

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The plan is to keep this brief so you can all go enjoy those treats hanging around the office this time of year. Most importantly to start off by offering a huge thanks to the Board of Directors that serves our Section. As many of my predecessors have stated, the term of being President is only as good as those you serve and now having the official "title" it is all too clear to me. The Board that we all have continues to serve us without hesitation and with the utmost enthusiasm. Please offer a subtle thanks to these folks who volunteer their "free" time, if you have the opportunity. They have been busy at work behind the scenes to continue to strengthen our Section as one of the best.



Traditionally the construction season winds down this time of year, but given the recent weather it still seems to be full steam ahead. As the calendar year comes to a close, we are all in a rush to get things off our list for a number of reasons, mostly to accomplish a task that has been on our desk for an extended period of time before we head out for the holidays. Take a moment and enjoy what was accomplished this year as I am sure it is impressive.

Moment's over, now back to work. Our meetings are set for the first half of 2016, and we have some great topics to bring to you, including January's joint meeting with Philadelphia ASCE and a presentation on the "New" New York Bridge, formerly known as the Tappan Zee Bridge, only fitting as we bring in the New Year. February brings an update on the PA Turnpike and SR95 Interchange at which point all electronic tolling is scheduled to be in place. Teed up for March is the Vine Street Expressway project that is now in full production after the Pope's visit. Lastly but surely not least, April will bring us Project of the Year, inductions of Life Membership Honorees, and some words from Kevin Johnson, the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year recipient.

To continue with the "new" theme, our Section now has the ability to use credit card payment for dinner meetings. Thanks to Peter Berthold for getting this accomplished. PayPal has been activated on our website and is available now. It is the Board's intention to have this available through the end of this meeting season, and we will reevaluate at that time to determine its viability. It is here for your convenience. Please utilize this feature if it best suits your needs. The traditional methods of the past are all still in place, so no need to worry if you are stuck in your ways.

Also new on the website are the applications for Project of the Year. Please go to the website, grab a copy and submit your project for consideration. It is great to hear about these projects at our April meeting and to see all the work that goes into even the smallest of projects.

Enjoy this edition of the Times, be safe in your travels, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year, may it be a prosperous one.

Proudly Serving,

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

2015-16 MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ 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

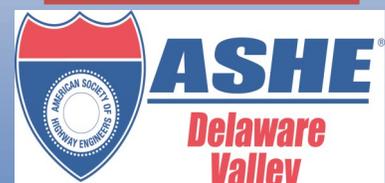
Technical Sessions (as of this printing)

- ◆ February 17
- ◆ April 20

More information and details will be provided as they become available

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**IN MEMORIAM -
BILL RUHLING**

William L. Ruhling, Jr. passed away on October 30 after a brief illness. He was a member of our Section in addition to the American Society of Civil Engineers, and served as a Project Manager with URS and, more recently, AECOM.

Bill is a graduate of Drexel University and was an avid bicyclist and accomplished skier. He was active with several local environmental and animal advocacy groups. He was a regular attendee at our Section meetings and Technical Sessions over the years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Catherine (nee Mahler), and one brother.

Contributions in Bill's name may be made to the Wissahickon Valley Watershed 12 Morris Road, Ambler, PA 19002, the Pennsylvania SPCA 350 E. Erie Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134-9987, or the charity of your choice.

2015 PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION NOW OPEN

The Project of the Year competition is now 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 2015, be located within the geographic boundaries of the Section, and nominated by an ASHE member in good standing.

Applications are due on March 4, 2016.

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

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 PERCENT 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.

DONNA PRENTICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION (ALONG WITH PAT DOUGHERTY AND ROBERT SHAW SCHOLARSHPS) - APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND BEING REVIEWED, SELECTION PROCESS IN MOTION

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 ards totaling \$6500. We are proud to have been able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits.

As of the application deadline for scholarships for this season (October 31), we have received 16 submissions for the three programs that our Section Scholarship Committee is handling (our Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship and Pat Dougherty Memorial/Villanova Scholarship, as well as assistance on the review of applicants for the scholarship sponsored by the Bob Shaw Memorial Golf Outing). Applications are now being reviewed and successful candidates will be notified in January, and invited to attend our February Section Meeting to be honored.

Thanks to Scholarship Chair Sarah McInnes and her Committee for a job well done, once again!





JOHNSON ELECTED AS DELAWARE VALLEY ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

We are proud to announce that Section Member and Past President **Kevin Johnson** has been elected to serve as the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year for 2016. Our Section nominated Kevin for this honor and enlisted the support of several other technical societies to make this happen.



During his 32-year professional career, Kevin has become a recognized leader in the transportation engineering industry. As President and co-founder of Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., a prominent transportation engineering firm in the Mid-Atlantic region, and a member of numerous boards and committees across the state and region, he is one of the faces of transportation in the Greater Philadelphia Region as well as across Pennsylvania. His firm has worked on countless transportation engineering projects across the region which have contributed to the safety and efficiency of lives across the Delaware Valley.

Kevin started TPD, headquartered in Pottstown, in 1989, and he directs its overall operations and business development. Beginning with six employees in a converted farmhouse, the company has grown to over 110 employees located in eight offices. Throughout his career, he has been responsible for the design of over 400 transportation oriented projects and has also prepared and managed nearly 2000 traffic impact and parking studies nationwide for a variety of clients.

Understanding that a healthy work-life balance is one of the most important things an employer can offer, Kevin has, from the beginning, created a flexible and healthy work environment for his staff. As a result, TPD has repeatedly ranked over the past 12 years as one of the best medium-sized places to work in Pennsylvania (#1 ranking in 2004) and among the best civil engineering firms to work nationally (#1 ranking in 2009).

Kevin is only the second Engineer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). He is also a Board member for the Associated Pennsylvania Constructors (APC) and has served on the Board of the Chester County Planning Commission. As an active member of the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) Delaware Valley Chapter, he served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President and President. He is also a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the Transportation Committee for the Pennsylvania Chapter of American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC/PA).

Given his emphasis in community involvement, Kevin strongly encourages his employees to join and become active in the leadership of professional, civic and local government organizations. He has continued to play an integral role in transportation education and awareness. He was one of four engineers to serve on former Governor Corbett's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission and is the only engineer to serve on the Transportation Transition teams for both Governors Corbett and Wolf.

Kevin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Urban Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania in 1981, followed by a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Villanova University in 1983. He has four children and two rescue dogs.

Kevin will be formally installed as Engineer of the Year at the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Awards Luncheon on Friday, February 19, 2016. (see page 4 for more information on Engineers Week activities).

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OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY... JUST OVER A YEAR AWAY THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Our Section will celebrate 49 years of existence next month. 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 charged our 50th Anniversary Committee to develop programs and events to cite our golden anniversary season, which will begin next September with a **special dinner to kick off our Anniversary season. This will be the first meeting of our 2016-17 season and will be conducted on Wednesday, September 21. Please note this in your calendar and hold the date. More details will be provided in coming editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES and event flyers.**

We have also opened a competition for the creation of a special **50th Anniversary logo** to be used as part of our celebrations and events. Logo submissions are due by February 1, 2016 and must follow ASHE National guidelines for logos. More information on this is provided on our website (www.ashedv.org). We hope you will put your creative talents to work and have an interesting logo submission for this contest and we look forward to your designs.

DELAWARE VALLEY ENGINEERS WEEK - NOT FAR OFF...

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, through its Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee, will be celebrating Engineers Week 2016 from February 19 through February 27 and will continue its schedule of three events which will highlight the various contributions of engineers and engineering students in the Delaware Valley. Our Section has continually supported this effort and we are proud to note that one of our own, Kevin Johnson, will be installed as the 2016 Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year during Engineers Week (see page 3 for more information on Kevin's achievement). Please note the dates in your calendar. More information will be provided as details are finalized. Please check the website (www.dvewc.org) for updates.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 19

Doubletree Hotel, Center City Philadelphia

This event is both the kickoff event of Engineers Week and the main event of the Delaware Valley celebrations. A display and poster session of student paper winners will be conducted prior to the Luncheon. All Delaware Valley Awards and Scholarships will be presented. Project and individual awards of all participating engineering societies in the Delaware Valley will be recognized. Engineers Week proclamations received from federal, state and local representatives will be on display. The newly-elected Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year will make brief remarks.

YOUNG ENGINEERS SOCIAL

Tuesday, February 23,

Buffalo Billiards, Philadelphia/Old City

This will be a happy hour/social networking event geared to younger engineers. The Young Engineer of the Year will make brief remarks.

CELEBRATION OF ENGINEERING RECEPTION

Thursday, February 25

Drexel University, Philadelphia/University City

The culminating event of Engineers Week will be a social/networking gala event to celebrate engineering. There will be cocktails, appetizer stations, and dessert stations. Award recipients will be honored with posters, exhibits, and a running PowerPoint presentation in the networking area. Future City Competition Regional winners will display their first-place model. The Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the year will provide brief remarks.

The Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee is always in need of volunteers to assist in the many activities surrounding Engineers Week. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions on the various volunteer opportunities, please contact the Committee at www.dvewc.org.

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ASHE DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION



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 7).

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

NOMINATIONS FOR SECTION OFFICERS ABOUT TO OPEN

The Delaware Valley Section will shortly be opening nominations for new Officers and Directors for our 2016-17 season. We anticipate that several vacancies will open on the Section's Board of Directors for terms ending in 2019 as well as the Second Vice President position.

Nominations can be made to First Vice President Mark Kinnee (makinnee@urbanengineers.com). **Nominations are due by February 17**, the date of our February Section/Board meeting. The proposed slate of incoming nominees will be announced at the March Section meeting.

You can contact Mark for a list of open offices and positions on the Board of Directors.

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. We are now in the eleventh year of this Program, and are proud to note that 26 firms have signed on as DVSP's thus far (logos of these firms are shown on page 6).

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 effort go directly to support our Section's Scholarship Fund.

If you are not in this Program and would like to join, please contact Bob Wright (information given on page 7).

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

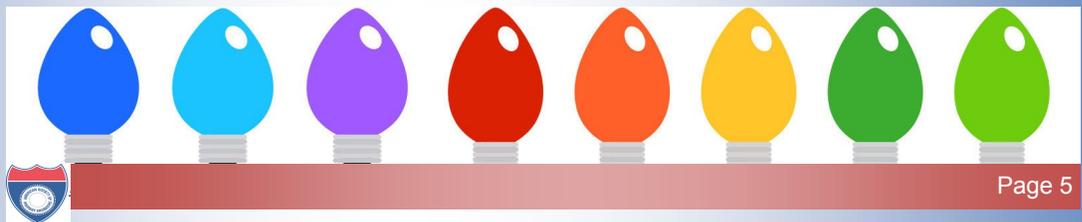
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Section Website (ashedv.org)**

**Logo in
THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

For the third year in a row, the Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum held its annual holiday social/happy hour at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery at the King of Prussia Plaza on Wednesday, December 16. A good turnout (mostly young, but all young at heart) enjoyed the food, brews and camaraderie.

More events are being considered for the coming months, both social/happy hour and park/site cleanup activities. Flyers will be on the tables at our upcoming meetings and information will be provided on our website and 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 you logo here? Want to? See page 5 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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REMINDER

Deadline for copy/
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February 17

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 2016 and we hope you have a joyous, memorable and safe holiday season!

As we enter the new year we've listed 16 things to look forward to and consider in the coming year.

2	<p><i>Editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES to be published after this one PDH's you could have earned from ASHE events so far this season (4 maximum)</i></p> <p><i>Section Scholarship resources available for students (Donna Prentice, Pat Dougherty)</i></p> <p><i>Project of the Year submissions awarded last April</i></p> <p><i>Additional Technical Sessions scheduled this season (February, April)</i></p>
0	<p><i>Excuses you have not to join ASHE</i></p> <p><i>Additional editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES coming your way in 2015 (see you in '16!)</i></p> <p><i>Buckets of coal under the Section Christmas tree for each of our Board members (they've been good this year...!)</i></p>
1	<p><i>Generous group of DVSP participants this season</i></p> <p><i>Section Board of Directors that continues to be involved, active and effective in the representation of our members' interests and the provision of networking and educational opportunities</i></p> <p><i>Successful Golf Outing - please hold Monday, June 27 for this year's Outing</i></p> <p><i>Facebook page - find us, like us!</i></p> <p><i>Year until our 50th anniversary celebration (1/25/17)</i></p>
6	<p><i>Possible PDH's you can earn from our remaining meetings and Technical Sessions (7 maximum anticipated)</i></p> <p><i>At least this number of Section Scholarship awards possible (to be cited in February)</i></p> <p><i>Months until the 2016 Conference in Pittsburgh (more information on this in our next edition)</i></p>

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

