

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President Bob Wright, PE

As usual, the end of summer rolls around, schools open, vacations end, traffic picks up, daylight gets a little shorter, and our monthly dinner meetings begin once again. The summer was a welcome respite from the polar vortex we had last winter, and even though I'm one who isn't exactly thrilled with hot weather, I enjoyed having some warmth and sunshine after the winter from "Heck". And, since it's summer, we can watch or listen to baseball – not my favorite sport, and our Phils aren't exactly burning up the diamond, but it's always nice to hear the announcers talk about Asche. (And, yes, I know we don't call ourselves that here in our neck of the woods...)

As the 49th President of our Section, I find myself as one of a number of distinguished individuals who have served in this capacity, so I need to live up to the high standards already set by my predecessors. This is a big pair of shoes to fill, so to speak. Fortunately, I am surrounded by a good support system in our Officers and Board, who have many years of cumulative experience in the running of our Section. I attempted to add up these years of experience and found that it's a 3-digit number. While that may be a little scary, it is also indicative of the capabilities and "seasoning" which our Section has. Of the 19 people currently on our Board, 9 are Past Presidents of our Section – impressive.

Last season, my immediate predecessor, Stephanie Butler, used her President's Messages to cover our many Committees. (The complete list of our current Committees and their chairs is provided on Page 5 in case you have an interest in helping with one or more of them – you don't need to be a Board member to be part of this, and we encourage any interested member to participate). Stephanie managed to summarize the inner workings of the Dinner Meetings, Hotel, Project of the Year, Scholarship, Student Chapter, and Young Members Committees in her various President's Messages throughout the season. That leaves possibly 14 Committees for me to walk you through, so we'll do what we can.

One of our newer Committees will be our 50th Anniversary Committee. As you will see this season, next year we will celebrate our 50th year as a Section, and we have formed a 50th Anniversary Committee to consider things we should do to celebrate and commemorate our golden anniversary. (And if you want to give us some gold, well, let's talk ... but your ideas are certainly welcome as well.)

### 2014-15 DINNER MEETINGS

- September 17
- October 15
- November 12 (2nd Wednesday)
- January 21 (ASCE Joint Meeting)
- February 18
- March 18
- April 15

Costs will continue as previous years:

- \$35 - Advance Registration
- \$45 - After registration deadline/at door
- \$20 - Public Agency/Student

### 2014-15 TECHNICAL SESSIONS (as of this printing)

- November 12
- February 18
- April 15

Costs will continue as previous years: FREE for Section Members, \$40 for non-members (subject to availability)

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## President's Message - Continued

Our ASHE/PennDOT Meeting Committee puts together the annual meeting we conduct at PennDOT District 6. This is an all-morning session in late May with technical presentations and updates from District staff. It is usually a popular event, so much so that we need to limit attendance to two people per firm to maximize the participation of PennDOT personnel and fit the confines of the room. We managed to put over 119 folks in the room on May 21, my first official function as Section President, and it was a success as it has generally been. Thanks to Alexa Harper and Curt Shugars for shepherding this as Committee co-chairs last season.

We always have an interesting meeting schedule and our Program Committee is responsible for this. Co-chairs Jeff Given and Rob Prophet have managed to get things started on a good foot this season with Les Toaso, PennDOT District 6 Executive, as our September meeting speaker, and they are working diligently to line up equally good topics and speakers for the remainder of the season. We already managed to have one meeting under my "watch", the May 21 event at Villanova which was co-sponsored by the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE), where over 50 folks heard about the I-95 Girard Avenue Interchange reconstruction effort. (Yes, May 21 was a busy day for this President...!)

If you read the ASHE Scanner that showed up in your mailbox this past summer, you've seen the handiwork of our Technical Papers Committee, chaired by Bruce Masi, in the form of the article on what our Section has done to grow our membership rolls and offer our members what they need for their professional and networking purposes. This Committee handles these types of items to help get the word out in the Scanner and other outreach means. Our Section is generally given the opportunity to develop an article for the Scanner each year and has produced several good pieces in this regard.

We are also looking into adopting or sponsoring a local highway segment as part of PennDOT's program for such. As we dive into the particulars, more will be coming on this. We have a fledgling Committee for this, not quite an official body just yet, but once we work out some of the details and what we can do, Isaac Kessler will be directing this group to that end.

So, we managed to cover a few Committees this time, and it's my goal to get the rest of them in this season (so I don't know what my successor, Jeff Given, will be writing about ... ).

Some of you might be thinking I look familiar or you've heard my name before. You may be onto something – I did serve as President of the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers just over 20 years ago (yes, I do look a little different – I think I'm a little shorter now) and as President of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia in 2010-12. Hopefully these experiences have taught me something, and, no, being a President isn't a hobby or anything like that for me. Just like in government, the President is actually the least powerful person and he/she greatly needs the support of those who can actually get things done – in our situation, our Board of Directors and my fellow Officers, all of whom are hard-working and diligent individuals. I firmly believe our team will guide us in the right direction and I hope they keep me on my toes (because I probably need to be kept there).

Our Section is a good thing and this is mainly a result of our 380-plus good members who support us and keep this good thing going. I appreciate your ongoing help and support along these lines and hope to see you at at least one of our events this season. And if you can help in any way and would like to get more involved in the operations of our Section, please let me know – we can always use more good help.

Respectfully,

Bob Wright, PE

President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

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**Term expires 2016**

**Pete Berthold**, PennDOT

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**Term expires 2017**

**Stephanie Bulter**, McMahon Associates Inc.

**John Caperilla**, Borton Lawson

**Alexa Harper**, Gannett Fleming Inc.

**Corey Hull**, JMT

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Thanks to all who have volunteered to be part of our Section's governance.

We are also accepting volunteers who would like to participate in Section committees at a non-Board member level. (See page 5 for a list of current Section committees and committee chairs.)

Please let us know if you have interest and we will be happy to put you to work!

## Members in Transportation/Transition

### *Top Professionals Recognized by GVFTMA*

In May, the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association (GVFTMA) conducted a ceremony to cite its Top TDM (Travel Demand Management) Professionals Under 40. Among this distinguished group were Section members Jeremy Colello (Pennoni) and Laura Frein (Baker). Congratulations to Jeremy and Laura on this honor.

### *Lloyd Promoted*

Last spring, Herman Lloyd, a Past President of our Section, was promoted to Senior Vice President in JMT's Philadelphia office. He serves as Office Manager for the firm's growing Philadelphia operations and also oversees its Construction Management and Inspection operations in Pennsylvania.



Herman currently also serves on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Chapter of COMTO (Conference of Minority Transportation Officials), and for the Philadelphia March of Dimes Transportation, Building and Construction Awards Luncheon. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Board of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS).

### *Our Newest Young Member?*

Alexa Harper welcomed Joshua Egan Harper into the world on June 12. Mom, dad and baby are all doing well. Congratulations!

## Ethics for Everyone

To help Delaware PEs meet the requirement of at least 3 PDH's (of the 24 needed for license renewal) in ethics, the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers (DAPE) will sponsor an ethics course on October 14. Christopher Bauer, Ph.D., of Bauer Ethics Seminars will conduct this session. The location will be determined depending upon the response.

If you are a Delaware PE and are interested in attending this session, please contact the DAPE office at [office@dape.org](mailto:office@dape.org) to reserve your seat. You will be provided with a confirmation with all the details!

## Professional Development Requirements Update

As you may be aware, professional engineers, land surveyors and geologists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey are required to obtain continued professional development (CPD) credit to renew their licenses. Delaware has joined the ranks of states which require continuing education as of July 1. The specific guidelines on this are available at [www.dape.org](http://www.dape.org). Some of the pertinent details on this are as follows:

- The Delaware Association of Professional Engineers (DAPE), which administers PE licensure, will not be pre-approving courses or providers
- 24 PDH's must be earned during the 2014-16 renewal period
- At least 3 PDH's (with a maximum of 6 PDH's) must be related to professional ethics
- A maximum of 9 PDH's can be related to business or project management
- A maximum of 15 PDH's can be carried forward to the next renewal period
- Individual license holders will be responsible for maintenance of their records to support the PDH's claimed and shall maintain these records for five (5) years
- Audits will be conducted on roughly 5% of all licensees in 2016

Our Section's meeting program and Technical Sessions will be able to count toward your continuing education requirement and a verification program is in place to help you obtain and track your PDH's.

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.

# Philadelphia Engineering Foundation Golf Tournament



Our 19th Annual Golf Outing was held on Monday, July 14 at Blue Bell Country Club. The weather pretty

much cooperated, with the sun occasionally peeking out of the clouds, but things at least stayed dry.

Once again, a scramble format was in effect, and, as it usually does, it made things a little more interesting. Over 80 participants were there to enjoy a day of golf and support the Section Scholarship Program – a total of \$9700 from the Outing will go to the Scholarship Fund. We especially appreciate the generosity of our sponsoring firms as well:

### PLATINUM

- AECOM
- Ammann & Whitney
- McKinley Drilling
- Pennoni Associates
- Powell Trachtman
- Urban Engineers

### GOLD

- Gannett Fleming
- McCormick Taylor
- McMahon Associates
- Traffic Planning & Design
- URS

### SILVER

- Trumbull

The **Powell Trachtman** squad (lawyers ... ) took 1st place honors – congratulations! **URS** finished second, and **Pennoni** came in third.

Thanks to the Golf Outing Committee and Chair **Rob Prophet** for another successful Outing and a nice-size contribution to the Section Scholarship Fund.

# WANT TO BE ON A SECTION COMMITTEE?

Our Section Committees and Committee chairs are listed below. If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Bob Wright (contact information provided on Page 8):

ASHE/PennDOT Breakfast Mtg .....	Joe Serbu, Curt Shugars
Auditing .....	Phil Mandato
Dinner Meetings .....	Corey Hull, Don Stark
50th Anniversary .....	Jeff Given, Bob Wright
50/50 .....	Rich Prentice
Golf .....	Rob Prophet
Hotel .....	Phil Mandato
Membership .....	John Caperilla
Newsletter .....	Bob Wright
Nominating .....	Jeff Given
Program .....	Jeff Given, Rob Prophet
Project of the Year .....	Bill Laird
Public Relations .....	Joe Serbu
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

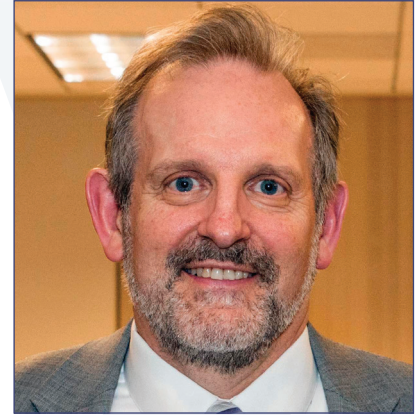


# IN MEMORIAM: BOB SHAW

Section Member Bob Shaw lost his life in a tragic accident while riding his bicycle on May 25. Bob was a longtime member of our Section, graduating from Penn State with his degree in Civil Engineering in 1978, and serving as a member of Urban Engineers' Construction Management staff for the past 22 years. He is survived by his wife Kathy, two sons, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Contributions in Bob's memory may be sent to Sacred Heart Home for Incurable Cancer, 1315 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia 19140.

A scholarship fund is being established in Bob's memory as well and our Section is in discussions to help administer this. The Bob Shaw Memorial Golf Outing (formerly the US 202 Golf Outing) will be conducted on October 10 at Lederach Golf Course. More information will be available on our website ([www.ashedv.org](http://www.ashedv.org)).



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## Donna Prentice Memorial Section Scholarship Competition

The Section's Scholarship Program was begun in 1972 and continues to be a success. Over the 40-plus 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 Rich Prentice, in 2003.

Last season, 18 applications were received and 11 awards, with a total value of \$9500, were made to local students. 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.

The competition will open in October and more information will be provided on our website shortly. We encourage students to apply for this, and we encourage parents of students to help us support their childrens' educations by encouraging them to apply!

We will also be assisting with the newly established **Bob Shaw Memorial Scholarship**, and more information on that will be posted shortly as well.

## Dues Invoices in Your Hands

Your invoice for ASHE dues for the 2014-15 season were mailed back in May with a revised due date in July to be consistent with National's billing cycle. We appreciate your prompt payment so you can remain in good standing with ASHE and our Section. We thank you for your continued support.

Please also provide your up-to-date contact information on the sheet that accompanies the invoice so that our files may have your current address and e-mail. We are attempting to move to all-electronic distribution of our meeting notices, announcements, and THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES to reduce our costs and get these documents in your hands as quickly as possible. We appreciate your assistance on this.

# DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRON PROGRAM





The Section started the DVSP Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. We are proud to note that 21 firms have participated in the Program last season. 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/Editor of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES Bob Wright (see contact information below). We will be soliciting for participants and renewals for the current season in September. Firms that participated last season (and several who have already committed for 2014-15) are listed on Page 7.

We will continue the single level of sponsorship as last season, which will feature sponsor's logos on our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES for a \$200 fee.

## 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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### Mission Statement

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

*Last season, Laura Frein of Michael Baker joined the Newsletter Committee and radically redesigned THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES with a new look that received rave reviews (OK, at least you noticed it!). The redesign presented items differently and made them easier to read with the result that THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES became much more reader friendly than in previous years. We thank Laura for this creative spark!*

*Laura will be taking some time for maternity leave this season and has recruited additional creative help, with Susan Buchanan of Schnabel Engineering joining the Committee to help with the production of the newsletter. Susan took the reins for this edition and will continue to help in Laura's absence. We welcome Susan to the Committee and thank her for her assistance. (And we wish Laura good luck with her upcoming new addition!)*