is currently responsible for Sika - Colorbiotic's Asphalt Solutions Business. Ryan has decades of experience in the Asphalt Business and has a particular passion for educating the market on new innovative ways to modify binders and design mixes in a way that focuses on not only sustainability and but more importantly, lasting durability. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and currently lives in Fargo, ND with his wife, Megan, and their Rhodesian Ridgeback, Hintza.

**Carlotta McCleary • [cmccleary@ndffcmh.com](mailto:cmccleary@ndffcmh.com)**

Carlotta McCleary is the Executive Director for both Mental Health America of North Dakota (MHAND) and the North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (NDFFCMH). Carlotta McCleary is both a self-identified as a person with mental health needs as well as a parent who raised children with mental health needs. Carlotta has been a tireless mental health advocate since 1995. Her first 9 years she was the Bismarck Regional Parent Coordinator for the NDFFCMH before becoming the organization's executive director in 2003. Carlotta became the Executive Director of Mental Health America in 2014. Carlotta has served on numerous local, regional, and state boards and committees, as well as testifying at the state legislature to improve mental health services in North Dakota. Carlotta serves on the State Hospital Governing Board, the North Dakota Olmstead Commission, The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, and is the spokesperson for the Mental Health Advocacy Network—just to name a few. Carlotta has had extensive training in systems change. She has a comprehensive understanding of the mental health system of care in North Dakota, especially from the consumer and family's perspective. As a result, Carlotta has been able to provide the consumer and family voice for the changes needed in the mental health system of care. She has been successful in assisting individuals and families gain access to needed services as well as ensuring their rights to appropriate services.

