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Good Evening Everyone,

It is indeed an honor to accept the position of President of the Asphalt Recycling and Reclaiming Association. I have been a faithful member of this organization for \_\_\_\_\_\_ years so I am not only familiar with the governing principles, I am committed to seeing them fulfilled. Recycling and reclaiming asphalt may not seem like an exciting or important business or career to some. But, we all know that asphalt is one of the most used products for paving today. We also know that asphalt, though it is a useful, durable product, doesn’t last forever. So, the very purpose of our association is the professional recycling and reclaiming of older asphalt when it wears out or needs replaced, rather than just filling up landfills with it. We are committed to the energy efficient, environmentally responsible use and re-use of the valuable paving surface.

Those of you who know me, know that I have extensive experience in the industry. For anyone who doesn’t’ know me, I have worked in a variety of positions so I understand what is required to make sure that the work is done professionally, efficiently, and responsibly. In all my years of working in this industry I have worked with people in every part of our industry, from workers, to product providers, to equipment salesmen. You know that I have the experience to lead this association well. I understand the needs of each segment of this business. I can promise you that I will put the needs of the association first in any business dealings that I lead.

In addition to my experience working in the industry, I also have experience in the operation of this association and how it helps us to do our jobs so well. I want to encourage each and every one of you to know that you can approach me with any question or problem and we will find a solution. I believe in what this association has done through the years and I have faith in what we can continue to do in the future.

We have a lot of talent in this association. The more experienced members help the less experienced ones learn how things work. Together we can accomplish great things for our industry and for this association. We can work make sure that policies are met and carried out appropriately. We can work to see that any needed changes come about. We can work together to see that our needs are brought before lawmakers. We can work together to make sure that our needs and interests are properly presented to suppliers, distributors, dealers, insurers, and customers. We can work together to make sure that all restrictions and policies for the industry are communicated to both this group of people as well as lawmakers.

This association has accomplished great things in the past and will continue to accomplish great things in the future because of the quality of our membership. I am honored to lead you and I encourage you to come to me with any concerns or questions you may have.

Thank you