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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and hope that 2017 has had a positive start. There has certainly been a lot of activity at the federal level since my last message in November. New Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao is now in place, and we are anxiously waiting to see what future federal funding for transportation will look like. There are positive indications that transportation funding will be addressed, but as always, there remains the question as to how it will be funded. The use of private funding for P3's will likely be part of the solution, however it is just one "tool in the toolbox" and will not address all of our needs.



Our 2017 ASHE program kicked off in January with a presentation by Brad Heigel, Chief Engineer for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Brad provided an informative presentation on the Commission's capital plan and the challenges that it faces with maintaining its infrastructure while meeting payments under Act 44. For the Commission to sustain its capital plan, it is crucial that the Act 44 payments are sunset in 2021 in accordance with Act 89.

In February, we had a Project of the Year presentation on the Maple Avenue Bridge Replacement and Roundabout by Chris Stanford and Audrey Corrado from Michael Baker. We also recognized our eighteen scholarship award winners who will be distributed a total of \$20,000! A special thanks to everyone who supports our annual Golf Outing, which funds the scholarship program. The Dinner Meeting was also preceded by a Technical Session on ethics by Powell Trachtman, which will help fulfill your ethics PDH required by several states in our region.

We are looking forward to our March Dinner Meeting, which will be a joint meeting with MASITE on Connected & Autonomous Vehicles. Our speaker will be Roger Cohen, the Policy Director for PennDOT. This is a very relevant topic for our industry and particularly here in Pennsylvania, with technology being a major focus for PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards. As you may be aware, Pittsburgh has been a test site for Uber's autonomous vehicles and is now one of ten sites in the country that have been officially designated as proving grounds for autonomous vehicle testing by the USDOT.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your support of the organization. It has been great to see the big turnouts each month at our Dinner Meetings, and I am encouraged by the number of new faces we continue to see as well. I look forward to seeing everyone on March 15 at our next one.

Respectfully,
Mark Kinney, PE
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ March 15
- ◆ April 19
- ◆ May - to be scheduled (joint with Delco PSPE)

Dinner costs are as follows:

\$40—advance registration

\$50—after the registration deadline or at the door

\$20—public agency/student

Technical Sessions

- ◆ April 19

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS—2017-18 SEASON

In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Mark Kinnee has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2017-18 season. The Committee is tasked to provide its recommended slate at least 60 days before our Annual Membership meeting (April 19, our last meeting of this season) and the Board-approved slate was announced at our February Section Dinner meeting. The slate must be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Accordingly, the recommended slate is:

PRESIDENT Jack Mitchell <i>McMahon Associates</i>	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT John Caperilla <i>Borton - Lawson</i>	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Alexa Egan Harper <i>Gannett Fleming</i>
TREASURER Don Stark <i>AEG</i>	SECRETARY Corey Hull <i>JMT</i>	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Mark Kinnee <i>Urban Engineers</i>
REGIONAL DIRECTOR Rob Prophet <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i>		EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Rich Prentice

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM EXPIRES 2018 Elaine Elbich <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	TERM EXPIRES 2019 Peter Berthold <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	TERM EXPIRES 2020 Jeff Given <i>Loftus Construction</i>
Phil Mandato <i>Felix Mandato & Sons</i>	Bill Laird <i>HDR</i>	Isaac Kessler <i>Remington Vernick & Beach</i>
Curt Shugars <i>Pennoni Associates</i>	Bruce Masi <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	Mike Mogan <i>Bergmann Associates</i>
Drew Sirianni <i>Pennoni Associates</i>	Sarah McInnes <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	Nate Parrish <i>HNTB</i>

Per our Bylaws, nominations will remain open until at least 21 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Additional nominations may be submitted by correspondence to our Section Secretary (Alexa Harper) prior to our March meeting, provided the nomination petition has been signed by at least 10 percent of the Section membership and the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. The new slate of Officers and Board members will be installed at the Annual Membership Meeting (our April 19 Section meeting).

Thanks to the Nominating Committee (Jack Mitchell (Chair), John Caperilla, Bruce Masi and Jeff Obrecht) for their development of this slate.

REMINDER - 2016 PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION OPEN

The Project of the Year competition is open for submissions. The program will follow the usual two-category format, with separate awards for “large” and “small” efforts (the breakpoint between the categories will be determined during the review process).

Projects must have been substantially completed and open to the public in 2016, be located within the geographic boundaries of the Section, and nominated by an ASHE member in good standing.

Applications are due on March 2. Please visit our Section’s website (delvalley.ashe.pro) for more information and applications.

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AEG

SECRETARY

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SECTION COMMITTEES/ CHAIRS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
Isaac Kessler

ASHE/PENNDOT
BREAKFAST MEETING
Alexa Egan Harper
Curt Shugars

AUDITING
Bruce Masi

DINNER MEETINGS
Drew Sirianni

50TH ANNIVERSARY
Mark Kinnee
Bob Wright

50/50
Nate Parrish

GOLF
Rob Prophet

HOTEL
Phil Mandato

MEMBERSHIP
Isaac Kessler

NEWSLETTER
Bob Wright

NOMINATING
Jack Mitchell

PROGRAM
Mark Kinnee

PROJECT OF THE
YEAR
Stephanie Butler

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Corey Hull

SCHOLARSHIPS
Sarah McInnes

SOCIAL/SOCIETY
RELATIONS
Elaine Elbich

STUDENT CHAPTERS
John Caperilla

TECHNICAL PAPERS
Bruce Masi

TECHNICAL SESSIONS
Bill Laird

WEBSITE
Pete Berthold

YOUNG MEMBERS
Alexa Egan Harper
Drew Sirianni

ASHE DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION

IN MEMORIAM ALAN PIZZI

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Section Past President **Alan Pizzi**, who left us very suddenly on January 16.*

Al served as the practice leader of cost estimating at Urban Engineers for a number of years, handling the firm's estimating services on numerous large assignments, including mega projects in New York, California, and Florida. Prior to joining Urban, he worked for some of the region's most respected contractors, including Conduit & Foundation, Buckley & Co., and Allan Myers. Additionally, Al worked in France for several years where he was involved in the construction of a large energy facility.

Al was well known and admired, and was a "giant" in the construction industry. He always had a demeanor of professionalism, respect and kindness. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, and two sons. Please keep Al's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

DCTMA MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE

The Delaware County Transportation Management Association will be conducting its 15th Annual Municipalities Conference and Trade Show on Thursday, March 30 at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center in Drexel Hill. This year's theme is "PennDOT Connects – Creating Multimodal Transportation Networks", with Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards providing the keynote address.

More than 175 planning officials, engineers and other transportation experts from throughout the region are expected to attend. Representatives of area consulting firms, agencies and other related businesses will have exhibit booths at the trade show. A panel representing PennDOT, DVRPC, SEPTA and Urban Engineers will present a discussion on the "PennDOT Connects" theme as well. DCTMA will present the recipient of its Engineering Scholarship during the event. Two PDH's are available for attendance at the presentations.

The event will begin at 7:30 AM and finish with a buffet lunch at 12:30. For more information, please visit the DCTMA website:

www.dctma.org/municipalities-conference/

Thinking About Joining a Section Committee...?

If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Mark Kinnee (information is provided on page 7).

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



TAKE A PEEK AT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE !

Please visit delvalley.ashe.pro for all of our Section's information you'll need to keep up-to-date on things.

2016-17 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 proud to note that 32 firms have committed as DVSP's for this season. Logos of these firms are provided on page 5.

**DVSP benefits
(\$200 for the season)**

**Logo and Hotlink on
Section Website
(delvalley.ashe.pro)**

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up and helped support our Section. As you may be aware, the proceeds of the DVSP go directly to support our Section's Scholarship Fund. For a \$200 fee for the season, sponsoring firms are cited for their support with their logos displayed on our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES. This also provides a "hot link" to access the firm's website directly from ours.

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

*We are pleased to note that five DVSP participants - **AECOM, McCormick Taylor, McMahon, TPD and Urban Engineers** - have been sponsors for all 12 years of the Program's existence. Thank you for your long-time support!*

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Winterfest Social, a joint event with ASHE South Jersey at the Blue Cross River Rink at Penns Landing, was held on **January 26** (rescheduled from November 30 because of inclement weather). The event was well-attended, with roughly 30 at the rink (and some of them even skating!), and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

A Professional Clothing Drive was successfully conducted at our January Dinner Meeting. Roughly **30 bags** of clothing were collected from your generous efforts and donations, with those for women benefitting **PA Workwear** and the men's items going to **Community Action Development Commission Fatherhood Empowerment Program**. Thanks to all who made donations!



The Spring "version" of our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will occur on **Sunday, April 9**. A separate flyer will be distributed on this. The group pictured at left gathered on site in October to participate in the Fall clean-up effort, which combines the "forces" of ASCE's Younger Member Forum with our Young Member Committee. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Additional events are being considered for the remainder of this season. Please watch this space and e-mail updates for more information as these events develop.

REMINDER - DINNER MEETING COST INCREASE

The cost for Dinner Meetings has increased by \$5, from \$35 to \$40, this season. This reflects the higher costs from our provider, Radisson. We have strived to keep this cost as low as possible and the hotel staff has continued to work with us on this. The dinner price had been able to be held at \$35 for the past six seasons.

The cost for reservations made in advance is \$40, with the price for those past the deadline and walk-ins at the door going to \$50. The government agency and student rate is \$20.

We appreciate your understanding.

REMINDER - ELECTRONIC DINNER MEETING PAYMENT AVAILABLE

When you register to attend Section meetings, we encourage you to pay electronically with PayPal. It's easy and eliminates the need for tracking checks and cash at the door, getting you into the meeting more quickly! Please remember to include your PayPal receipt when sending in your dinner reservations.

Additional details are provided in each Dinner Meeting notice/flyer.

2016-17 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP)

Our generous supporters 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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DONNA PRENTICE AND ROBERT SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS - APPLICATIONS REVIEWED, 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.

Last season, we made awards totaling \$10,000 to 11 students for the Donna Prentice Scholarship and 3 Penn State students shared \$5000 for the Robert Shaw Scholarship. We are proud to be able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits.

This season, there is a total of \$15,000 in scholarship funding that has been divided among 16 successful applicants for the Donna Prentice Scholarship. Additionally, two students have been selected to receive the Robert Shaw Scholarship based on the submissions reviewed and recommendations made by our Scholarship Committee. The successful candidates, listed at right, were invited to attend our February dinner meeting to be cited in person. Those who were able to attend the meeting and be honored are pictured below.



Thanks to our Scholarship Committee and Chair Sarah McInnes for its usual diligence and good work on this.

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. As a reminder, renewal in Pennsylvania will come around again this fall.

Planning ahead, this may be a good time to assess what your PDH needs are and how you can plan to have them without having to scurry around at the last minute. Our Section's meeting program and Technical Sessions have offered 7 PDH opportunities thus far this season. There will be more with upcoming meetings, one Technical Session, and our PennDOT seminar. Additionally, the ASHE National Conference will have opportunities for 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.

ASHE's requirements for PDH's include submission of a short review of information presented at the meeting, which must be completed by the attendee before he/she can receive the PDH certificate. This process was started at our October meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DONNA PRENTICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Angelo Algeri, Temple University

Marcy Bardman, To be decided

Robert Barnett, Widener University

Harmony Bernhauser, Drexel University

Matthew Gehman, Temple University

Alexander Hazuda, Temple University

Zachary Hill, Widener University

Elizabeth Louwers, Villanova University

Emma Majercak, To be decided

Emily Morrison, Widener University

Garrett Otteni, WPI

Maulin Patel, Drexel University

Maria Raggousis, Drexel University

Danielle Schroeder, Drexel University

Noah Yoder, Widener University

Nicholas Zoccoli, Villanova University

ROBERT SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Matthew Brenfleck

Luke Hozey

Pennsylvania State University

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
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March 15

FIRMS/SPONSORS IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

TPD's "12 Days of Giving" Program is Successfully Complete!

As the 2016 holiday season has come to an end, so has Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.'s (TPD) unique holiday giving program, which was created to benefit students, residents, and even animals across the Mid-Atlantic region. This program also helped members of the firm continue to fulfill one of their collective corporate values: *The commitment to bettering their surrounding communities through charitable work and giving.*



The firm's "12 Days of Giving" program spread holiday cheer in the following ways:

- 1) *Donated \$500 to a Montgomery County STEM program*
- 2) *Volunteered and donated clothing at the Pottstown Cluster in Pottstown*
- 3) *Donated over 180 books to Liberty Thrift as well as the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*
- 4) *Provided 171 toys to the US Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots Program*
- 5) *Donated and decorated 60 stockings at an adult day center in Limerick*
- 6) *Donated over 3.5 pounds of can tabs to benefit the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House charity*
- 7) *Sent over 120 pounds of packaged, non-perishable foods to the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Collegeville*
- 8) *Over 25 staff members donated baked goods to food pantries and shelters in Montgomery and Chester Counties*
- 9) *Donated wreaths as well as placed over 90 wreaths on veterans' gravestones as part of the national "Wreaths Across America" program*
- 10) *Provided over 70 (completely adorable) greeting cards to brighten the days of Manatawny Manor senior living residents in Pottstown*
- 11) *Collected over \$270 worth of donations for the Animal Rescue League of Berks County*
- 12) *Donated over 280 craft kits to Caitlin's Smiles of Harrisburg, which will be bundled and sent to local hospitals to help occupy children's down time at the hospitals*

TPD is a transportation engineering firm with eight offices across Pennsylvania and New Jersey. TPD's 130+ professionals specialize in providing highway design, bridge design and inspection, transportation planning and permitting, traffic signal and system design, construction management and inspection, complete streets and trail design, environmental services and permitting, as well as expert witness support for crash investigations.

To see photos and more information on all completed activities, visit <https://trafficpd.smugmug.com/Winter-2016-12-Days-of-Giving/>.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS — MISSION STATEMENT

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