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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this it appears we have skated the brunt of winter and spring is approaching quickly as flower bulbs start to poke their heads in the front gardens. The winter was a busy one for most of us with fair weather and looming project schedules. This also is a sign that our construction projects will be in full force in the upcoming weeks if they are not already.

The Delaware Valley Section of ASHE has also had a busy winter. The Board has been very active in serving, as many of you have witnessed at our recent meetings. To us engineers, numbers are always attractive; here are some numbers for our Section to be proud of:

- The February Technical Session had 80 attendees, a record attendance and still free for members
- Dinner meetings this year have averaged over 185 in attendance.
- Our corporate sponsorship this year has a record number with 27 firms participating
- Scholarships awarded this year totaled \$16,000
- 825 PDH Hours provided between dinner meeting and technical sessions this year
- 30% of meeting attendees are utilizing PayPal for reservations

If you are not attending the Technical Session or dinner meetings, you are missing out on some excellent opportunities for networking and PDH

credits. If you are already one of our regulars, thank you for your continued support - it is very much appreciated.

Our Section has also been fortunate enough to have some very distinguished members receive recognition for their continued tireless efforts. As reported previously Kevin Johnson was named the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year. Rich Prentice has been cited with the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia's Outstanding Service to Engineering in the Delaware Valley Award for

his too many years to count service to ASHE. Last but not least John Caperilla was named Young Engineer of the Year by ASCE Lehigh Valley. Kevin and John have both been nominated for National ASHE awards and hopefully we will see continued success in the next few weeks, fingers crossed. Regardless of the National outcome we are proud to have these folks as members of our Section. When you see these gentlemen at our meetings, please offer each of them sincere thanks for their efforts in supporting and promoting our industry.

Two more quick points, first, PayPal was instituted in January for the benefit of our membership. This method of payment has proven to be valuable to our membership as stated above. We are working to improve and make this more seamless so please bear with us as the kinks are worked out. Secondly we are waist deep in the planning of our 50th Anniversary which will occur at our September 21, 2016 dinner meeting; please mark this date on your calendar as it will be sure to be an event to attend.

Enjoy this edition of the TIMES as tireless hours have been spent gathering and formatting in getting this edition together. Please be safe on the roads and give our highway workers a brake when in the zone.

Proudly Serving,

Jeff Given, PE President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section 2015-16 MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ♦ 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

♦ April 20

More information and details will be provided as they become available

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REMINDER - 2015 PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION OPEN, NOMINATIONS DUE SOON!

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 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.

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

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

A joint happy hour is being planned with the young members' groups of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) for mid-March. The date and location are still being considered, so watch for the event flyer coming your way.

More events are being considered for the coming months, both social/happy hour and park/site cleanup activities (including the next Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, April 17) and a possible bowling night. Flyers will be on the tables at our upcoming meetings and information will be provided on our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES.

UPCOMING EVENTS — HOLD THESE DATES/!



Our 21st Annual Golf Outing will be conducted on Monday, June 27 at Blue Bell Country Club.

More information will be coming your way on this as details are finalized. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

PennDOT Seminar

Our Section has conducted a half-day seminar at PennDOT District 6-0 for several years and will continue the "tradition" this year to help our colleagues at the DOT earn some of the PDH's they may need to continue to renew their licenses and certifications. The seminar will be conducted on **Tuesday, May 17**. More information will be included in a separate event flyer, including the seminar topics and registration information.

As in the past there will be a limit on outside firm attendance to allow PennDOT employees to get priority for registration and participation.





2016 National Conference

May 19-22 Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh

2016conference.ashe.pro

PSPE Delaware County Joint Meeting

Tuesday, **May 17**(more details coming)

-»Pittsburgh

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS—2016-17 SEASON

In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Jeff Given has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2016-17 season. The Committee is tasked to provide its recommended slate at least 60 days before our Annual Membership meeting (April 20, our last meeting of this season) and has announced this at our February Section Dinner Meeting (February 17). This slate must be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Accordingly, the recommended slate is:

PRESIDENT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mark KinneeJack MitchellJohn CaperillaUrban EngineersMcMahon AssociatesBorton - Lawson

TREASURER SECRETARY IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Don Stark Alexa Harper Jeff Given

Ammann & Whitney Gannett Fleming Loftus Construction

REGIONAL DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Transportation

Rob Prophet Rich Prentice
Traffic Planning &
Design

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM EXPIRES 2017 TERM EXPIRES 2018 TERM EXPIRES 2019
Stephanie Butler Elaine Elbich Pete Berthold
McMahon Associates Penna. Dept. of Penna. Dept. of

Transportation

Corey Hull

JMT Phil Mandato Bill Laird

Felix Mandato & Sons HDR

Isaac Kessler
Remington Vernick & Curt Shugars Bruce Masi

Beach Pennoni Associates Gannett Fleming

Nathan Parrish Drew Sirianni Sarah McInnes

HNTB Pennoni Associates Penna. Dept. of

Transportation

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 (Mark Kinnee, (Chair), Jack Mitchell, Jeff Obrecht and Rob Prophet) for their development of this slate.

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.

2015-16 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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John Caperilla Borton-Lawson

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Bob Wright Pennoni Associates

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TERM EXPIRES 2016

Pete Berthold Penna. Dept. of Transportation

Bill Laird HDR

Bruce Masi Gannett Fleming

Sarah McInnes

Penna. Dept. of Transportation

TERM EXPIRES 2017

Stephanie Butler McMahon Associates

Alexa Harper
Gannett Fleming

Corey Hull JMT

Isaac Kessler Remington Vernick & Beach

TERM EXPIRES 2018

Elaine Elbich

Penna. Dept. of Transportation

Phil Mandato Felix Mandato & Sons

Joe Serbu

Penna. Turnpike Commission

Curt Shugars Pennoni Associates

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Rob Prophet Traffic Planning & Design

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rich Prentice



SECTION MEMBERS HONORED DURING DELAWARE VALLEY ENGINEERS WEEK

We are proud to report that two of our Section's members were prominently honored during the recent Delaware Valley Engineers Week celebration (February 19 through 27).

You may have heard that 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 cofounder of Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., a prominent 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.

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 our Section, 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). 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.

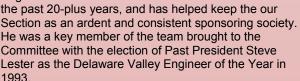
Past National and Section President Richard Prentice was presented with the Outstanding Service to Engineering Award by the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia. Rich began his engineering career with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways in 1968 as a Bridge Engineer. During his 36 years in public service at the Department, which became PennDOT in 1970, he advanced from Bridge Engineer to Project Engineer to his ultimate role as Assistant District Traffic Engineer. He retired from PennDOT in 2004 and moved to the private sector with a position as Project Consultant at McMahon Associates, Inc. at the firm's Fort Washington office. He retired from McMahon in summer 2015.

In his career both at PennDOT and McMahon, Rich has worked on various significant highway and transportation projects in PennDOT's District 6, which encompasses the five-county Philadelphia metropolitan region. He joined our Section in 1972 and became increasingly active in our various committees and programs, and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1984. In 1988, he was moved from the Board into the Section's presidential track, serving as Section President for the 1990-91 season. Following his term as President, he returned to the Board, where he served as a Section Director until 1995. He assisted with the Section's hosting of the ASHE National Conference in 1985 and 1997 and volunteered to become the Section Historian in 1996, a position he continues to hold.

Our Section recognized Rich's talent and energy and nominated him to serve the Society on a regional level. He was elected to the position of Director on the Region 6 Board in 1995, overseeing four sections in

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, becoming Region Secretary in1996, and Region President starting in 2001. Subsequently he began service on the National Board, culminating with his election to National President for the 2006-07 term. He continued service on National and Regional Board committees until 2014. He has worked tirelessly to enhance the value of ASHE membership.

Rich has additionally been involved with the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee over



We are pleased that Rich has been honored accordingly for his 40-plus years of dedication and service.

SECTION COMMITTEES/ CHAIRS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Isaac Kessler

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BREAKFAST MEETING
Alexa Harper
Curt Shugars

AUDITING Bruce Masi

DINNER MEETINGS
Stephanie Butler
Curt Shugars

50TH ANNIVERSARY Mark Kinnee Bob Wright

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Bruce Masi

TECHNICAL SESSIONS
Corey Hull

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Young Members
Alexa Harper

ASHE DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY... COMING UP ... AND THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Our Section celebrated its 49th "birthday" on January 25. 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). To cite this, we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary during the 2016-17 season in several ways.

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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 also conducted a competition for the creation of a special **50th Anniversary logo** to be used as part of our celebrations and events. Logo submissions were due February 1. Bill Faries of



McMahon Associates submitted the chosen logo which will be used throughout our 50th anniversary season (shown at left). *Thanks, Bill!*

More information will be provided in upcoming editions of THE TRANSPORATION TIMES and in separate flyers and mailings on events planned for our 50th anniversary year.

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 8).

Please note that some committees have co-chairs to assist in the oftencomplicated 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. We are now in the eleventh year of this Program, and are proud to note that 27 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 8).

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 you logo here? Want to? See page 5 for more information on our DVSP program.











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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarships

Robert Barnett Widener University Jared Celona **Temple University** Cameron Connors Widener University James Dougherty Widener University Jonathan Hill **Temple University** Paulina Iniewicz **Drexel University** Daniel Mantour Temple University Garrett Otteni **Drexel University** Maulin Patel **Drexel University** Stephen Yarosh Widener University Nicholas Zoccoli Villanova University

Pat Dougherty Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Zoccoli Villanova University

Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarships

(all Penn State University)

Jeremick Agudelo

Jean Carlos Suarez Guzman

Michael Rampersaud

SCHOLARSHIPS - AWARDS MADE!

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.

This year, we were able to make awards for three separate programs - our own Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship program, the Robert Shaw Memorial Scholarship (funded by the golf outing of the same name and administered by our Section, limited to Penn State students) and the Pasquale "Pat" Dougherty Memorial Scholarship, using funds provided by ASHE National, and limited to Villanova students.

As of the application deadline for this season in October, we had received a total of 16 submissions for our Scholarship program. Our Section Scholarship Committee went to work to evaluate the applications, never an easy task given the caliber of candidates, and developed a "slate" of 11 recipients for our Donna Prentice Memorial Section Scholarship. The total dollar value of these 11 awards was \$10,000.

Additionally, three applicants shared \$5,000 in awards for the Shaw program, and one candidate received \$1,000 for the Dougherty effort.

Overall, our Section was able to grant \$16,000 in scholarships to deserving students - very impressive by any standard! The list of successful applicants is provided at left.

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



We were pleased to have most of the recipients able to attend our February Section meeting, as shown in the photo above. In addition, members of the Shaw and Dougherty families were able to attend to meet the students and help us recognize them for their efforts.

Our Section has awarded over \$150,000 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.

We encourage students to apply for our scholarships when the time comes around again next season, and we look to parents of students to help us support their children's educations by suggesting that and encouraging them to apply!



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 TRANSPORTATION TIMES

March 18

ANOTHER OPTION FOR MEETING REGISTRATION—PAYPAL!

You may have noticed starting with the January meeting that we now have an online Section meeting registration and payment option through PayPal.. This can be used with a PayPal account or a credit card. Details are given on each monthly meeting flyer.

This option will be available until the close of registration for "on time" reservations, generally the Friday before the meeting.

We hope this will be useful for your purposes, and we welcome your feedback.

MEMBERS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

Caperilla Named Young Civil Engineer of the Year

Borton-Lawson is pleased to announce that Section Secretary **John Caperilla** has been selected as Young Civil Engineer of the Year by the Lehigh Valley American Society of Civil Engineers (LVASCE). John was honored at the Lehigh Valley Engineers Week banquet on February 26. He will also be recognized at the LVASCE meeting on March 31.

Please join us in congratulating John on this well-deserved honor!

Laird Now at HDR

Section Board Member **Bill Laird** accepted a position as Senior Project Manager at the Plymouth Meeting office of HDR in December. Good luck, Bill!

Kessler Moves to RVE

Section Board Member **Isaac Kessler** accepted a position at the Conshohocken office of Remington, Vernick and Beach Engineers in November. Congratulations, Isaac!

FIRMS/SPONSORS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

Trumbull Construction Management Services Joins JMT

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) and Trumbull Construction Management Services (TCMS) are proud to announce that an agreement has been reached for the acquisition of TCMS by JMT. The addition of TCMS strengthens and broadens JMT's existing commitment in the Pennsylvania and Ohio construction management and inspection markets.

Founded in 1971, JMT is a 100 percent employee-owned firm based in Sparks, MD, with offices strategically located throughout the US, including Pennsylvania offices in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, York, Allentown and Philadelphia, and Ohio offices in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus. The firm ranked #75 among the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms and currently employs more than 70 construction management and inspection employees in Pennsylvania and more than 370 in total, part of the firm's more than 1300 engineers, architects, planners, surveyors, environmental scientists and other professionals.

JMT President **John A. Moeller, PE**, said regarding the agreement: "We've had the pleasure to work with TCMS and to observe their dedication to excellence in construction management and inspection for many years. Now, we are excited for the opportunity to work together as a team every day."

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