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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I craft this message on the heels of our most recent dinner meeting with Secretary Leslie Richards and District 6-0 Executive Ken McClain, the turnout of our membership was truly notable and welcoming for their first presentations with us. Hopefully this fine first impression will bring them back for years to come to share the Department's insights. A big thanks to both the membership of Delaware Valley and East Penn ASHE Sections for the tremendous attendance.

As the cooler weather begins to set in, we are all in a schedule mode to get done what we can before we can't. Ken brought to our attention some of the numbers for our area in comparison to the remainder of the State, and, as thought, our region puts in place a significant amount of work comparatively speaking. My last President's message also noted this with the large volume of highway work our area has and is putting into place despite the challenges we typically overcome. We have not stopped and continue to put in place an impressive amount of work. Very soon we will see another section of I-95 open to traffic along with all-electronic tolling on the Eastern entrance to the PA Turnpike to mention a couple of milestones for our area.



Another impressive event that seems to have occurred ages ago was the Papal visit. As Secretary Richards mentioned in her presentation, our region shined with the world watching. My family and I live very close to the Philadelphia border and the Seminary where the Pope was apparently sleeping (not sure when he had the time); the disruption to our usual routine was unnoticeable. This was due to the diligent planning and advertisement of the activities. Congratulations to all of you who were involved with this rare prestigious event, job well done. As stated in my previous message our group should learn from this, in the fact with a well-scheduled and advertised effort the ability to disrupt the usual routine is not that much of a disruption at all.

The Board and I encourage all of you to continue to attend our meetings and Technical Sessions as you did this past meeting. November will offer 3 PDH credits if you attend both the Tech Session and dinner meeting, working out to about \$12 per credit, remaining quite a bargain. We have received a number of applications for Life Membership to the Section and are on the lookout for more. We are planning an "induction" ceremony for the near future to honor these individuals for their lifetime commitment to our Section and promotion of the industry. Lastly in regards to our Section, our 50th birthday is on the doorstep and we ask that you keep September 2016 in mind for our celebration of our golden year. We intend to have a special dinner meeting our usual third Wednesday with distinctive features commemorating the anniversary.

The holiday season is upon us with the stores already jam-packed with Christmas items and we have not even handed out candy to the hungry little ghost and goblins. As our schedules are busy with work and life, please be safe in your travels as you visit friends and family, leave some extra time for those pesky work zones, but remember to slow down in these areas for our highway workers. Enjoy your families and the rest of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES with all the hard work from the Newsletter Committee.

Respectfully,
Jeff Given, PE
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

2015-16 MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ November 18
- ◆ January 20
- ◆ February 17
- ◆ March 16
- ◆ April 20

Costs will continue as in previous years

\$35—advance registration

\$45—after the registration deadline or at the door

\$20—public agency/student

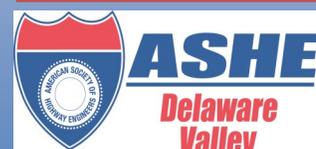
Technical Sessions (as of this printing)

- ◆ November 18 (see page 3 for more information)
- ◆ February 17
- ◆ April 20

More information and details will be provided as they become available

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IN MEMORIAM - ED PEERS



Edward K. Peers passed away suddenly on September 8. Ed was a Section Member for many years and well as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He worked at HDR in Plymouth Meeting for the past 9 years and prior to that at Wilbur Smith Associates in Chalfont for over 10 years, with a total of over 30 years of service in the engineering profession.

He was born and raised in Philadelphia and received his Bachelors degree from Drexel University in 1982. In his free time, he was an avid fan of Philadelphia sports teams and a history buff, particularly the Civil War. He enjoyed listening to classical music and designing and building things around the house.

Ed is predeceased by his wife, Gale, and is survived by his fiance, Lora Yanagawa, seven daughters, four sons, one grandson, and two brothers.

Memorial donations can be made to the Peers Family Trust Fund, which is being established at this time.

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IS APPROACHING...

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Our Section will celebrate 49 years of existence in early 2016. It was formed in September 1966 with a total of 69 members. Our

Charter was approved by ASHE National on January 25, 1967 as the tenth Section in the then-fledgling ASHE organization (which itself was founded in 1956, with the Harrisburg Section holding Charter #1).

We have created a 50th Anniversary Committee to review and recommend ways to cite our golden anniversary season, which will begin next September. Coming editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES will include information on items and events that will be planned and scheduled for this special season.

DONNA PRENTICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION (AND OTHERS) - 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, 5 students received awards totaling \$6500. 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 **October 30**. Information and applications are provided on our website (ashedv.org) in the News section. 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. It was renamed in honor of the late **Donna Prentice**, wife of longtime Section member Rich Prentice, in 2003.

In addition to our usual Section Scholarship effort, we will once again be assisting another group with selection for the **Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarship** for Penn State students, which was started last year. New this year, another resource is available to us in the form of a designated fund established by National in memory of Past President **Pat Dougherty** for Villanova students. Information and applications for each are also available on our website as above.

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. Please encourage a student you may know to consider an application.

THE FULCRUM INTERNATIONAL JOB RESOURCE

The Fulcrum International (TFI) provides a variety of professional communications and human resources consulting services. Through its arrangement with ASHE National, it can help you locate staff through the TFI Job Bank and with recruitment. ASHE members receive a **10% discount** on all job posts and advertisements. Searching for jobs and posting resumes is always **FREE** to registered members. Just register as an Employer or a Job Seeker to begin.

For more information on advertising contact TFI at 407-228-1747 or via e-mail at Jacklyn.vanderpol@thefulcrumintl.com.

TECHNICAL SESSION – NOVEMBER 18 - PDH's !!

The first Technical Session of the season will be conducted prior to our November 18 Section Meeting. The topic will be **"SR 0095 Stormwater Planning and Management"** and it will be presented by AECOM.

The Session will start at 4:15 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 and April. More information will be provided in upcoming editions of 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 10. After a few hours of hard work, the group relaxed at a well-deserved happy hour. Regular clean-ups will be scheduled twice a year in the future, most likely in the Spring and Fall time frames.



in January/February.

For those who like networking (as opposed to cleaning...), the Committee will be scheduling its annual social/happy hour with our friends at the ASCE YMF in December. More information will be provided on this at our November Section meeting. We hope all young members (both young in age and young at heart) will be there to share some food, drink and camaraderie (especially the camaraderie, which is free!).

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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. Those of you with PE licenses in Pennsylvania renewed at the beginning of October, thus you hopefully had enough Professional Development Hours (PDH) to do so. (And don't forget - you can carry over up to 12 PDH's for the next renewal period.)

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, should this be needed.

SO YOU WANT TO BE ON A SECTION COMMITTEE...?

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

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

2015-16 DVSP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Our Section started the Delaware Valley Section Patron (DVSP) Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. As we begin our eleventh year of this Program (!), we are proud to note that 24 firms (one more than last season) have signed on as DVSP's thus far (logos of these firms are shown on page 5).

Many thanks to those of you who have committed and helped support our Section's many activities. As you may be aware, the proceeds of the DVSP Program go directly to support our Section's Scholarship Fund.

We are pleased to note that five DVSP participants - **AECOM, McCormick Taylor, McMahon, TPD and Urban Engineers** - have been sponsors for all 11 years of the Program's existence. Thank you for your long-time support!

If you are not in this Program and would like to join, please contact Bob Wright (information on page 6).

**DVSP benefits -
\$200 for the season:**

**Logo and Hotlink on
Section Website (ashedv.org)**

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

2015-16 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP)

Our generous supporters thus far this season are listed below. **Thanks for your ongoing support.**

Don't see your logo here? Want to? See page 4 for more information on our DVSP program.



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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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Wright Now at Pennoni

Section Immediate Past President and Editor of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES **Bob Wright** recently took a position as Senior Highway/Transportation Engineer at Pennoni Associates at its main office in University City. He was a Vice President at Urban Engineers prior to his move to Pennoni. We wish him well in his new spot.

FIRMS/SPONSORS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

Bergmann Associates is pleased to announce two new hires in its local offices.

Ted Daly will be leading Bergmann's Ports & Harbors group, based in Conshohocken. He will focus on the ports and navigation practice throughout the firm's network of 12 offices across seven states. With over 26 years of ports and harbors operations/engineering leadership in New York, New Jersey and many international locations such as Brazil, Chile, Korea, Panama, and Colombia, he has proven expertise in planning, design, and operations of various waterfront terminals. He has a Bachelors in Marine Transportation from the State University of NY at Maritime (SUNY Maritime) and a Masters in Civil Engineering from Norwich University.

Jay Sim has been appointed as a Senior Structural Engineer and Project Manager in the Transportation department of the firm's Philadelphia office. He was most recently with HDR Engineering as a Bridge Project Manager/Engineer in Plymouth Meeting. He has a B.S. in Civil Construction Engineering from Temple University as well as certifications in bridge safety inspection and OSHA Roadway Construction Safety. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in both Pennsylvania and New York having extensive experience working with such clients as PennDOT, DelDOT, NJDOT, and the Port Authority of NY & NJ.

Congratulations to Ted and Jay on their appointments.

REMINDER

Deadline for copy/information for the next edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

December 18

ASHE 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