

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS, DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of another ASHE season, this will be our final newsletter of the year. It has been a pleasure serving as President and I look forward to staying involved with the Section. We are sorry that the bad weather this winter caused a very rare cancellation of our March Dinner meeting. We just felt it was too risky to have everyone drive to our meeting in a snow storm and then leave a few hours later. We hope you all understand our decision.



We will have our final dinner meeting of the year on April 18th, where we will announce our Project of the Year winners, induct our incoming Board, and hear from the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year, Deborah L. Grubbe, P.E. We will also have our third and final Technical Session to help our members obtain their PDH requirements for professional licensure in Pennsylvania. The ASHE-PennDOT District 6-0 Workshop will be held on May 23rd from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the District office. Registration information will follow soon. Finally, our section's Golf Outing will be held on Monday June 4th at the Chester Valley Golf Club. (More information is included on some of these items elsewhere in this edition.)

As I look back on this past year, some of the things that stand out for me is the large attendance at our meetings and Technical Sessions, especially younger members, and our diversity of the topics we have presented to our membership. Our attendance at our events is greater than ever. Our diverse topics included everything from a historic stone arch bridge rehab, a roll-in bridge, a brand-new bridge over the Delaware River and the Grays Ferry Avenue swing bridge. As I've stated in previous newsletters, we should all be proud of the profession we have chosen and the work we do for our communities as civil engineers.

I also want to thank the current Officers and Board members and the work they do behind the scenes to make this organization great and for keeping everything working smoothly and creating interesting topics month in and month out throughout the years. They are truly a fantastic group to work with. Please note that we have many different committees that are chaired primarily by Board members, but you do not have to be on the Board to participate. The full list of committees is provided on page 4 of this newsletter. Over the next several months our incoming President, John Caperilla, will be assigning committee members for next year. If you are interested in getting involved in one of the committees, please contact John or myself.

Thank you again for your support of the organization and I look forward to seeing everyone at our April 18th dinner meeting.

Respectfully,

Jack Mitchell, PE
President,
ASHE Delaware Valley Section

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

◆ April 18

REMINDER —
Project of the Year Awards will be presented at our April Dinner Meeting

◆ May - Joint meeting with PSPE Delco (look for the separate flyer on this for more information)

Dinner costs are as follows:

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

\$50 - after the registration deadline

\$20 - public agency/student

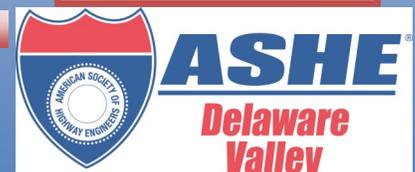
Technical Session

◆ April 18

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS—2018-19 SEASON

In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Jack Mitchell has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2018-19 season. The Committee is tasked to provide its recommended slate at least 60 days before our Annual Membership meeting (April 18, our last meeting of this season). This slate was announced at our February Section Dinner Meeting. It must be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting, and this was included in the last edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES. The recommended slate is:

PRESIDENT John Caperilla <i>Borton-Lawson</i>	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Alexa Egan Harper <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Drew Sirianni <i>Pennoni Associates</i>
TREASURER Isaac Kessler <i>Remington Vernick & Beach</i>	SECRETARY Nate Parrish <i>HNTB</i>	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Jack Mitchell <i>McMahon Associates</i>
REGIONAL DIRECTOR Rob Prophet <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Rich Prentice	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>TERM EXPIRES 2019</i> Peter Berthold <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRES 2020</i> Jeff Given <i>Loftus Construction</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRES 2021</i> Elaine Elbich <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>
Bill Laird <i>HDR</i>	Corey Hull <i>JMT</i>	Phil Mandato <i>Felix Mandato & Sons</i>
Bruce Masi <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	Mike Mogan <i>Bergmann Associates</i>	Amber Midgley <i>AECOM</i>
Sarah McInnes <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	Curt Shugars <i>Pennoni Associates</i>	Matt Ward <i>Urban Engineers</i>

Nominations will be closed shortly by acclamation from the membership. Thus, the noted slate of Officers and Board members is intended to be installed at the Annual Membership meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee (John Caperilla (Chair), Bruce Masi, Jeff Obrecht and Rob Prophet) for their development of this slate.

SEE OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

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

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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American Engineers Group

SECRETARY
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JMT

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We thank these individuals for their service and dedication this season.

DVSP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP - GOING STRONG FOR 13 SEASONS!

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 are pleased to note that five DVSP participants - AECOM, McCormick Taylor, McMahon, TPD and Urban Engineers - have been sponsors for all 13 years of the Program's existence. Thank you for your long-time support!

We are proud to note that **38 firms** (a new record!) have made this financial commitment for 2017-18, and these firms' logos are shown on page 5 as well as on our website. **Many thanks to those of you who have joined this program and helped support our Section!**

We will be starting the 2018-19 DVSP program later this Summer and will be contacting current participants to determine their interest in continuing. If you are not already a DVSP and would like to join for next season or find out more about the program, please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 8).

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

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

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

FORE! GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED!

After a winter that won't seem to go away, it would be nice to get the clubs out and swing them. Thus, following some extensive research and coordination by our Golf Outing Committee, a venue has been selected for our **23rd Annual Golf Outing**. This will be conducted at the **Chester Valley Golf Club** in Malvern (the same course as last year's Outing) on **Monday, June 4**.

The Outing will have a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided prior to golf, with refreshments and snacks on the course during play, and a buffet dinner with a cash bar and awards following golf.

The cost of the outing will be \$130 per golfer. Foursomes and hole sponsorships will be available. Please watch for the separate flyer on this for specifics and registration information. We hope to see you there!



YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum (YMF), has scheduled its next regular cleanup of the "co-adopted" segment of Bethlehem Pike in Ambler/Fort Washington for **Sunday, April 22**. A flyer with additional information on this event will be distributed and will be available on the tables at our April Section dinner meeting. The Fall cleanup, planned for last October, unfortunately had to be cancelled because of inclement weather. This has been well-received by businesses and residents along this corridor. Thanks to those from each of these groups for their participation.



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

SECTION COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

In each edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES we list our Section Committees and chairs. We would like to recognize and thank all who participated in these committees this season. They are listed below:

Adopt A Highway

Isaac Kessler, Chair
Steve Natale, Nate Parrish, Steve Windle

ASHE/PennDOT Breakfast Meeting

Alexa Egan Harper, Curt Shugars, Co-chairs
Peter Berthold, Elaine Elbich, Don Gusic, Bill Laird, Mike Mogan

Auditing

Bruce Masi, Chair
Gene Cipriani, Phil Mandato, Bob Wright

Dinner Meetings

Drew Sirianni, Chair
Jeff Given, Mark Kinnee, Curt Shugars

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Nate Parrish, Chair
Jim Brady, Corey Hull, Rich Prentice

Golf

Mike Mogan, Chair
Rob Prophet, Assistant Chair
Jim Brady, Don Gusic, Phil Mandato, Jack Mitchell, Robert O'Neill

Hotel

Phil Mandato, Chair
Bob Wright, Assistant Chair
Rob Prophet, Don Stark

Membership

Isaac Kessler, Chair
John Caperilla, Dave High, Bruce Masi, Rich Prentice

Newsletter

Bob Wright, Chair
Alexa Egan Harper, Mark Kinnee, Bruce Masi

Nominating

John Caperilla, Chair
Bruce Masi, Rob Prophet, Jeff Obrecht

Program

Jack Mitchell, Chair
Elaine Elbich, Jeff Given, Mark Kinnee

Project of the Year

Nate Parrish, Chair
Rick Kemper, Sarah McInnes, Matt Reber, Steve Windle, Chris Wright

Public Relations

Corey Hull, Chair
Elaine Elbich, Rich Prentice, Bob Wright

Scholarships

Sarah McInnes, Chair
Peter Berthold, Rick Kemper, Matt Reber, Don Stark, Chris Wright

Social/Society Relations

Elaine Elbich, Chair
Corey Hull, Phil Mandato

Student Chapters

John Caperilla, Chair
Gene Cipriani, Matt Galenas, Sarah McInnes, Drew Sirianni

Technical Papers

Bruce Masi, Chair
Peter Berthold, Robert O'Neill, Matt Reber, Curt Shugars

Technical Sessions

Bill Laird, Chair
Robert O'Neill, Assistant Chair
Steve DiSciullo, Jeff Given, Corey Hull, Paul Linahan, Jack Mitchell, John Quirus

Website

Peter Berthold, Chair
Isaac Kessler, Mike Mogan, Don Stark

Young Members

Alexa Egan Harper, Drew Sirianni, Co-chairs
John Caperilla, Jeanne Martignetti, Steve Natale, Nate Parrish, Kevin Rice

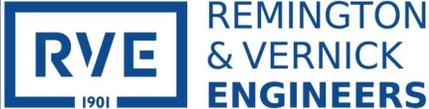
TECHNICAL SESSION – APRIL 18 - PDH's !!

Our third and last Technical Session of the season will be conducted prior to our April 18 Section Meeting. The Session will cover **"BIM—How it's changing the way we do business"** and will be presented by **Luke Grebe** and **Rob McKenna** of HDR.

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.

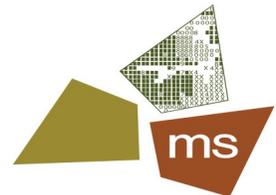
If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Jack Mitchell (information is provided on page 8). Committee assignments, chairs and members will be reviewed and revised as necessary for the 2018-19 season this summer.

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



DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP) 2017-18

Thanks for your support!



REMINDER—REVISED MEETING CHECK-IN PROCESS

To help get you checked into our meetings more quickly and efficiently (and shorten the line for this), we have established a separate “express” check-in table for attendees who registered for the meeting using PayPal. Those of you who do this can pick up your pre-printed name tag at this table and go directly into the meeting room.

For those of you who pay at the door with either a check or cash, we have a Checks/Cash/Receipts check-in table where you can complete your transaction and receive your name tag. There usually is a wait involved with this line.

Signs are prominently displayed at each of the check-in tables to help guide you accordingly.

If your registration is paid by your employer, please inquire as to the method of payment used so that you know which line you will be able to use.

We appreciate your cooperation as our Section works to improve the registration process and hopefully reduce delay. This has worked well at our meetings thus far after its introduction at our November meeting.

Also, please remember to send your completed meeting flyer to the Contractors Association as indicated on the form. Regardless of the payment method you may be using (even PayPal), we still use the forms to develop the meeting attendance list and name tags. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

PENNDOT BREAKFAST SEMINAR



Our Section has conducted a half-day “breakfast meeting”/seminar/workshop at PennDOT District 6-0 for several years and will continue the “tradition” this year. The event will be conducted on **Wednesday, May 23**. More information will be provided in a separate flyer, including the seminar topics and registration information.

As in the past there will be a limit on outside firm attendance to allow maximum participation by PennDOT and government agency employees.

PDH's will be available for the sessions presented at this Seminar.

MEETING REPORT - “TRI-SECTION” DINNER/THREE PENNDOT DISTRICT EXECUTIVES

On March 8th, the Delaware Valley, East Penn and North East Penn Sections held an unusual and special joint dinner meeting at Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor, PA, the tentative site for the 2021 ASHE National Conference. The meeting also served as a kickoff to our combined Sections recently being awarded the National Conference (see the separate article on this).

Ken McClain, District Executive for District 6-0, Mike Rebert, District Executive for District 5-0 and Harold Hill, Assistant District Executive for Construction for District 4-0 (filling in for District Executive George Roberts) participated in a panel discussion moderated by the three 2021 ASHE National Conference Co-Chairs, Todd Rousenberger, Regional Director for the East Penn Section, Dick Cochrane, ASHE National 1st Vice President, representing the North East Penn Section, and our own 1st Vice President, John Caperilla.

Each of the Executives gave a state of their respective Districts and provided highlights that included statistics such as the amount of highway miles, local and state bridges, amount of the lettings that were completed in 2017 and annual budgets. The moderators then proceeded to ask each of the Executives questions about their accomplishments from the past year, new technologies that each of their respective Districts are using, and how PennDOT Connects has been a successful tool in the planning of projects.

This event provided a great networking opportunity for members from each of the three sections and we want to thank Ken, Mike and Harold for taking time out of their busy schedules to come to speak to us.

Thanks to John Caperilla for this report.

2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Lake Erie Section of ASHE) is proud to host the 2018 ASHE National Conference at The Westin Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, OH.

The Conference will attract over 500 public and private sector design professionals, vendors, contractors and guests from across the country, and provide a forum for networking and education on topics relevant to the transportation industry. The agenda is filled with informative technical sessions, social events and networking opportunities.



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The Conference marks the 60th anniversary of ASHE and will provide opportunities for companies and attendees to network and build strong professional relationships. The Westin is located within walking distance of Lake Erie's waterfront, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Progressive Field, Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland Browns Stadium, the Great Lakes Science Center, USS Cod Submarine, Playhouse Square, Terminal Tower, and the newly renovated Public Square.

Please visit the website for more information and registration — <http://2018conference.ashe.pro>.

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

We are pleased to announce that **our region will be a proud co-host of the ASHE National Conference in 2021!** Our Section will jointly sponsor this Conference along with our counterparts at the East Penn and North East Penn

Sections. While we understand this is a few years away, the intricate and detailed planning and preparation for a National Conference 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.



In the coming months we will be providing information on the Conference on our website and on the tables at each Dinner meeting which will explain 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 additionally include updates and information on this.

MARCH OF DIMES SPONSOR

Our Section is proud to have been a sponsor of the March of Dimes 25th Annual Transportation, Building and Construction Awards Luncheon, held on March 15 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The ad at right appeared in the Luncheon's event program.



The Delaware Valley Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers is a proud sponsor of the

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Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Luncheon

ASHE Delaware Valley – Serving the local transportation industry and its professionals for 51 years

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*
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August 17

YOUR LAST TRANSPORTATION TIMES FOR THIS SEASON...

It's hard to believe, and time indeed does fly, but our 2017-18 season is coming to a close shortly. Our April 18 Section Dinner meeting will be the last one of this season and our new officers and Board members for the coming season will be installed at that time.

*We hope you've enjoyed *THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES* all season and we hope you can manage to go without a new edition until August or so, when our production schedule will pick up once again and the first edition for 2018-19 will hit the proverbial streets. We have certainly enjoyed putting each edition together and we hope you have found it informative and enlightening, and properly keeping you "up to speed" on all things our Section has to offer.*

We hope you enjoy your summer and we'll see you again as it winds down and our season begins in earnest.

MEET OUR "HELPERS" AT THE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

In each month's Dinner meeting flyer, you are instructed to send your registration form to the Contractors Association. The Association has been a working partner with our Section and has been assisting us with meeting reservations and other items for many years. While you may not have had much interaction with the Association's administrative staff, we thought we would put names and faces together - you know the names, **Diana Perez** and **Samantha Schultz**, and they are pictured below (so now you know the faces... Diana is at left, Samantha is at right).

We offer our thanks to Diana and Samantha for a consistently well-done job helping us keep track of meeting reservations, producing name tags, and, if you're a little tardy with payment, nicely reminding you about that. We appreciate them keeping us "in line" and being patient with us!



NOW YOU CAN JOIN ELECTRONICALLY!

If you know someone who is considering becoming an ASHE member, our Membership Application can now 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.

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