

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this message finds everyone well as you get ready for the upcoming holidays. It is a busy time of year as we tie up loose ends at work before the holiday break and complete our holiday shopping! It has also been another busy year for our industry here in Pennsylvania. PennDOT is expected to hit its letting goal of \$2.4 billion for this year, and we look forward to a similar good year in 2017.

As we look forward to the new year, our attention will be focused on the incoming federal administration and the impact it will have on our industry. The last few months have been interesting to say the least, with an unparalleled presidential election. Both sides of the aisle seem to understand the need for investment in our infrastructure and the benefits that it will bring to the economy. We hope that they can come together and implement a viable funding solution that is sustainable.

Here at ASHE Delaware Valley, we are looking forward to bringing you an exciting program in 2017. We will kick off the new year in January with Brad Heigel, Chief Engineer for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, who will provide us with an update of the Turnpike's program. Details about the event will be distributed shortly. Our Young Members Committee remains active as well, with a joint event with ASHE South Jersey at the Blue Cross River Rink at Penns Landing scheduled for January 26th. In February, we will have a presentation on the Maple Avenue Bridge Replacement and Roundabout, one of last season's Projects of the Year, and will recognize our scholarship award winners. The dinner meeting will also be preceded by a Technical Session on ethics by Powell Trachtman, which will help fulfill your ethics PDH's required by several states in our region.

I would also like to thank the representatives from the design/build team for SEPTA's Crum Creek Viaduct Bridge Replacement project that presented at our November dinner meeting. I am sure those who attended would agree it was a great presentation on a very interesting project. We appreciate all those who volunteer their time and efforts to present at our meetings, as we could not put on a program without them.

In closing, I want to thank our entire membership for their support of the organization and wish you all a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 18th at our next dinner meeting.

*Respectfully,
Mark Kinnee, PE
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section*



MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ January 18
- ◆ February 15
- ◆ March 15
- ◆ April 19

Dinner costs are as follows:

\$40—advance registration

\$50—after the registration deadline or at the door

\$20—public agency/
student

Technical Sessions (as of this printing)

- ◆ February 15
- ◆ April 19

More information and details will be provided as they become available.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

DONNA PRENTICE AND ROBERT SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS - APPLICATIONS NOW BEING REVIEWED

Our Section's Scholarship Program has been benefitting local college students since 1972. We have had one of the largest such efforts among ASHE Sections nationally over the years. Many recipients have gone on to positions in the industry, both locally and out of the area, and a number have become members of ASHE.

Last season, we made awards totaling \$10,000 to 11 students for the Donna Prentice Scholarship and 3 Penn State students shared \$5000 for the Robert Shaw Scholarship. We are proud to be able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits.

This season we have received 16 applications for the Donna Prentice Scholarship and 3 for the Robert Shaw Scholarship. Our Scholarship Committee will review all applications and will notify the successful candidates in January. Recipients will be invited to attend our February dinner meeting to be cited in person.

We are pleased with the level of response and look forward to Scholarship awards. Thanks to our Scholarship Committee for its diligence and good work on this.

2016 PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION NOW OPEN

The Project of the Year competition is now open for submissions. The program will follow the two-category format, with separate awards for "large" and "small" projects. **The breakpoint between the two classifications will be determined once submissions have been made** to allow more flexibility in the decision making. Projects must have been substantially completed and open to the public in 2016, be located within the geographic boundaries of the Section, and nominated by an ASHE member in good standing.

Applications are due on March 2. Please visit our Section's website (delvalley.ashe.pro) for more information and applications.

Also, there is a new National program/competition for Projects of the Year being introduced. More information on this will be provided once it is available.

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum (YMF), conducted its annual Winter Happy Hour at Rock Bottom Brewery in King of Prussia on December 14. A festive crowd of nearly 50 attendees participated and a good time was had by most if not all.

The Winterfest Social, a joint event with ASHE South Jersey at the Blue Cross River Rink at Penns Landing, has been rescheduled for **January 26**. (It was originally planned for November 30 but had to be postponed because of inclement weather). A separate flyer with details and RSVP information has been distributed for this event.

A **Professional Clothing Drive** will be conducted during the Social Hour at our January Dinner Meeting. We will be accepting business and business casual attire. Donations for women will benefit PA Workwear, while those for men will be directed to the Community Action Development Commission Fatherhood Empowerment Program. Please see the separate flyer on this for more details. In the spirit of the holidays, please consider some early spring cleaning to weed out your closets and help others in need.

Additional events are being considered for the remainder of this season. Please watch this space and e-mail updates for more information as these events develop.

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ASHE DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY...

Photos from our 50th anniversary Dinner in September.



Life Members - John Peirce, Rich Prentice, Phil Mandato, Frank Vibbert, Paul Petersen, Wally Rutecki, Tony Guarino, Steve Lester



Past Presidents - front row, Wally Rutecki, Steve Lester, Esther McGinnis, Stephanie Butler, Rich Prentice, Elaine Elbich, Matt Marquardt, Don Stark, Leo Leonetti, Jack Seber; **middle row,** Paul Petersen, Bob Milliken, Bruce Masi, John Zarsky, Curt Shugars, Frank Vibbert, Mark Kinnee (current President), Ed D'Alba; **back row,** John Peirce, Jeff Given, Jeff Obrecht, Peter Berthold, Herman Lloyd, Rob Prophet, Scott Sibley, Phil Mandato, Bob Wright



Thinking About Joining a Section Committee...?

If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Mark Kinnee (information is provided on page 6).

Please note that some committees have co-chairs to assist in the often-complicated tasks they must handle.



JUNE 14 - 18, 2017
SHERATON NEW YORK
TIMES SQUARE HOTEL



2016-17 DVSP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Our Section started the Delaware Valley Section Patron (DVSP) Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. We are proud to note that 32 firms have committed for this season thus far. Logos of these firms are provided on page 5.

**DVSP benefits
(\$200 for the season)**

**Logo and Hotlink on
Section Website
(delvalley.ashe.pro)**

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up and helped support our Section. As you may be aware, the proceeds of the DVSP go directly to support our Section's Scholarship Fund. For a \$200 fee for the season, sponsoring firms are cited for their support with their logos displayed on our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES. This also provides a "hot link" to access the firm's website directly from ours.

If you are not in this Program and would like to join, please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 6).

We are pleased to note that five DVSP participants - AECOM, McCormick Taylor, McMahon, TPD and Urban Engineers - have been sponsors for all 12 years of the Program's existence. Thank you for your long-time support!

MEMBERS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

Maloney Promoted at JMT

Jim Maloney has been promoted to a newly-created role of Deputy Chief Marketing Officer at JMT. In this role, he will facilitate the strategic growth of the firm across the Northeast and Midwest United States, including the recent expansion into Ohio and New York. He will also oversee its regional marketing and business development operations and staff, lead firm-wide strategic planning efforts, and advise on other corporate initiatives.

Jim joined JMT in 2008 as the Assistant Office Manager in the firm's Philadelphia office, where he jointly oversaw the daily operations of the company in the region, as well as the growth and diversification of the office.

Congratulations, Jim!

REMINDER - ELECTRONIC DINNER MEETING PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

When you register to attend Section meetings, we encourage you to pay electronically with PayPal. It's easy and eliminates the need for tracking checks and cash at the door, getting YOU into the meeting more quickly! Please remember to include your PayPal receipt when sending in your dinner reservations. Additional details are provided in each Dinner Meeting notice/flyer.

REMINDER - DINNER MEETING COST INCREASE

The cost for Dinner Meetings has increased by \$5, from \$35 to \$40, this season. This reflects the higher costs from our provider, Radisson. We have strived to keep this cost as low as possible and the hotel staff has continued to work with us on this. The dinner price had been able to be held at \$35 for the past six seasons.

The cost for reservations made in advance is \$40, with the price for those past the deadline and walk-ins at the door going to \$50. The government agency and student rate is \$20.

We appreciate your understanding as we strive to get the best value for our dinner meetings.

TAKE A PEEK AT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE !

Please visit delvalley.ashe.pro and see our revamped site, with all of our Section's information you'll need to keep up-to-date on things.



Happy Holidays from ASHE Delaware Valley Section

2016-17 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP)

Our generous supporters thus far this season are listed below. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Don't see your logo here? Want to? See page 4 for more information on our DVSP program.



CONTACT US

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES, the newsletter of the Delaware Valley Section, is published and distributed to our members several times each season to advise and update all on current events and happenings in our Section.

If you have news items for future editions of *THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES*, please feel free to contact us.

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REMINDER

Deadline for copy/
information for the next
edition of *THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES*

January 27

MERRY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND GREAT NEW YEAR FROM OUR SECTION TO YOU!

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Section wish all good things for you and yours for 2017 and we hope you have a joyous, memorable and safe holiday season!

Our version of the "12 Days of Christmas" (which you can even sing if you want...!) is provided below - these things help make our Section great and provide valuable benefits for our members. In this season of giving, we give thanks for these as we enter the new year.

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| 12 seasons of the DVSP Program | 7 monthly dinner meetings |
| 11 students awarded Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarships last season | 6 DVSP's in the program for 10-plus years |
| 10 million dollar cutoff between small and large projects in last year's Project of the Year competition | 5 dollars gets you 3 50-50 tickets |
| 9 Project of the Year submissions in 2016 | 4 Section dinner meetings left |
| 8 PDH's possible to earn from our meetings and Technical Sessions this season | 3 people you should invite to the next dinner meeting |
| | 2 Tech Sessions remaining this season |
| | 1 strong organization that's been around for 50 years |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

As you may be aware, professional engineers, land surveyors and geologists in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, as well as most other states, are required to obtain continued professional development (CPD) credit to renew their licenses. Renewal in Pennsylvania will come around again this fall, so this may be a good time to assess what your PDH needs are and how you can plan to have them without having to scurry around at the last minute. We anticipate our Section's meeting program will have at least 6 PDH opportunities for the remainder of the current season.

We emphasize that it remains an individual's responsibility to document PDH's and have such documentation ready in case of audit. We do provide certificates of meeting attendance/completion that you can keep in your record files, and we retain all meeting sign-in sheets in our files for backup and verification of your participation, should this be needed.

ASHE's requirements for PDH's include submission of a short review of information presented at the meeting, which must be completed by the attendee before he/she can receive the PDH certificate. This process was started at our October meeting.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS — MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable transportation system through education, innovation and fellowship