

President's Message



President Stephanie Butler

The first step to making something happen is thinking it, correct? So here I go...I am thinking that the days are getting longer, the temperatures are getting warmer, and the end of winter is within reach. (Since this article is written in advance, I am hoping that those words are ringing true).

It is hard to believe that I am in the "Golden Months" of my ASHE Del Val presidency already. My, how time does fly. With only two short months remaining, I'm hoping that I have continued the strong leadership that has become a staple of our organization. We know that a successful presidency is not built by one person. It is a result of the members and our Board of Directors who support me throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

This month we are spotlighting the **Hotel and Dinner Meeting Committees** for our ASHE Del Val Section. These two committees are chaired by Phil Mandato (Hotel) and co-chaired by Don Stark and Alexa Harper (Dinner Meetings). The reason for the double spotlight is very simple. These two committees go hand-in-hand in making our monthly dinner meetings a success for our members. The Hotel Committee runs primarily "behind the scenes" while the Dinner Meeting Committee members are the faces that welcome you each month and provide you with the all important PDH certificates. The Hotel Committee works very hard each year to bring a fiscally responsible dinner meeting contract with the Radisson to the Board. This is critical in maintaining a reasonable dinner meeting price for our members. Not to mention, we often utilize smaller rooms for Board meetings and technical sessions which all fall within the Hotel Committee's responsibility. ASHE Del Val has been a longstanding client of the Radisson and we enjoy being able to provide this venue for our meetings as we can always be accommodated with our large groups. The Hotel Committee is just one of the gears that keeps our well-oiled machine running smoothly.

While our members are enjoying a cocktail and the company of other members, the Dinner Meeting Committee is hard at work. They have the responsibility of making sure all those who register check-in, have name tags, and of course, provide payment. They

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2013-2014 Meeting Dates

- March 19th
- April 16th

Costs:

- \$35 - Advance Registration
- \$45 - After Deadline/At the Door
- \$20 - Public Employees / Students

Technical Sessions

- April 16th

Costs:

- FREE! - Members
- \$40 - Non-Members



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are often the first faces you see as you arrive at our meetings. They are also often the last faces you see as you leave while they are handing out PDH certificates and collecting sign-in sheets. When you're checking in or signing out, please take a moment to offer these individuals a sincere thank you for their service.

Our dinner meetings continue this month on March 19th which is planned to be a joint event with MASITE. We look forward to seeing you there to kiss the last day of **Winter** goodbye and welcome with open arms the first day of **Spring!**

Respectfully,
Stephanie L. Butler, P.E.
ASHE – Del Val Section, President

Technical Sessions – Two Down, One To Go

Our second Technical Session of the season was held on February 19, prior to the February Section Meeting. This session, entitled "Clean Fill, Dirty Fill, and Reclamation Fill in Between", was well received and attended (and worth 2 PDH's!).

The last Technical Session scheduled for this season will be conducted on April 16. More information will be provided in the next edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES and in an event-specific flyer which will accompany the monthly meeting announcements.

As always, if you have any thoughts on topics or would like to present a session, please pass this along for our consideration as we begin to plan our program for next season.

2013 - 14 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We are also accepting volunteers who would like to participate in Section committees at a non-Board member level. (See page 4 for a list of current Section committees and committee chairs.) Please let us know if you have interest and we will put you to work.

Donna Prentice Memorial Section Scholarship Competition - Candidates Selected, Awards Made!

The Section's Scholarship Program continues to be successful. The Program was started by the Section in 1972. Over the 40 years of its existence, it has benefited numerous local college students, many of whom have gone on to become ASHE members after graduation. It was renamed in honor of the late Donna Prentice, wife of longtime Section member Dick Prentice, in 2003.

A total of 18 applications were received by the October 25 deadline. Our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Sarah McInnes, dutifully reviewed the volume of applications and supporting materials, and recommended eleven worthy candidates for awards. The recipients were notified in January and invited to attend our February Section meeting as our guests to be honored and presented with their checks.

The eleven (!) winners of Section Scholarships, who were awarded a total of \$9500, are listed to the right.

We were pleased to have six of these students able to attend our February meeting. Pictured below (back row) Cameron Connors, Ali Malick, Stephen Yarosh, Michael Setaro, (front row) Ajin Fatima, Lindsey Ryan, with Sarah McInnes, Stephanie Butler.



Our Section has awarded almost \$100,000 in scholarships since 1997 and is third among Sections in ASHE National in this area. We are proud to be able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits.

Thanks to Sarah and members of our Scholarship Committee for another job well done this year! We encourage students to apply for this when the time comes next year, and we encourage parents of students to help us support their childrens' educations by encouraging them to apply!

Scholarship Winners

Michael Baginski
Drexel University

Nathan Barry
Drexel University

Cameron Connors
Widener University

Ajin Fatima
Drexel University

Daniel Little
Drexel University

Ali Malick
Drexel University

Lindsey Ryan
High School Senior
(first time a high school student
has been cited by our program!)

Michael Setaro
Drexel University

John Theisen
Drexel University

Aaron Williams
Villanova University

Stephen Yarosh
Widener University

Elaine Elbich Named Delco's Engineer of the Year

The Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE) recognized Elaine Elbich as its 2014 Engineer of the Year Award at the Chapter's Engineers Week Dinner on February 19. Elaine began her career with PennDOT 25 years ago as an Engineer-in-Training at District 6, moving up the ranks to her current post as a Portfolio Manager, where she oversees staff involving over 3600 roadway miles and 2800 bridges in the greater Philadelphia Region. She is also the Project Manager for the I-95/Girard Avenue Interchange estimated at almost \$1 billion.

Elaine has been a role model to young women her entire career, speaking about careers in engineering. Her other honors include Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year (1988), Philadelphia Woman of the Year (2010), and the American Society of Highway Engineers Person of the Year (2011).

Congratulations to Elaine on yet another award!

Young Members Committee

The Committee continues to consider events which will be of interest specifically to young members. If you are a younger member and interested in meeting other people your age at monthly meetings, then be on the lookout for the YMC table during the social hour at which you can meet your fellow young members, mingle, and perhaps sit with familiar faces during the dinner presentation.

Ideas and suggestions for activities are welcome. Please contact Committee Chair Alexa Harper (aharper@gfnet.com) to discuss this, or look for Alexa at the YMC table at the next Section meeting.

Section Committees

Our Section Committees and Committee chairs are listed below. If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Stephanie Butler or First Vice President/Editor Bob Wright (contact information is provided on page 8).

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

ASHE/PennDOT Breakfast Meeting.....	Curt Shugars
Auditing	Phil Mandato
Dinner Meetings.....	Alexa Harper, Don Stark
50/50	Dick Prentice
Golf.....	Rob Prophet
Hotel.....	Phil Mandato
Membership.....	John Caperilla
Newsletter	Bob Wright
Nominating.....	Bob Wright
Program.....	Jeff Given, Rob Prophet
Project of the Year	Bill Laird
Public Relations.....	Don Steele
Scholarships.....	Sarah McInnes
Social/Society Relations	Elaine Elbich
Student Chapters	John Caperilla
Technical Papers	Bruce Masi
Technical Sessions.....	Jack Mitchell
Website.....	Pete Berthold
Young Members	Alexa Harper

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2014-15

In accordance with our recently-adopted/updated Bylaws, our President has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2014-15 season. The Committee is tasked to provide its recommended slate at least 60 days before our Annual Membership meeting (which will be on April 16). This slate must be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Accordingly, the recommended slate is:

President	<i>Bob Wright, Urban Engineers</i>
First Vice President	<i>Jeff Given, Loftus Construction</i>
Second Vice President	<i>Mark Kinnee, Urban Engineers</i>
Secretary	<i>Jack Mitchell, McMahan Associates</i>
Treasurer	<i>Don Stark, Ammann & Whitney</i>

Board of Directors

Term expires 2015

Elaine Elbich, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Phil Mandato, Felix Mandato & Sons
Joe Serbu, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Curt Shugars, Pennoni Associates

Term expires 2016

Pete Berthold, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Bill Laird, CHA
Bruce Masi, Gannett Fleming
Sarah McInnes, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Term expires 2017

Stephanie Butler, McMahan Associates (Past President)
John Caperilla, Gannett Fleming
Alexa Harper, Gannett Fleming
Corey Hull, JMT

Nominations will remain open until at least 21 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Traditionally, we have closed nominations at our March Section meeting.

The noted Officers and Board members will be installed at the Annual Membership meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee (Bob Wright (Chair), Jeff Given, Bob Milliken and Don Stark) for their development of this slate.

Dinner Reservation Change You Asked, We Responded!

You may have noticed a slight change in the reservation method in the flyer for our February meeting. We are now able to accept reservations via e-mail, in response to your requests for this. Thus, starting with the February Dinner Meeting and continuing for all future Dinner Meetings, you will have three options for responding and reserving:

- By mail (the "old" way!), to ASHE, 1500 Walnut Street, Suite 1105, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- By fax, 215-546-2259
- By e-mail, to Jena Hudson (jhudson@caoepa.com) or Diana Perez (dperez@caoepa.com)

As always, you can mail your payment in advance, bring it to the meeting/pay at the door, or request an invoice. The reservation deadlines will remain in place and so noted on each Dinner Meeting flyer.

Please note that this will be for Dinner Meeting reservations only. Other events, such as Technical Sessions, will have a separate method for reservations that will be specifically noted on the event announcement flyer.

We hope this change will help you in your ability to reserve for our Dinner Meetings.

Golf Outing

Our 19th Annual Golf Outing will be conducted on Monday, July 14 at Blue Bell Country Club. Please mark your calendar (and perhaps keep some of those golf gifts you may have gotten for Christmas at the ready). More information and details will be forthcoming on this.



PennDOT Seminar Scheduled



The Section has conducted a half-day seminar at PennDOT District 6-o for the past several years and will be doing it again this year. The seminar will be conducted on Wednesday, May 21. More information will be included on a separate flyer to be sent on this event. Please mark your calendar and hold the date.

As in the past, there will be a limit of two attendees per firm to attend, to allow PennDOT employees to have priority in their attendance.

Turnpike Traveler Advisory Panel

The PA Turnpike Commission is seeking volunteers to join its new PA Turnpike Traveler Advisory Panel. The Panel will be comprised of 4,000 customers who will volunteer to participate in periodic online surveys. Volunteers will earn rewards for their participation. Please visit www.paturnpike.com/TurnpikeTAP for additional information.

Project of the Year Competition

The Project of the Year competition is 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**, unlike in past years when this was divided at \$10 million, to allow more flexibility in the decision making. Projects must have been completed in 2013, be located within the geographic boundaries of the Section, and nominated by an ASHE member in good standing. **Applications are due on March 3, 2014.**

Please visit the Section website (www.ashedv.org) for more information and applications.

A Request From National President Tom Morisi

Greetings.

As the beginning of each year has traditionally been a time many of us devote to getting smaller based on New Year's Resolutions, we at the ASHE National level are interested in getting bigger! We have focused attention on more remote areas such as Portland, OR and Denver, among others. Our newest initiative includes seeing if there are opportunities closer to "home" – seeking potential new Section champions which may be travelling to areas with current Sections, or have a branch office in an untapped region of the country which may have an person interested in sharing the ASHE mission with others and getting a Section started. With that said, I am respectfully asking that all current Sections include this message in their newsletters, on their websites, and mention this initiative at their Section meetings.

Anyone interested in discussing opportunities to start a new Section are encouraged to contact either the Tim Matthews or Perry Schweiss, Co-Chairs of the ASHE New Sections Committee, or any one of the ASHE National Board members (contact information provided on the website - ASHE.pro). There are many resources available to assist in this endeavor including Powerpoint presentations, detailed guidance and procedures, etc.; all of which can be found on the website. The most important resource available however is also ASHE's strongest attribute...our members!

We are 6,000+ strong with 41 active sections and, with your spark, we will continue to grow in membership and, as this initiative supports, geographically! We look forward to hearing from those with the pioneering spirit and enthusiasm to spread the ASHE mission!!

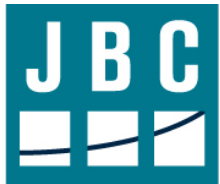
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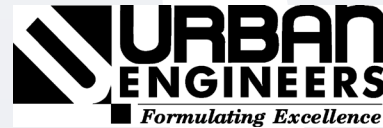
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The Section started the D.V.S.P. Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. We are proud to note that 18 firms are participating in this season's offering of the Program thus far (listed above). Many thanks to those of you who have signed up and helped support the Section's many activities. The proceeds of the D.V.S.P. go directly to support the Section's Scholarship Fund.

If you are not in this Program and would like to join, please contact Section President Stephanie Butler or First Vice President/Editor of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES Bob Wright (contact information is given on page 8).

This season, the previously-available two levels of support were combined into a single commitment that will have the sponsor logos shown on both our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES for a \$200 fee.

2014 National Conference



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The 2014 National Conference will be conducted in Bismarck, ND from June 12-15. The conference provides the opportunity for companies to network and build strong professional relationships.

The event will provide a unique and authentic North Dakota experience with planned outings to Fort Mandan, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Medora. While visiting Fort Mandan you will step back in time when Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first explored the Dakotas. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is an untouched area of beauty resting in the Badlands of North Dakota where you can enjoy wildlife in natural habitats and spend time away from the city. Medora is home to a world-class musical set to the backdrop of the majestic Badlands along with Bully Pulpit, a golf course attracting golfers from around the world and offers one of the greatest scenic views in the state.

Abundant professional development opportunities are available to further skills and abilities through a comprehensive conference schedule and expansive networking opportunities.

From the Editor

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

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

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