

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter "October", to quote a portion of Dr. Seuss book, "Please try to remember the First of October", I hope you are enjoying what has been a very warm October so far. Our season started off with a joint meeting with APC where **Ken McClain** gave his annual State of the District update. I want to thank Ken and his continued support of ASHE. Our October meeting presentation covered the I-95 Section BR0 project with **Geoff Stryker** from STV and Section Board Member **Sarah McInnes** from PennDOT. Speaking of I-95, the missing link has been completed with the recent opening of the interchange with the Pennsylvania Turnpike thereby connecting the Interstate from Maine to Florida. Many of our Section members had a part in this project and I'm sure it provides them a sense of satisfaction that this is now complete.

Please make a note that our November meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 7**, due to the annual APC Fall Conference being the following week. We will have a presentation on the US 422 Pottstown Bypass Reconstruction project. In addition, our first Technical Session will be held prior to the meeting, where our topic will be on Concrete Roadway and Bridge Deck Repairs presented by **Ken Justice** and two PDH's towards your professional licensure renewal along with the one PDH that will be available for the Dinner Meeting presentation. As you may already know, by attending all of our Dinner Meetings and Tech Sessions, you will be able to obtain most of the PDH's required to meeting your renewal requirements - just one of the many benefits of being a member of our Section.



At the time I am writing this message, we have received news from Harrisburg that Senate Bill 172 is about to head to the Governor's Desk for his signature and has likely been signed into law by the time you are reading this message. Senate Bill 172 is modeled after a similar program that has been operating successfully in Maryland since 2010 where speed cameras are set in work zones. When Maryland's program began, 7% of motorists were traveling through work zones at 12 mph or faster. Today, that statistic has dropped to less than 1%. I want to thank the Legislature for their leadership on this critical issue which affects many of our members on a daily basis.

On October 7, the ASHE Young Members Committee along with ASCE YMF again came together to participate in the bi-annual Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. I want to thank **Amber Midgley**, who has taken over as Chair of the Committee this year, for organizing this event. The Young Member Committee at the October meeting accepted donations for gently used professional clothing to benefit local charities. This has been very successful over the past few years and I want to thank **Alexa Harper** for overseeing this worthy cause.

I also wanted to give everyone an update on the **2021 National Conference**. The National Conference Committee was in the Poconos in late September to tour the proposed facility for the Conference. I had the privilege to attend a portion of the National Board meeting where the Board approved to hold the 2021 National Conference at Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor from June 9 to June 13. Please mark your calendars - even though it's almost three years away, it will come fast. I do want to thank several of our Section Members who have volunteered to help out with the Conference.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me. I hope to see you at an upcoming Dinner Meeting.

Sincerely,

John Caperilla
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ November 7 (NOTE - first Wednesday)
- ◆ January 16
- ◆ February 20
- ◆ March 20
- ◆ April 17

Dinner costs are as follows:

\$40 - advance registration (closes end of day Thursday before meeting)

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

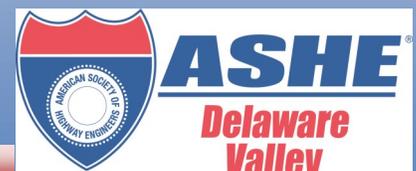
\$20 - public agency/student

Technical Sessions

- ◆ November 7
- ◆ February 20
- ◆ March 20

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DVSP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP - ENTERING SEASON 14!

Our Section started the Delaware Valley Section Patron (DVSP) Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. 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.

We recently sent renewal notices to the **38 firms** (a new record!) that made this financial commitment for 2017-18. Those which have committed for this season thus far (30 firms) are represented by their logos, shown on page 5 as well as on our website. **Many thanks to those of you who have participated in this program and helped support our Section!**

If you are not already a DVSP and would like to join or find out more about the program, please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 6).

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

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

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum (YMF), conducted its regular cleanup of the "co-adopted" segment of Bethlehem Pike in Ambler/Fort Washington on October 7. A full report on this activity (and the "happy hour" that no doubt followed) will be provided in the next edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES.



Regular clean-ups are scheduled twice a year, with the next one to be conducted in the Spring. This has been well-received by businesses and residents along this corridor, several of whom have thanked the team during their work. Thanks to our Section's and ASCE's participants at this event.

Also, following very successful clothing drives in the last two seasons (the most recent was at our November meeting last year), another was conducted at our October Dinner meeting. More than 40 bags and boxes of clothing were received and delivered to the PA Workwear Program (women's items) and the Community Action Development Commission's Fatherhood Empowerment Program (men's goods) for reuse. We thank everyone who donated and, as in the past efforts on this, our members responded very generously. Special thanks to Gannett Fleming and JMT for their assistance in organizing office-wide efforts for donations.

Plans for our now-traditional annual joint year-end/holiday happy hour with ASCE's Younger Member Forum are now being finalized. The location and date will be announced shortly in a separate notice/flyer. We hope all young members (both young in age and young at heart) will be there to eat, drink, be merry and network (not necessarily in that order...).

Other activities and events are being considered for this season. Please watch this space for more information and look for event flyers as these become available.

REMINDER - PAYPAL AVAILABLE FOR MEETING PAYMENTS

You can sign up for our Dinner Meetings and pay electronically with PayPal. Details are provided in each Dinner Meeting notice/flyer.

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

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 \$15,500 to 16 students for the Donna Prentice Scholarship and 2 Penn State students shared \$3000 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’s competition is now open, with submissions due by **November 2**. Information and applications are provided on our website (delvalley.ashe.pro). We strongly encourage students to apply (and ask parents to let their college-age children know about this opportunity!).

The Program has benefited numerous local college students over the years. Our Section Scholarship was renamed in honor of the late **Donna Prentice**, wife of long-time Section member and current Section Executive Director Rich Prentice, in 2003.

We will once again be assisting another group with selection for the Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarship for Penn State students, in which we have participated for the last four years.

SECTION COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

In each edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES we list our Section Committees and chairs.

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

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Amber Midgley	PROGRAM John Caperilla Jeff Given
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NEWSLETTER Bob Wright	YOUNG MEMBERS Steve DiSciullo Alexa Egan Harper
NOMINATING Alexa Egan Harper	

Successful candidates will be notified in January and invited to attend our February Section Meeting to be honored in person.

We look forward to a strong response from local students for these programs.

TECHNICAL SESSION – NOVEMBER 7 - PDH's !!

The first Technical Session of the season will be conducted prior to our November 7 Section Meeting. The Session will explore **Concrete Roadway and Bridge Deck Repairs** and will be presented by Ken Justice.

The Session will start at 4:00 PM. Participants will be able to earn 2 professional development hours (PDH's). A separate flyer will be distributed with additional information and the process for RSVP's.

Additional Technical Sessions are being planned for February 20 and March 20. More information will be provided in upcoming editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES.

REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ELECTRONIC!

If you know someone who is considering becoming an ASHE member, our Membership Application can be downloaded and completed, then submitted via e-mail, with payment available via PayPal. Please visit our website (delvalley.ashe.pro) and click on the **Membership** tab for more information and details on this.

We hope this will make the process of becoming a member of our Section quicker, easier, and more efficient. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in joining our Section.

REMINDER — 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE - IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS...!

As you may be aware, **our Section will be a proud co-host of the ASHE National Conference in 2021!** Our counterparts at the East Penn and North East Penn Sections will share the sponsorship duties and responsibilities in this joint effort. While the Conference is over two years from now, the intricate and detailed planning and preparation necessary starts well before the actual event. Part of this process is to make opportunities available for our members to volunteer and be a part of the various activities and sessions that the Conference will offer.

We have provided information on the Conference on our website and flyers will be available on the tables at upcoming Dinner meetings to outline the various volunteer opportunities and needs. If you are interested in serving on or chairing a committee, please respond to our National Conference e-mail account at 2021Conference@ashe.pro.

Future editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES will include updates and information on this.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING...

Our Environmental Committee chair, Bob O'Neill, will be providing a regular feature in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES on items of interest from the environmental side for our awareness and information. Thanks to Past Section President Jeff Obrecht for this segment.

Get the “Dirt” on the New Management of Fill Policy!

PADEP plans to publish the draft revised Management of Fill Policy this quarter of 2018 in the PA Bulletin. This will initiate the 60-day public comment period; they hope to have the revised policy in place by the second quarter of 2019. Among the changes are the following:

- Reorganized the document with stepwise fill ‘status’ determination
- Incorporate information on FP-001 – Clean Fill Certification
- Incorporate Act 2 standards by reference with the exception of PCBs >2 ppm
- Guidelines for sampling plan preparation in different applications
- SPLP is a method to determine alternative STG value
- Provides for background comparison/determination
- Expand and clarify definitions

Please look for the opportunity to submit comment at: <https://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment/>

MEMBERS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

Masi Moves Up

Past President **Bruce P. Masi, PE**, has recently been promoted to Consultant Portfolio Manager on Gannett Fleming’s Design and Engineering Management Services Agreement with PennDOT District 6-0. For the last nine years, Bruce has been Consultant Project Manager for this agreement. He now supervises the team of Consultant Project Managers at Gannett Fleming, sharing his experience and wisdom with them.

Mentoring new transportation engineers has been a priority through Bruce’s career. He has been on our Section’s Board of Directors since 2004, where he is the Chairman of the Audit and Technical Papers Committees. He also served as Section President during the 2012-13 season. He combines his engineering and planning degrees with 35 years of designing and managing transportation projects to drive highway and bridge projects through the myriad of state and federal processes. His educational and real-world experience together are necessary for leading these key infrastructure projects through design approval, as well as environmental, utility and ROW clearances. We wish Bruce good luck in his new spot!

Brady Joins WRA

Whitman, Requardt, and Associates, LLP (WRA) announced that **Thomas W. Brady** has joined the firm as Associate in its Center City Philadelphia Office. Tom is responsible for client project coordination and business development on the eastern portion of Pennsylvania.

Tom has over 25 years of experience in various aspects of highway design for major public-sector infrastructure improvement projects including the US 202/US 422/I-76 Interchange Improvements in King of Prussia, the Germantown Avenue Bridge over the Wissahickon Creek in Philadelphia, and the Trenton-Morrisville Toll Bridge. He received his bachelor’s degree from Drexel University and his master’s degree from Villanova University and holds professional engineering licensure in three states.

Congratulations to Tom on his new position!



DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP) 2018-19

Thanks for your support!



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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
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December 7

SEE OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

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

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY COMING - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We will be distributing a **Member Survey** shortly to get some feedback from you on a number of things we've been doing and are considering doing in the coming season. We would appreciate your help in reading and completing the survey and returning it to us. This is your chance to provide valuable input and opinion on what our Section is doing, should be doing, or could do differently.

Please watch for this in your e-mail box and additionally on our website. We thank you in advance for your participation.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our Section is one of the larger Sections in the ASHE National organization. As of October 1, when we report to National on our membership status and pay our allotment, our total membership stands at **358**.

Also, since January, we added a total of **47** new members to our rolls!

We appreciate everyone's ongoing support and continued membership and involvement in our Section.

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.

In Delaware, a new requirement has been introduced effective with the current (May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2020) renewal period. Excess Professional Development Hours (PDH's) hours obtained in the last renewal period will no longer be able to be carried over for subsequent periods. Thus, if you had more than the required 24 PDH's for renewal this past spring, you will not be able to carry the excess over to count for the current license cycle, as was previously permitted. Please visit www.dape.org for more information on this.

As you may have seen, having the ability to get PDH's fairly easily and having them for license renewal is a good thing. Since our Section offers you the ability to pick up 10-12 PDH's each season, between our dinner meetings and Technical Sessions, it is relatively easy to be able to participate in our Section's program and get the credits needed for license renewal. And for those of us with multiple certifications and/or licenses in other states, our PDH credits will often satisfy those jurisdictions' needs as well.

We emphasize that it remains an individual's responsibility to document PDH's and have such documentation ready in case of audit, which, as we are finding, is very much a reality. 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. Our 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.

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