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Walters Named Chief Engineer

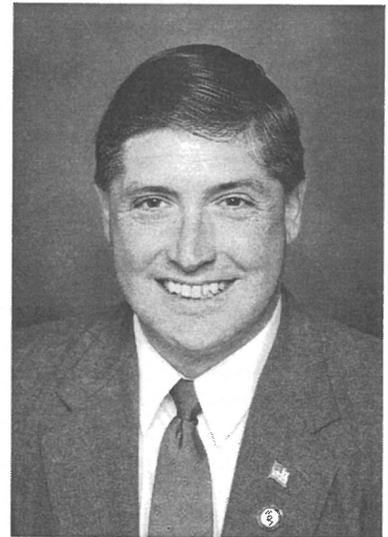
Robert (Bob) Walters, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, was named Chief Engineer at a general staff meeting May 21, 1998. He will replace Roger Almond who has announced his retirement. Walters, a native of Hot Springs, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville achieving both bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering.

He began his career with the Department in 1972 in the Roadway Design Division as a Civil Engineer. He has also served as Freeway Design Section Head, Roadway Design Division Head, and was promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer for Design in 1987. He is a registered professional engineer.

Walters is active in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) currently serving as a member of the Subcommittee on Design and the Task Force on Metrication. He is Chairman of the Task Force on Geometric Design and Vice Chairman of the Joint Task Force on Pavements.

Walters was named recipient of the AASHTO Region II Design Award in 1989 and received the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Design's National Award for Outstanding Service in 1993. He is a member of the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers.

He and his wife Trudy reside in Little Rock. They have one daughter Amy and one son Aaron.



Nielsen Promoted To Division Head

Doug Nielsen, Assistant Division Head of Equipment and Procurement, has been promoted to Division Head, replacing Al Sacco who is retiring after 27 years service.

Nielsen is a 1975 graduate of the University of Central Arkansas where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration.

He began his career with the Department in 1968 as a Statistical Assistant in the Research Section. In 1969 he was called to active duty with the U.S. Army National Guard. He returned to the Department in 1970 as Highway Engineering Aide III. He has served as Administrative Assistant, Assistant Section Head of the Equipment Section, Section Head of Equipment Management, Division Assistant and Administrative Officer III of the Equipment and Procurement Division. He was promoted to Assistant Division

Head in January 1988.

Nielsen and his wife Debbie are residents of Benton and have one daughter Katie.



1998 Equipment Operators' Roadeo Semi-Final Competition Underway

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 1998 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roadeo are now in progress. First place winners in each event of the semi-final competitions will participate in the finals. The final statewide competition is scheduled for June 18 at the Central Shops in Little Rock. Shown below is a list of semi-final winners since the last newsletter.

DISTRICT SIX Tractor/Lowboy		CENTRAL OFFICE Tractor/Lowboy		DISTRICT FOUR Tractor/Lowboy		DISTRICT EIGHT Tractor/Lowboy	
1st	Carl Efird	1st	Kevin Buck	1st	Mike Schmalz	1st	Glen Chavers
2nd	Larkie Cobb	2nd	Charles Brewer	2nd	Norman Drew	2nd	Lloyd Elkins
3rd	Pat Pasteka	3rd	---	3rd	Kenneth Tucker	3rd	Jim Standridge
Tandem Axle Dump Truck		Tandem Axle Dump Truck		Tandem Axle Dump Truck		Tandem Axle Dump Truck	
1st	Michael Arellanes	1st	Kelly Harper	1st	Allan James	1st	Bob Reynolds
2nd	Leonard McCormick	2nd	Chuck Winkler	2nd	Homer Langley	2nd	Danny Bradford
3rd	Roland Fox	3rd	Roger Turner	3rd	Rusty Payne	3rd	Larry Wilson
Single Axle Dump Truck		Single Axle Dump Truck		Single Axle Dump Truck		Single Axle Dump Truck	
1st	Joe Scarborough	1st	Donna Martin	1st	Margaret Byers	1st	Kenny Howard
2nd	David Atherton	2nd	Kevin Evans	2nd	Jared Weaver	2nd	Waymond McDaniel
3rd	Rusty Bornemeier	3rd	---	3rd	John Palmer	3rd	David Nooner
Tractor/Mower		Tractor/Mower		Tractor/Mower		Tractor/Mower	
1st	Dustin Davis	1st	Charles Brewer	1st	Margaret Byers	1st	Rick Holbrook
2nd	David Orr	2nd	Ron Tittle	2nd	Fred Ridenhour	2nd	Frank Gray
3rd	Brian Gilliam	3rd	Michael Hollowell	3rd	Dan Mowrey	3rd	Heath Riggan
Backhoe		Backhoe		Backhoe		Backhoe	
1st	Joe Pittman	1st	---	1st	Brandon Jones	1st	Toby Ward
2nd	David Wilson	2nd	---	2nd	Dan Mowrey	2nd	Johnny Rice
3rd	Billy Ellis	3rd	---	3rd	Brad Powell	3rd	Randy White
Motor Patrol		Motor Patrol		Motor Patrol		Motor Patrol	
1st	Harry Jobe	1st	Marvin Curry	1st	Joe Showl	1st	Darrin Phillips
2nd	David Atherton	2nd	---	2nd	Mike Schmalz	2nd	Randy Ward
3rd	Rick Mabry	3rd	---	3rd	Johnny Carte	3rd	James Chronister

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Catastrophic Leave Policy Revision

The Department's Catastrophic Leave Policy was revised May 13, 1998 by Commission Minute Order 98-127. The policy now stipulates that *"the employee must have elected to participate in the program by filing a written agreement to donate to the Catastrophic Leave Bank a minimum of sixteen (16) hours annual or sick leave each year and must have participated in the last year."*

The purpose of this revision is to provide catastrophic leave benefits to employees who support the program.

In addition, leave balance hours required to donate to the bank have changed from *eighty (80) hours each annual and sick leave to forty (40) hours each.*

Questions should be directed to Carol Ward in the Human Resources Division at 501-569-2296.

AHTD PEOPLE



MARCH 1998

NEW EMPLOYEES

Computer Services

Charles Ashmore, Jr., Ronald Fields, Computer Technicians II

Maintenance

Tucker Scarbrough, Single Axle Truck Driver

Surveys

Charles Greenway, Surveys Helper

District 1

Dorothy Childs, Ptosha Gregory, General Laborers; **Jimmy Davis, Donald Frazier, Peter Hans, Michael Norris,** Single Axle Truck Drivers

District 2

James Harris, Single Axle Truck Driver

District 6

Rodney Joiner, Tamara Stafford, General Laborers

District 8

Clarence Tuggle, General Laborer

District 9

Kenneth Studyvin, Kevin Walden, Single Axle Truck Drivers

District 10

Vickie Aldridge, John Spurlock, General Laborers

PROMOTIONS

Bridge

Michael Hill, Adv. Bridge Design Engineer

Computer Services

James Windom, Software Analyst I

Construction

Patricia Bending, Office Administrative Assistant III

Maintenance

Ron Woodward, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver

Surveys

Timothy Freeman, Lee Gates, Ricky Stevens, Surveys Helper I; **John Pendergrass, Evans Scott,** Surveys Aides II; **Jackie Williams,** Surveys Helper

District 1

Elmer Calahan, Distributor/Roller Operator

District 2

Harlan Colbert, Area Maintenance Supv.; **Phyllis Crawford,** Maint. Aide I; **Penny Slater,** Single Axle Truck Driver

District 3

Brian Imler, Const. Aide II

District 4

Casey Chastain, Const. Field Engineer I; **Jesse Mackey,** Maint. Aide I

District 6

Kathryn Robbins, Maint. Aide I

District 7

Tim Kelly, Const. Field Engineer I

District 8

Bazzel Bates, Timothy McCool, Bridge Repairers I; **Robert Hale,** Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish; **Judy Rodgers,** Distributor/Roller Opr.; **Roger Wilson,** Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

District 9

Willard Crow, Maint. Aide I; **Gregory Norton,** Senior Inspector

SERVICE

40 Years

Aaron Pannell, D-10 Area Maintenance Supervisor

35 Years

Clinton Bohannon, D-2 Area Maintenance Supervisor

30 Years

Barbara Smith, Computer Services Data Processing Manager; **Kay Cornish,** Computer Services User Coordinator; **John Herrington,** D-2 Bridge Job Superintendent; **Jack Dodson,** D-9 Maintenance Aide II

25 Years

Debra Sain, P&C Reproduction Technician; **Edd Cooper,** D-1 Hydraulic Excavator Opr./Finish; **John Turner,** D-1 Distributor/Roller Opr.; **Larry Neff,** D-4 Crew

Leader; **Thomas Inman**, D-5 Area Headquarters Attendant; **James Washington**, D-8 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish; **Debra Meyer**, D-9 Office Manager

20 Years

Carolyn Burleson, Construction Estimates Technician; **Michael Limbird**, Staff Materials Engineer; **Harold Banks**, Materials Technician IV; **Cindy Webb**, Roadway Design Office Administrative Assistant V; **Clarence Polk**, D-2 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.; **Danny Mitchell**, D-6 Sr. Body Repairer and Painter; **Steven Morgan**, D-6 Const. Materials Inspector; **Homer Huneycutt**, D-7 Asphalt Tank Truck Dr.; **Paul Lasater**, D-9 Inspector; **Rex Pierce, Jr.**, D-10 Crew Leader; **Glenda Gramling**, D-10 Inspector

15 Years

Brenda Guest, Environmental Beautification Coordinator II; **Kenneth Campbell**, AHP Pfc.; **Roy Porter**, D-2 Maintenance Aide II

10 Years

Jelyn Thomas, Computer Services Apps. Analyst/Programmer IV; **Alan Whitley**, Fiscal Services Budget & Expenditure Controller; **Lynn Chaffin**, AHP Pfc.; **Linda Connell**, AHP Permit Technician; **Emmett McNeil, III**; Senior External Auditor; **Rita Haynes**, State Aid Design Technician; **Lee Hamilton, Jr.**, D-1 Spreader Operator; **John McMickle**, D-1 Resident Engineer; **Richard Bailey**, D-3 Crew Leader; **Alan Hutchinson**, D-6 Bridge Repairer II; **John Rose**, D-8 Bridge Repairer I; **Brigitte Roberson**, D-8 Parts Runner; **Douglas Jones**, D-8 Station Attendant II; **James Irving**, D-8 Multi-Axle Truck Driver; **Kenny Riley**, D-9 Crew Leader

5 Years

Elmarie Barnes, Computer Services Data Control Clerk; **Keith Dean**, AHP Permit Technician; **Donald Norris**, Maintenance Stripping Machine Driver; **Sandra Chapman**, D-6 Bridge Inspector Helper; **David McPherson**, D-6 Maintenance Aide I; **Marion Shepherd**, D-6 Street Sweeper Operator; **Randy Wesley**, D-7 Single Axle Truck Driver

RETIREMENTS

William Bundren, District 1 Distributor/Roller Operator, retired April 1 with 13+ years service.

Joseph Best, District 2 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, retired April 8 with 16 years service.

Jack Dodson, District 9 Maintenance Aide II, retired April 21 with 30 years service.

District Four Employee's Advisory Committee

The following employees have been selected to serve a one-year term on the District Four Employee's Advisory Committee with their terms to expire December 31, 1998.

*Cheril Knox, Field Clerk, Waldron Residency
Steve Pennington, Sr. Const. Materials Inspector,
Springdale Residency*

In addition, the following employees have been selected to serve a two-year term on the Committee with their terms to expire December 31, 1999.

*Raymond Lea, District Bridge Inspector, Fort Smith
Wayne Grist, Area Headquarters Attendant, Paris
Joe Showl, Motor Patrol Operator, Mountainburg*

• Correction •

In the last issue of "The Centerline" the phone number listed for the trust fund that has been setup for retiree Carl Williams' two-year old grandson, Zane Wright, was incorrect. Zane's mother Shannon Wright, was killed in the Westside Middle School incident.

Persons wishing to contribute should contact Steve Austin, First Bank of Arkansas, P.O. Box 7500, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403. The correct telephone number is 870-931-1000.