

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

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President's Message

Thank you for your continued support of our Section! Please refer to the subsequent sections of this newsletter for more detailed information on upcoming events and Section Committee activities. I would like to highlight a few items.

- Our Project of the Year Committee received nine submissions and the rankings have been finalized! The winners (smaller project and larger project) will be announced at our Annual Meeting on April 21 in virtual format. The formal announcement with registration info will be distributed soon.
- Our annual workshop with PennDOT District 6 will be held virtually on May 19. Please look for a formal announcement with registration info sometime within the next several weeks.
- Our Section is jointly hosting with East Penn and North East Penn the virtual National Conference from May 25 to May 27. Registration is open on the National Conference website (see the article below for more information).
- Planning for our annual Golf Outing is in progress; however, the Outing will be pushed back from June to September or October. Please stay tuned for additional details.



This is my last message as your President. I hope that you find that the Board and Committees have served the Section well over the past year. If you have any comments or suggestions, then please feel free to contact me or the incoming 2021-22 President, Corey Hull.

Respectfully,
Drew E. Sirianni, PE, PTOE
President, ASHE Delaware Valley Section

2021 National Conference - Virtual Style...



We are happy to report that this year's Conference, which is being co-hosted by the East Penn and North East Penn Sections in addition to ours, is now "back on". It will be happening as a virtual event and will feature the usual mixture of technical programs and other activities.

The Conference will begin on **Tuesday, May 25** and will run through **Thursday, May 27**. Registration is currently open and available.

Please visit the website for more information and registration:

<http://2021conference.ashe.pro/>

We hope you will be able to attend. "See" you there!

Meeting Schedule

"Dinner" Meetings

◆ April 21

Please see the article on Dinner Meetings for more information on our planned program

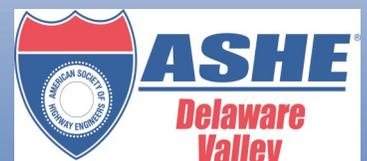
Technical Sessions

Technical Sessions will be following a slightly modified schedule for the remainder of this season instead of the planned dates previously provided. More information will be distributed in coming e-mail blasts.

The next Technical Session will be held on April 7. Please watch for separate communication on this.

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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021-22 Season

It's hard to believe, but we're coming up on that time when we "change the guard" again. In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Drew Sirianni 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 21, 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 Committee's recommended slate is as follows:

President Corey Hull <i>JMT</i>	First Vice President Nate Parrish <i>HNTB</i>	Second Vice President Isaac Kessler <i>Remington & Vernick Engineers</i>
	Treasurer Steve DiSciullo <i>Michael Baker International</i>	Secretary Amber Midgley <i>AECOM</i>
Immediate Past President Drew Sirianni <i>Pennoni</i>	Regional Director John Caperilla <i>McTish, Kunkel & Associates</i>	Section Executive Bob Wright <i>McMahon Associates</i>
Board of Directors		
<i>Term Expires 2022</i> Peter Berthold <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	<i>Term Expires 2023</i> Mariah Kerr <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i>	<i>Term Expires 2024</i> Elaine Elbich <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>
Bruce Masi <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	Mike Mogan <i>Rybinski Engineering</i>	Alexa Egan Harper <i>Gannett Fleming</i>
Sarah McInnes <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	Kevin Rice <i>HNTB</i>	Bob O'Neill <i>Lotus Environmental</i>
John Quirus <i>HDR</i>	Steve Windle <i>McMahon Associates</i>	Matt Ward <i>TranSystems</i>

Nominations were closed as of our March Section meeting. The Nominating Committee will need to meet to consider additional nominations received, thus this slate could not be acted upon at the March meeting. A separate e-mail will be sent to members with more information on the adoption of the new slate. The approved slate of Officers and Board members, once this is finalized, will be officially installed at our Annual Membership meeting on April 21.

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

Young Members Committee Happenings

The Committee will continue to follow current guidance on gatherings and group activities as this develops and changes.

A virtual panel discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, covering the "mysteries" of work life after graduation. Several panelists will offer their "real world" insights on this, which have only been made more complicated recently by the virus-related shutdowns. A separate flyer has been distributed on this via e-mail.

A group bike ride along the Perkiomen Trail in Montgomery County is being planned to be conducted on Saturday, May 1.

Please watch for more information and details in event flyers which will be available in upcoming e-mail blasts and communications.

2020-21 Delaware Valley Section Officers and Board of Directors

President

Drew Sirianni, *Pennoni*

First Vice President

Corey Hull, *JMT*

Second Vice President

Nate Parrish, *HNTB*

Treasurer

Isaac Kessler, *Remington & Vernick Engineers*

Secretary

Amber Midgley, *AECOM*

Assistant Treasurer

Steve DiSciullo, *Michael Baker International*

Immediate Past President

Alexa Egan Harper, *Gannett Fleming*

Board of Directors

Term expires 2021

Elaine Elbich, *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation*

Phil Mandato, *Felix Mandato & Sons*

Bob O'Neill, *Lotus Environmental*

Matt Ward, *TranSystems*

Term expires 2022

Peter Berthold, *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation*

Bruce Masi, *Gannett Fleming*

Sarah McInnes, *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation*

John Quirus, *HDR*

Term expires 2023

Jeff Given, *Loftus Construction*

David High, *Traffic Planning & Design*

Mike Mogan, *Rybinski Engineering*

Steve Windle, *McMahon Associates*

Regional Director

John Caperilla, *McTish, Kunkel & Associates*

Section Executive

Bob Wright, *McMahon Associates*

DVSP Program Sponsorship - Thanks for Your Support!

Our Section started the Delaware Valley Section Patron (DVSP) Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. In the 16 years of this Program's existence, it has grown from a group of 12 participants into its current coverage.

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

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

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

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

We thank the 25 firms that have committed to the DVSP Program and once again helped make it a success this season. They are represented by their logos, shown on page 5 as well as on our website.

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 6). We welcome additional participants and will be soliciting current sponsors on renewal for our 2021-22 season in the fall.

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.

"Check your Six!" ...your PASPGP-6, that is!

This month's write-up on recent proposed changes to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit Program is provided courtesy of **Ben Reiman** and **Bob O'Neill** of **Lotus...**

The Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit – 6 (PASPGP-6) is scheduled to replace PASPGP-5, which will expire on June 30, 2021. PASPGP-5 authorizes work in "waters of the United States", including wetlands, in parts of Pennsylvania for activities that would have minimal environmental impacts, either individually or cumulatively. The PASPGP can be issued by either the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) or the USACE depending on the degree of impacts to waters and wetlands.

If you are working on a project with a valid PASPGP-5 that will expire after June 30, 2021, be sure to contact your PADEP or USACE representative to determine what steps should be taken to remain in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Generally, authorizations previously issued under the PASPGP-5 will be reauthorized under the PASPGP-6. The PASPGP provides for a number of grandfathered activities, as well as restrictions to duration of authorized activities. In some cases, a new or modified permit may be required.

The proposed PASPGP-6 can be viewed at the USACE Baltimore District Website at:

www.nab.usace.army.mil/Portals/63/PASPGP-6_Permit.pdf

Dinner Meetings and Section Events - We Made It Happen (Despite the Lockdown)!

With the current restrictions and guidance in effect for large groups and gatherings, we have had to make the difficult decision to not conduct our usual in-person dinner meetings for what has turned out to be the entire 2020-21 season. We are hopeful that our 2021-22 season can return to our normal routine of in-person meetings, and this is looking promising, but we will continue to monitor the situation over the summer and comply with directives on gatherings as things change.

We have managed to successfully utilize technology and through virtual methods have conducted seven "dinner" meetings (including the "bonus" meeting in December) and two Technical Sessions to date in this manner. The "bugs" we experienced early on seem to have been resolved and we have enjoyed a respectable level of participation at our events. The program appears to have been well-received by our members also. We plan to continue to use the virtual platforms for our remaining meeting in April and upcoming Technical Sessions.

While, unfortunately, we have not been able to offer the usual networking and social opportunities with our virtual events, we remain hopeful there will be at least the learning and professional development credit available for you while we see what the future brings.

We appreciate your patience as we do what we can to provide our as-normal-as-possible meeting program within the constraints in place. As we like to say, we're all in this together, and let's hope for the best. We thank our volunteers who have helped us to get up to speed with the virtual methods and enabled our season to still happen and be meaningful and effective for our members despite the lockdown and restrictions.

Section Committees/Chairs

In each edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES we list our Section Committees and chairs. We would like to recognize and thank all who participated in these committees this season and kept our many activities viable and ongoing. They are listed below:

Adopt A Highway

Amber Midgley, Chair

Issac Kessler, Assistant Chair

Steve Natale, Nate Parrish, Steve Windle

ASHE/PennDOT Breakfast Meeting

Alexa Egan Harper, Chair

Peter Berthold, Alex Eadline, Elaine Elbich, Don Gusic,

Mike Mogan, John Quirus, Curt Shugars, Drew Sirianni

Auditing

Bruce Masi, Chair

Rob Prophet, John Quirus, Matt Ward, Bob Wright

Dinner Meetings

Steve Windle, Chair

Steve DiSciullo, Dave High, Matt Ward

Environmental

Colleen Meiswich, Chair

Heather Coons, Susan Giannantonio, J T Graupensberger,

Mariah Kerr, Jeff Obrecht, Bob O'Neill, Bob Pope,

Ryan Whittington

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Sean Pence, Kevin Rice, Co-Chairs

Steve DiSciullo, Corey Hull, Nate Parrish, Tom Rowader,

Steve Windle

Golf

Mike Mogan, Chair

Jim Brady, Don Gusic, Phil Mandato, Bob O'Neill,

Matt Ward

Hotel

Phil Mandato, Chair

Bob Wright, Assistant Chair

Membership

Dave High, Chair

John Caperilla, Steve DiSciullo, Mike Grantner,

Isaac Kessler

Newsletter

Bob Wright, Chair

Alexa Egan Harper, Bruce Masi

Nominating

Corey Hull, Chair

Bruce Masi, Jeff Obrecht, Nate Parrish, Matt Ward

Program

Jeff Given, Drew Sirianni, Co-chairs

John Caperilla, Elaine Elbich, Bob Wright

Project of the Year

Matt Ward, Chair

Rick Kemper, Sarah McInnes, Nate Parrish, John Quirus,

Matt Reber, Kim Waters, Steve Windle, Chris Wright

Public Relations

Corey Hull, Chair

Elaine Elbich, Don Gusic, Bob Wright

Scholarships

Sarah McInnes, Chair

Peter Berthold, Rick Kemper, Matt Reber, Kim Waters,

Chris Wright

Social/Society Relations

Elaine Elbich, Chair

Cameron Connors, Corey Hull, Phil Mandato

Student Chapters

Mariah Kerr, Chair

John Caperilla, Gene Cipriani, Kyle DiSessa, Kevin Rice,

James Stanton

Technical Papers

Bruce Masi, Chair

Peter Berthold, Bob O'Neill, Matt Reber, Bob Wright

Technical Sessions

Steve DiSciullo, John Quirus, Co-chairs

Bob O'Neill, Assistant Chair

Jeff Given, Corey Hull, Paul Linahan

Website

Peter Berthold, Chair

Amber Midgley, Drew Sirianni

Young Members

Steve DiSciullo, Chair

John Caperilla, Amber Midgley, Mariah Kerr, Steve Natale,

Sean Pence, Kevin Rice

PennDOT Breakfast Seminar

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... so you get to choose!).



The Seminar will be held on **Wednesday, May 19**, starting at 9:00 AM. More information will be provided in a separate event flyer, including the seminar topics and registration information. There will NOT be a limit on attendance by non-government agency employees as in the past and the event will be open to all Section members.

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



Delaware Valley Section Patrons (DVSP) 2020-21
Thanks for your support!



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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August 20

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

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

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 or credit card. 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.



Bring a Colleague Make a Friend

- Show why we are the Premier Networking Organization
- Invite co-workers to an event
- Share your enthusiasm for ASHE
- Make new personal and professional Friends

Golf Outing Update

Our **25th (!) Annual Golf Outing** had been scheduled for Monday, June 14. Given the ever-changing nature of limitations on large gatherings, it will unfortunately need to be rescheduled, possibly as a fall event.

Please watch your e-mails and look for a flyer and update in the coming weeks, as well as an announcement at our April meeting on the new date and location as this develops.

As you may be aware, the proceeds of the Outing go toward our Section Scholarship Fund, thus helping the engineers of tomorrow. This season we were able to compensate for not having income from the Outing through voluntary donations for Section meeting attendance. We thank you for your understanding and generosity with these donations to help keep our Scholarship Fund viable.



Your Last TRANSPORTATION TIMES for This Season...

It's hard to believe, and time indeed does fly, but our 2020-21 season will shortly be coming to a close. Our April Section meeting, also our Annual Meeting, will close our current season. Our new officers and Board members for the coming season will be officially installed at this meeting.

We hope you've enjoyed THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES all season, and we hope you can manage to go without a new edition until late August or so, when our production schedule will pick up once again and the first issue for 2021-22 will arrive in your e-mail box. We have certainly enjoyed putting each edition together, and we hope you have found it informative and enlightening, and properly keeping you "up to speed" on all things our Section has to offer.

We hope you enjoy your summer and we'll see you again as it winds down and our season begins once again.

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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