

# THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS, DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION

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## President's Message

Happy Holidays from ASHE DelVal! December is always such a busy time, with great gatherings of friends and family but also with work deadlines that inevitably pop up. I hope your December is shaping up to be a happy one!

We had another great turnout for our November Technical Session and Dinner Meeting, a joint meeting with MASITE. Thank you to all of you who attended! Our Technical Session chairs, **John Quirus** and **Steve DiSciullo**, were busy organizing the two-hour Tech Session followed by the PDH-worthy dinner meeting - we are so thankful for their effort.



A big thank you to those of you who attended our **Younger Member Committee** happy hour at Conshohocken Brewery in Bridgeport on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> such annual event, co-sponsored by ASCE YMF, and has become quite the holiday tradition.

Just a reminder - **we STILL have an opening for a 50/50 Committee Chair**. If you are interested in taking over this responsibility, please let me know.

As a wrap up to this very successful year for our Section, I just want to thank you all for making the time to participate in and be active members of our organization. I know how hectic life can be, as do my fellow Board members. Just in the last 6 months two of our Board members have had babies and one has gotten married! Additionally, I know myself and other Board members devote a significant amount of time caring for family members in need, coaching sports teams, volunteering in our communities - all in addition to working our day jobs. We all have full plates, inside and outside the office. We all make a conscious decision to be part of this organization and for that I thank each of you. Without active membership and leadership we could not be the Section that we are today. Thank you.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the New Year,

*Alexa Egan Harper, PE*  
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

## Meeting Schedule

### Dinner Meetings

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

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

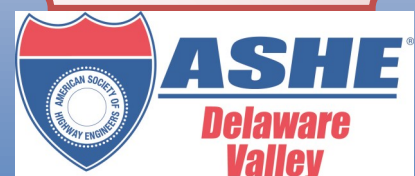
### Technical Sessions

- ◆ February 19
- ◆ April 15

**2019 Project of the Year Nominations** are now open.  
Submissions are due by  
**February 20**. Please visit our  
website for more information.

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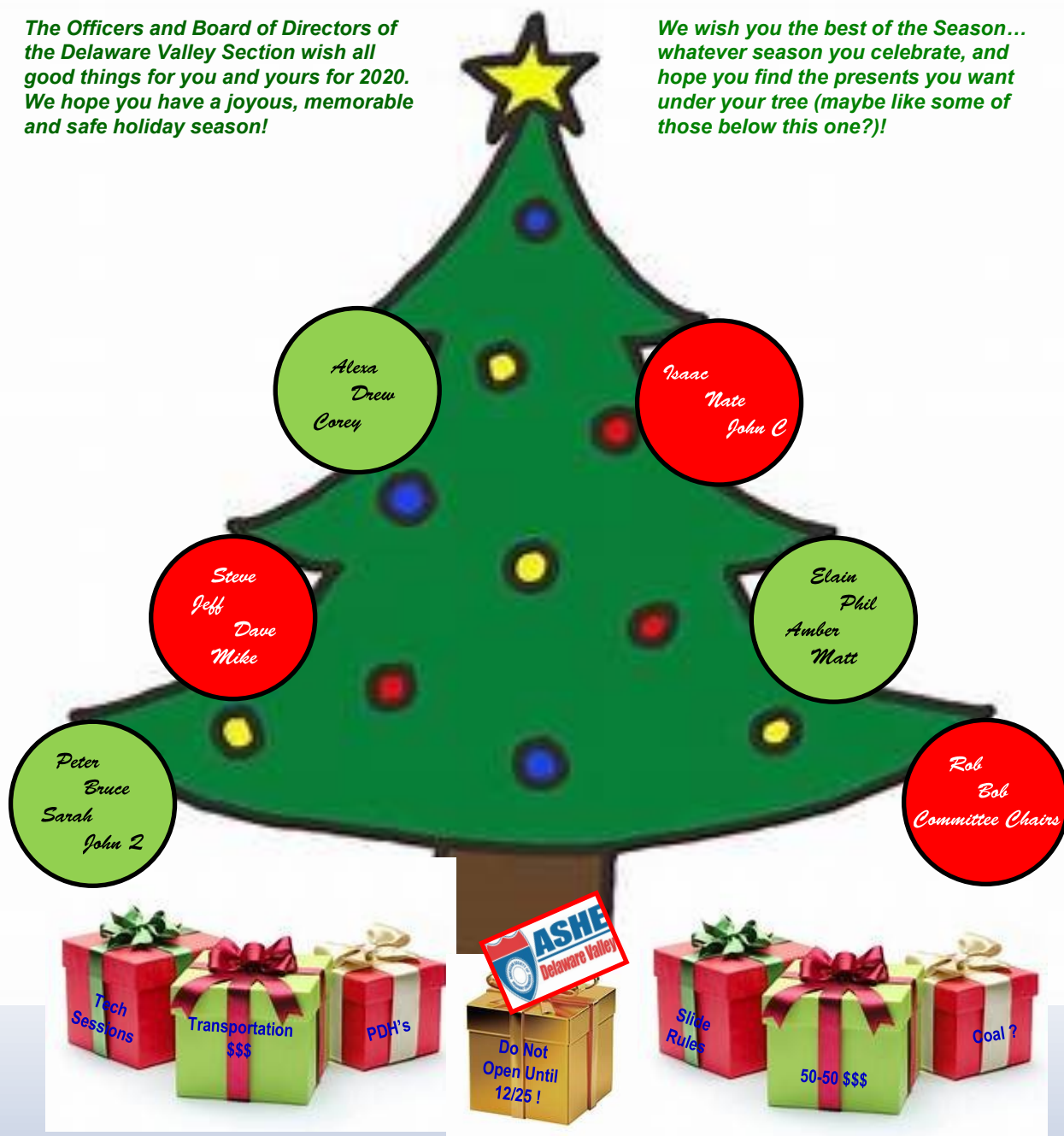


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*Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays and Great New Year from our Section to you!*

*The Officers and Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Section wish all good things for you and yours for 2020. We hope you have a joyous, memorable and safe holiday season!*

*We wish you the best of the Season... whatever season you celebrate, and hope you find the presents you want under your tree (maybe like some of those below this one?)!*



### **Membership Applications Are Now Electronic!**

If you know someone who is considering becoming an ASHE member, our Membership Application is available electronically, with payment available via PayPal.

Please visit our website ([delvalley.ashe.pro](http://delvalley.ashe.pro)) and click on the **Membership** tab for more information and details on this.

### **REMINDER - Hold These Dates**

*Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony and Networking with Villanova University Engineering Students (Villanova Compass Program)  
Monday, February 17, 2020 at Villanova University*

*Combined ASHE Sections Meeting  
Wednesday March 4, 2020  
PennDOT District 6-0 Executive **Ken McClain** will be among the featured speakers*

*Details will be forthcoming.*

## DVSP Program Sponsorship - Entering our 15th Season (!)

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.

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

**Logo and Hotlink on  
Section Website  
([delvalley.ashe.pro](http://delvalley.ashe.pro))**

**Logo in THE  
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

We thank those 32 firms which have committed for the current Season thus far. They are represented by their logos shown on page 5 as well as on our website.

If you are not already a DVSP and would like to join or find out more about the program (or for some reason have not yet renewed for this season and would like to do so), please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 6).

## Members/Sponsors in Transportation/Transition

### Farrell A Top Young Professional

The 2020 class of ENR MidAtlantic's Top Young Professionals was recently released. This represents the best and brightest emerging design and construction leaders from across the region, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The awards program honors individuals who have built extraordinary industry portfolios in just a few short years. In addition, many donate significant amounts of time and expertise to serve their communities.

After 42 entries were received for this year's competition, the judges narrowed the submissions down to 20 winners. Among this esteemed group is **Cathy Farrell** of HNTB. We congratulate Cathy on this recognition! The winning entries will also advance to compete for ENR's National Top Young 20 Under 40 honors. The national winners will be announced this spring.

### AECOM Cited by WTS

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), Philadelphia Chapter, cited a number of local entities, people and projects at its annual Awards Gala on December 5. Among these was its recognition of the recently-completed Frankford Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation (the topic of our joint dinner meeting with ASCE last January) as its **Innovative Project of the Year**. Congratulations to the project team on this honor, which included the involved staff of Section DVSP, **AECOM**, PennDOT District 6-0, TranSystems and A.D. Marble & Company. Congratulations to all on this honor!

Additionally, another Section DVSP, **Loftus Construction**, was the construction contractor for this project.

## "Bring A Colleague, Make A Friend"

As reported previously in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES, ASHE National President **Michael Hurtt** has set a goal to increase ASHE membership nationally by at least 10% during his term. To date, our membership is at an all-time high of over 6900, and meeting this goal would equate to a net gain of over 700 members.

This goal is not necessarily an increase in membership for the sake of having higher numbers, but it will help us to provide a stronger voice in our Industry, which is why ASHE exists. With new internal growth should come diversification of our membership to include a larger percentage of all industry partners, including contractors, suppliers, and government transportation entities. ASHE's mission is not about lobbying and policy making - we are about communication, education, networking, and fellowship. Diversely expanding membership will play a key role in influencing and promoting our core values.

At the heart of this campaign is each ASHE Member considering inviting a non-member colleague or client to an ASHE event. Existing members find value in belonging to ASHE, and so too will new colleagues should they be introduced to our organization, especially in a welcoming manner. We will continue to support the **"Bring a Colleague, Make a Friend"** campaign this season. We hope you will continue to help us in this regard.

## 2019-20 Delaware Valley Section Officers and Board of Directors

### President

Alexa Egan Harper  
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#### Term expires 2020

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*HDR*

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*McMahon Associates*



## Young Members Committee Happenings

The Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum (YMF), conducted its semi-annual cleanup of the "co-adopted" segment of Bethlehem Pike in Ambler/Fort Washington on October 26. Details of this and a photo of the participants team were provided in the last edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES. Regular clean-ups are scheduled twice a year, with the next one to be held in the Spring. These have been well-received by local businesses and residents.



The now-traditional annual joint year-end/holiday happy hour with ASCE's Younger Member Forum was held at the Conshohocken Brewery in Bridgeport on December 3. Over 50 young members (some by age, some young at heart, and a handful who inadvertently visited more than one Conshohocken Brewery that evening, having traveled mistakenly to the one in its namesake town first ...) participated and enjoyed a nice evening of networking and enjoying the food and drink the Brewery had to offer. Several door prizes were chanced off as well (a winning ticket is being drawn in the photo at left).

Other activities and events are being planned and considered for this season. Please watch for more information in event flyers which will be available at our Dinner Meetings as well as in upcoming e-mail blasts.

## Environmentally Speaking...

Our Environmental Committee chair, **Bob O'Neill**, provides this regular feature in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES on items of interest from the environmental side for our awareness and information.

**A Yuletide Trio of Timely Environmental Tips!** These tiny tidbits of Holiday Cheer are served up to you all courtesy of Committee members Jeff Obrecht (RK&K), Colleen Meiswich (A.D. Marble) and Marcia Kodlick (Lotus Environmental)... Happy Holidays to all!

On November 2, PADEP released the revised Management of Fill Policy that details how to determine and manage Clean and Regulated Fill. This new Policy goes into effect on January 1, 2020, and applies to PennDOT projects that export fill outside the project limits. For more information on the 2020 Management of Fill Policy please copy and paste this link: <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=4647>

By now, most ASHE members are likely familiar with the Environmental Commitments and Mitigation Tracking System (ECMTS). As you prepare the ECMTS spreadsheet, remember to properly reference bid items, plan sheets, special provisions, and/or permit special conditions associated with each commitment. In early 2020, the ECMTS spreadsheet will be phased out and commitments will be entered directly in ECMS. Inspectors will then be able to access the ECMTS commitments via the PennDOT Project Site Activity application.

Finally, please note that the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission recently digitized historic Native American "pathways" into its CRGIS system, and there has been some confusion about how to use this information. These pathways are not a resource subject to National Register evaluation. Rather, this information will be useful to staff archaeologists in helping to determine the likelihood that archaeological resources may be present in your project study area.

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

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

## Section Committees/ Chairs

**Adopt-A-Highway**  
Amber Midgley

**ASHE/PennDOT  
Breakfast Meeting**  
Alexa Egan Harper

**Auditing**  
Bruce Masi

**Dinner Meetings**  
Steve Windle

**Environmental**  
Bob O'Neill

**50/50**  
OPEN

**Golf**  
Mike Mogan

**Hotel**  
Phil Mandato

**Membership**  
Dave High

**Newsletter**  
Bob Wright

**Nominating**  
Drew Sirianni

**Program**  
Jeff Given  
Alexa Egan Harper

**Project of the Year**  
Nate Parrish

**Public Relations**  
Corey Hull

**Scholarships**  
Sarah McInnes

**Social/Society  
Relations**  
Elaine Elbich

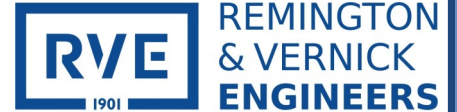
**Student Chapters**  
John Caperilla

**Technical Papers**  
Bruce Masi

**Technical Sessions**  
Steve DiSciullo  
John Quirus

**Website**  
Pete Berthold

**Young Members**  
Steve DiSciullo



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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  
TRANSPORTATION TIMES

February 21

### SEE OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

Please visit [delvalley.ashe.pro](http://delvalley.ashe.pro) and see our revamped site, with all the Section's information you'll need to keep up-to-date on things.

### Donna Prentice and Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarship Competitions - Applications Submitted, Being Reviewed and Evaluated

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.

A total of \$8500 in awards was made last year to 12 students for the Donna Prentice Scholarship. We are proud to be able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits. The Program has benefited numerous local college students over the years, and was renamed in honor of the late **Donna Prentice**, wife of long-time Section member Rich Prentice, in 2003.

Applications for the 2020 awards are now being reviewed by our Scholarship Committee. We are proud to announce that, as of the application deadline, we have 9 candidates for the **Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship** and 2 submissions for the **Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarship** for Penn State students, in which we have participated and helped for the last six years. The successful candidates will be notified in January and invited to attend our February Section Meeting to be honored in person.

We are pleased to see this strong response from local students for these programs.

### 2021 National Conference - Our Section A Co-Sponsor

As you may be aware, **our Section is 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.

The intricate and detailed planning and preparation necessary for such an event has begun, and 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. The planning and organizing has begun, so if you are interested in helping the efforts, please respond to our National Conference e-mail (2021Conference@ashe.pro).

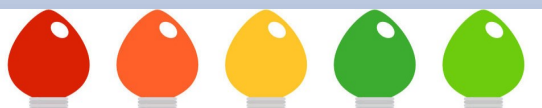
Future editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES will include updates and information on this as it becomes available. We hope you will be able to attend!



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