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Meeting Schedule

"Dinner" Meetings

March 16

April 20

Please see the article on Dinner Meetings (page 2) for more information.

Technical Sessions will be scheduled throughout the season and will be conducted virtually. See the article below for more information.

President's Message

A belated Happy New Year from ASHE DelVal! Our year has gotten off to a busy start with Virtual Lunchtime Presentations and Technical Sessions, a 2022 ASHE YMC Winter Mixer with ASCE and MASITE, and the Future City competition. Thank you all to all those who have participated in these events and getting 2022 off to a good start.

This year the ASHE Younger Member Committee hosted an outdoor Joint Winter Mixer with the ASCE Philadelphia Younger Member Forum, and MASITE. The event was held at the Blue Cross River Rink along the Delaware River with great success and high attendance among the three organizations. Congratulations to **Kevin Rice, Ben Deatrich, YMC** and all those that attended for a great event. Photos of the event can be seen in this edition (page 4).



The Future City Competition was held in January, and a big shout out to **Jeff Obrecht** and **Jeff Guzy** is in order as they both represented ASHE DelVal again. The ASHE Infrastructure Award, in a close competition, was awarded to **St. Cecilia School** for their project about a floating city named Gemma Maris, aka the "Jewel of the Sea". Their presentation video and slide show are available at <https://www.futurecityphilly.org/M/lobby.htm>. We are proud to be a continuing sponsor of this event and thank both Jeffs for volunteering their time for our Section.

Also, since the beginning of the year our Project of the Year team, headed by **Matt Ward**, has been busy collecting applications for all the great projects being submitted for consideration. His team will be hard at work evaluating all these submissions and the winners will be announced at our April meeting. Currently we are planning on holding this meeting as an outdoor in-person event so please be on the lookout for future information on that.

And lastly, the Nominating Committee has also been hard at work to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the coming season. This recommended slate can be found in this edition (page 3). As you can see, a lot has happened since the new year, and these are just the highlights. A lot of hard work is done by the Board behind the scenes, and we are always looking for volunteers to join a committee or two.

I look forward to seeing you virtually at our March lunchtime presentation and hopefully in person in April.

Sincerely,

Bradford (Corey) Hull, PE
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

Technical Sessions

We continue to schedule Technical Sessions with a plan of approximately one per month over the course of this season. More are in the works over the next couple of months. Separate flyers will be distributed on these with details on each Session and information on RSVP and registration. We hope to "see" you at these as your schedule permits.

The format will continue to vary between one-hour sessions (generally being scheduled for a 12 Noon start) and two-hour meetings (primarily to occur at the end of the day, with a 4 PM start). All Technical Sessions this season will be presented as virtual events, as these have been well-received by members from both scheduling and convenience standpoints.



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**2021-22 Delaware Valley
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Board of Directors**

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Please thank these individuals for their volunteer service in the administration and operation of our Section.

Term expires 2023

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Kevin Rice
HNTB

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**Section Committees/
Chairs**

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**ASHE/PennDOT
Breakfast Meeting**

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Bruce Masi

Dinner Meetings

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50/50

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Golf

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Hotel

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Membership

Dave High

Newsletter

Bob Wright

Nominating

Nate Parrish

Program

Corey Hull
Kim Waters

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

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

Project of the Year

Matt Ward

Public Relations

Corey Hull

Scholarships

Sarah McInnes

**Social/Society
Relations**

Elaine Elbich

Student Chapters

Mariah Kerr

Technical Papers

Bruce Masi

Technical Sessions

Steve DiSciullo
John Quirus

Website

Pete Berthold

Young Members

Ben Deatrich
Kevin Rice

Dinner Meetings - Back in Person? Really?? (Keep Your Fingers Crossed...!)

As you are aware, we have decided to err on the side of caution thus far this season, but at this point will look to conduct our last meeting (April) as an in-person event, given the easing of restrictions happening as this is being written. We had planned to do this at the start of 2022 but the stability and certainty we all are hoping for was still not giving us a level of confidence to do so, particularly with the variant situation. Our March meeting will be a virtual event.

As much as we would like to have in-person meetings, we understood the need for extra attention to safety as we planned ahead. We certainly did not want to put our members at undue risk or in an uncomfortable situation, particularly a situation that remained ever-changing and evolving, and we appreciate your patience on this.

We are completing a good program of meeting topics and will continue to provide professional development credit (PDH) as appropriate. While, unfortunately, you have not been able to benefit from the usual networking and social opportunities when we have conducted virtual meetings, we knew there was at least the learning opportunity and PDH credit available for you.

Technical Sessions will continue to be virtual events for this season, as this format and timing seems to have been well-received by attendees and members.

We thank you for bearing with us on this, and we know we are all in this together.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022-23 Season

It's hard to believe, but it's almost time to "change the guard" again. In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Corey Hull has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the coming 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). The recommended slate is provided below, to comply with the requirement of our Section Bylaws that it be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Accordingly, the recommended slate is as follows:

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| <p>President Nate Parrish <i>HNTB</i></p> | <p>First Vice President Isaac Kessler <i>Remington & Vernick Engineers</i></p> | <p>Second Vice President Amber Midgley <i>AECOM</i></p> |
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| <p>Treasurer Steve DiSciullo <i>Michael Baker International</i></p> | <p>Secretary Kevin Rice <i>HNTB</i></p> |
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| <p>Immediate Past President Corey Hull <i>JMT</i></p> | <p>Regional Director John Caperilla <i>McTish, Kunkel & Associates</i></p> | <p>Section Executive Bob Wright <i>McMahon Associates</i></p> |
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Board of Directors

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| <p><i>Term Expires 2023</i> Don Gusic <i>CDM Smith</i></p> | <p><i>Term Expires 2024</i> Elaine Elbich <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i></p> | <p><i>Term Expires 2025</i> Peter Berthold <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i></p> |
| <p>Mariah Kerr <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i></p> | <p>Alexa Egan Harper <i>Gannett Fleming</i></p> | <p>Bruce Masi <i>Gannett Fleming</i></p> |
| <p>Matt Ward <i>TranSystems</i></p> | <p>Bob O'Neill <i>Lotus Environmental</i></p> | <p>Sean Pence <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i></p> |
| <p>Steve Windle <i>McMahon Associates</i></p> | <p>Kimberly Waters <i>JMT</i></p> | <p>Juli Wolfe <i>RETTEW</i></p> |

We welcome new prospective Board Members Don Gusic, Sean Pence, Matt Ward, Kimberly Waters and Juli Wolfe.

Per our Bylaws, nominations will remain open until at least 21 days prior to our Annual Membership meeting. Additional nominations may be submitted by correspondence to Section Secretary Amber Midgley 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 our Annual Membership meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee - Nate Parrish (Chair), Isaac Kessler, Bruce Masi, Jeff Obrecht, and Matt Ward - for their development of this slate.

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 you may be aware, the proceeds of the DVSP are entirely dedicated to 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 each edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES. This also provides a "hot link" to access the firm's website directly from ours.

DVSP benefits
(\$200 for the season)

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

Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES

As Season 17 of the DVSP Program is winding down, we have a total of 29 sponsors. They are represented by their logos, shown on page 5 as well as on our website. **Many thanks to those of you who have been a part of this program and helped support our Section!**

If you are not already a DVSP and would like to join or find out more about the program, please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 7).

Young Members Committee Happenings

The Committee will continue to follow current guidance on gatherings and group functions as this develops and changes. We are reviewing possible events and activities that can be conducted this season within the guidance and restrictions in place, particularly as these guidelines appear to be easing.

The Young Member Committee, in conjunction with the ASCE Philadelphia Younger Member Forum and MASITE, co-hosted the **2022 Joint Winter Mixer** at the Blue Cross River Rink located at Penns Landing in Philadelphia on February 2. The venue provided a great place to enjoy ice skating, food, and drinks while gathering with one's colleagues. The groups combined to result in a healthy turnout, as can be seen in these photos.



Please watch for more information on planned and upcoming events, both in event flyers as well as email blasts and communications.

PennDOT Breakfast Seminar - Planned...



Our Section has conducted a half-day "breakfast meeting"/seminar at PennDOT District 6-0 for several years and will continue the "tradition" this year, although it will be a virtual session this time around (and breakfast is on your own...).

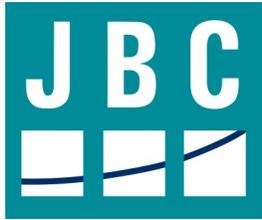
At this point the date for this is tentative and is anticipated to be set shortly. More information will be provided in a separate event flyer, including the seminar topics and registration information. The event will be open to all ASHE Delaware Valley Section members.

PDH's will be available for the sessions presented at this Seminar.

ASHE '22 NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 12-15 COLUMBUS, OH



Please watch for updates and additional information in the next edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES or visit 2022conference.ashe.pro.



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Thanks for your support!

Your logo could be here — see page 3
for more information on the DVSP program.



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We are pleased to note that five DVSP participants - AECOM, McCormick Taylor, McMahon, TPD and Urban Engineers - have been sponsors for all 17 years of the Program. Thank you for your long-time support!

Members in Transportation/Transition

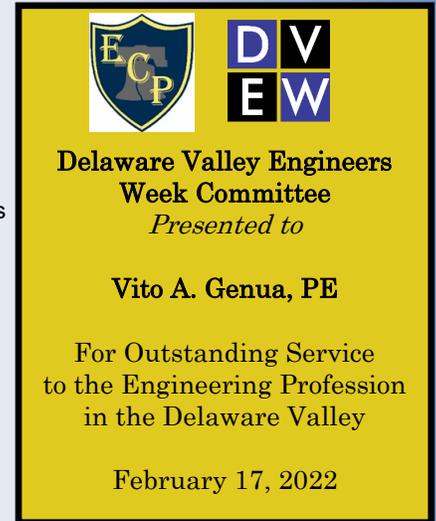
Brown Now at TranSystems

The TranSystems/L.R. Kimball team is happy to welcome Section Member **Kevin Brown** as a Field Director leading construction work in Eastern Pennsylvania for the firm. Most recently, he managed PennDOT's \$40 Million I-76 Viaduct Rehabilitation Project. Congratulations to Kevin on his new spot.

Genua Cited for Outstanding Service

Section Member **Vito Genua** was cited by the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia for his Outstanding Service to Engineering. This award was made at the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Opening Ceremony on February 17. Vito is a Special Projects Manager at Gannett Fleming in its Valley Forge office, where he oversees all aspects of project design and maintains project schedules and budgets. Prior to his service at Gannett Fleming, which has spanned the last 17 years, he held various positions at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation over a 33-year career at the District 6 office in King of Prussia, starting as a Civil Engineer and rising to Assistant District Executive for Design.

Over his combined and impressive 50 years of engineering service, Vito has been involved in numerous notable and regionally-significant projects that have addressed the growing transportation needs of the Delaware Valley, including the US 202 Corridor, I-95 Revitalization, and the I-95/I-276 Pennsylvania Turnpike connection. He has also provided needed coordination among the District's five counties (which includes the City of Philadelphia), municipalities, SEPTA, and other state and federal agencies in the implementation and delivery of critical projects. We congratulate Vito on this honor!



Environmentally Speaking...

Our Environmental Committee provides this regular feature in *THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES* on items of interest from the environmental side for our awareness and information. We are grateful to the Committee for its help in providing this.

Changes in Trout Stocking dates lead to new seasonal in-stream work restrictions

By Bob O'Neill, Lotus Environmental

The following text is an excerpt from a bulletin that was supplied to PennDOT by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission concerning revisions to seasonal, in-stream work restrictions on trout-stocked watercourses due to changes in trout stocking dates:



*Historically, preseason [trout] stocking began on March 1 and the standard in-stream work restriction of March 1 to June 15 has been incorporated and adopted into various regulatory documents including PADEP Chapter 105 Permits. To accommodate the earlier stocking, the PFBC is now requesting a revision to the historical restriction dates and will be endorsing a **February 15 to June 1 timeframe**. The earlier date of February 15 will minimize conflicts with the new preseason stocking dates. June 1 was selected to maintain the current length of the restriction and to ensure that trout angling opportunities over the Memorial Day Weekend are not impacted.*

Pay close attention because these new seasonal work restrictions on trout-stocked streams may be showing up in your PADEP permit authorization letters or permit special conditions soon.

And, on a personal note, I don't care what the calendar says, trout stockings look silly and should be banned - period!

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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March 18

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

Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship Competitions - Awards to be 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, a total of \$12,000 in awards was distributed among 7 students. The review of submissions was slightly delayed this year but will be finalized shortly and reported in the next edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES.

We are proud to be able to support our local students and help them in their educational pursuits. The Program has benefited numerous local college students over the years, and was renamed in honor of the late **Donna Prentice**, wife of long-time Section member Rich Prentice, in 2003.

Our 25th Annual Golf Outing, conducted in October, helps fund these awards. We thank those of you who participated in and sponsored the Golf Outing. Stay tuned on more information on our 26th Annual Outing, which will be coming your way soon.

Our DVSP Program also supports our scholarships, thus we thank all who participate and contribute to this as well. These efforts help us make our Scholarship Program a success every year.

And thanks to our Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Sarah McInnes**, for another good effort helping future engineers pursue their career goals!

Reminder - Membership Applications Are Now Electronic!

If you know someone who is considering becoming an ASHE member, our Membership Application can be downloaded and completed, then submitted via e-mail, with payment available via PayPal. Please visit our website (delvalley.ashe.pro) and click on the **Membership** tab for more information and details on this.



We hope this will make the process of becoming a member of our Section more efficient. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in joining our Section.

Please keep in mind for all events listed in this edition, the dates and venues are subject to change given restrictions that may be in place that are unforeseen at this time. Our Section will be communicating any postponements, changes and rescheduling to you as they are determined.

We appreciate your patience and understanding on this.

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