

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to everyone. By now, I'm sure you heard about a little something that happened in Philadelphia in early February. After waiting over 57 years, the Eagles finally won a Super Bowl! As a lifelong Eagles fan and a kid growing up in Philadelphia, I never thought I would finally see it, but it happened. The Eagles fought through a lot of adversity with injuries to key players, but they persevered and won the championship of football. (And guess who attended the parade...! One of the 700,000 "officially" there...)



It reminded me of similar circumstances that our industry faces year after year. We face many challenges in our business including infrastructure funding problems, political pressures, client deadlines, ever-changing environmental requirements, and governmental rules and regulations to name a few. However, our industry perseveres and gets it done year after year. Improving our infrastructure for the traveling public is our top priority.

I would like to take this moment to congratulate our very Alexa Harper, who was elected Young Engineer of the Year in the Delaware Valley (at right). Alexa serves on our Board and works tirelessly to promote our Section and our Industry while working as an engineer and a mother of 2 to boot. We are very proud of her and her selection to this important position and honor in our region.



A lot is going on at the Federal level with Infrastructure funding. The President just published his proposed budget containing infrastructure funding in the last few weeks. We all know by now that our nation's infrastructure is in poor shape and needs vital replacements and repairs. President Trump's long-awaited plan for overhauling our nation's crumbling infrastructure includes spending \$200 billion in federal money over the next decade to spur an additional \$1.3 trillion in spending from cities, states, and private companies on major projects. The problem with this is that there was really no direction or details on how to pay for all of this. Let's hope that our legislators figure this out soon to get us all working on improving our assets in this country.

As we look forward to spring, we will be providing some exciting events to our membership. Our next dinner meeting is on March 21st. We will have a presentation on the I-95, Section BRO project status. More information on our next dinner meeting is forthcoming.

We are also holding another ASHE/PennDOT 6-0 Breakfast Seminar on Wednesday, May 23rd. We are putting together a very informative agenda and will offer some PDHs with these events. Please check out our website and upcoming emails for more detailed information.

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 21st.

Respectfully,

Jack Mitchell, PE
President,
ASHE Delaware Valley Section

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dinner Meetings

- ◆ March 21
- ◆ April 18
- ◆ May - Joint meeting with PSPE Delco (date to be finalized)

Dinner costs are as follows:

\$40 - advance registration (closes end of the day Thursday before the meeting)

\$50 - after the registration deadline

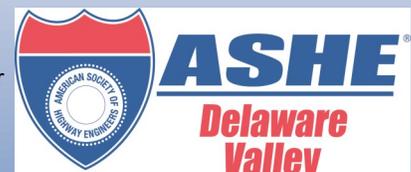
\$20 - public agency/student

Technical Session

- ◆ April 18

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS—2018-19 SEASON

In accordance with our Section Bylaws, Section President Jack Mitchell has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2018-19 season. The Committee is tasked to provide its recommended slate at least 60 days before our Annual Membership meeting (April 18, 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 John Caperilla <i>Borton-Lawson</i>	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Alexa Egan Harper <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Drew Sirianni <i>Pennoni Associates</i>
TREASURER Isaac Kessler <i>Remington Vernick & Beach</i>	SECRETARY Nate Parrish <i>HNTB</i>	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Jack Mitchell <i>McMahon Associates</i>
	REGIONAL DIRECTOR Rob Prophet <i>Traffic Planning & Design</i>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Rich Prentice

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>TERM EXPIRES 2019</i> Peter Berthold <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRES 2020</i> Jeff Given <i>Loftus Construction</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRES 2021</i> Elaine Elbich <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>
Bill Laird <i>HDR</i>	Corey Hull <i>JMT</i>	Phil Mandato <i>Felix Mandato & Sons</i>
Bruce Masi <i>Gannett Fleming</i>	Mike Mogan <i>Bergmann Associates</i>	Amber Midgley <i>AECOM</i>
Sarah McInnes <i>Penna. Dept. of Transportation</i>	Curt Shugars <i>Pennoni Associates</i>	Matt Ward <i>Urban Engineers</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 (Corey Hull) 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 18 Section meeting).

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

SEE OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

Please visit delvalley.ashe.pro and see our revamped site, with all the Section's information you'll need to keep up-to-date on things.

REMINDER - PAYPAL AVAILABLE FOR MEETING PAYMENTS

You can sign up for our Dinner Meetings and pay electronically with PayPal. Details are provided in each Dinner Meeting notice/flyer.

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McMahon Associates

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
John Caperilla
Borton-Lawson

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
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Gannett Fleming

TREASURER
Don Stark
American Engineers Group

SECRETARY
Corey Hull
JMT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Mark Kinnee
Urban Engineers

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Rich Prentice

We thank these individuals for their service and dedication.

**SECTION COMMITTEES/
CHAIRS**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
Isaac Kessler

ASHE/PENNDOT
BREAKFAST
MEETING
Alexa Egan Harper
Curt Shugars

AUDITING
Bruce Masi

DINNER MEETINGS
Drew Sirianni

50/50
Nate Parrish

GOLF
Mike Mogan

HOTEL
Phil Mandato

MEMBERSHIP
Isaac Kessler

NEWSLETTER
Bob Wright

NOMINATING
John Caperilla

PROGRAM
Jack Mitchell

PROJECT OF THE
YEAR
Nate Parrish

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

DVSP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP - GOING STRONG FOR 2017-18

Our Section started the Delaware Valley Section Patron (DVSP) Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. The proceeds of this Program go directly to help support our Section Scholarship Fund, along with funds realized from our Annual Golf Outing.

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

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

**Logo in THE
TRANSPORTATION TIMES**

We are proud to note that 35 firms have made this financial commitment for 2017-18, and these firms' logos are shown on page 5. We are extremely thankful for those of you whose firms have made this commitment and helped support our Section. 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 part of this esteemed group and would like to find out more about our DVSP program, please contact Bob Wright (information provided on page 7).

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The Committee, in conjunction with ASCE Philadelphia Section's Younger Member Forum (YMF), will be scheduling its next regular cleanup of the "co-adopted" segment of Bethlehem Pike in Ambler/Fort Washington shortly. The Fall cleanup, planned for last October, unfortunately had to be cancelled because of inclement weather. This has been well-received by businesses and residents along this corridor, several of whom have thanked the team during their work. Thanks to those from each of these groups for their participation.

Other activities and events are being planned and considered for this season. Please watch this space for more information and look for event flyers at upcoming Dinner Meetings.



And congratulations are in order for our Co-Chair, Alexa Egan Harper, who was selected as the 2018 Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year!

Alexa was officially "installed" and recognized during Delaware Valley Engineers Week (February 16-24). She posed with her newly-received plaque at the Engineers Week Kickoff Luncheon on February 16.

SECTION COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

In each edition of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES we list our Section Committees and chairs. We thank all who participate in these groups.

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

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

DONNA PRENTICE AND ROBERT SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS - 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 \$15,000 to 16 students for the Donna Prentice Scholarship and 2 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 \$15,500 in scholarship funding that has been divided among 16 successful applicants for the Donna Prentice Scholarship. Additionally, two students have been selected to receive a total of \$3000 from 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 and indicated in the list with *.

Congratulations to all our recipients! And thanks to our Scholarship Committee, chaired by Sarah McInnes, for another good job helping future engineers!



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DONNA PRENTICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Sameh Abedin, Drexel University*

Avital Breverman, Drexel University*

Kerianne Chen, Drexel University

Thomas DeLucia, Drexel University*

Ryan DeMent, Drexel University*

Josh Ferguson, Widener University

Brinn Hindermyer, Widener University*

Emily Hoing, Drexel University

Patrick Kane, University of Pittsburgh

Alexandria Kapusta, Drexel University

Marc Kraidman, Widener University*

Allison Lepera, Widener University*

Elvira-Marie Mikhael, Drexel University*

Youstina Saroufim, Drexel University

Hunter Ulrich, Widener University*

Natalie Weaver, Widener University*

ROBERT SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Jamie Cunningham

*Luke Hozey**

Pennsylvania State University

HOLD THESE DATES - Watch for more information coming on these events.

Joint ASHE Delaware Valley, East Penn, NorthEast Penn Meeting

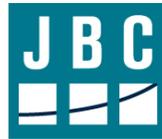
A unique opportunity to hear a panel of District Executives at one venue - **George Roberts** (District 4-0), **Michael Rebert** (District 5-0) and **Kenneth McClain** (District 6-0)
Thursday, March 8
Kalahari Resorts, Pocono Manor, PA

PennDOT Breakfast Seminar

Wednesday, May 23
PennDOT District 6-0

23rd Annual Section Golf Outing

Monday, June 4
Chester Springs Country Club
Malvern



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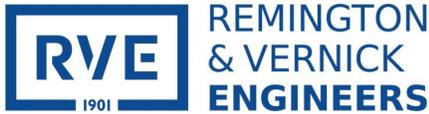
ASSOCIATES, INC.



Signal Service Inc.



KCI TECHNOLOGIES



Many Talents One Firm



2017-18 DELAWARE VALLEY SECTION PATRONS (DVSP)
Don't see your logo here? Want to? See page 3 for more information on our DVSP program.



2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Lake Erie Section of ASHE) is proud to host the 2018 ASHE National Conference at The Westin Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, OH.

The Conference will attract over 500 public and private sector design professionals, vendors, contractors and guests from across the country, and provide a forum for networking and education on topics relevant to the transportation industry. The agenda is filled with informative technical sessions, social events and networking opportunities.

The Conference marks the 60th anniversary of ASHE and will provide opportunities for companies and attendees to network and build strong professional relationships. The Westin is located within walking distance to Lake Erie's waterfront, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Progressive Field, Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland Browns Stadium, the Great Lakes Science Center, USS Cod Submarine, Playhouse Square, Terminal Tower, and our newly renovated Public Square.

Please visit the website for more information and registration — <http://2018conference.ashe.pro>.



AND, SPEAKING OF NATIONAL CONFERENCES...

Were we? Anyway, we are pleased to announce that **our region will be the proud host of the ASHE National Conference in 2021!** Our Section will be a joint sponsor and host of this Conference, along with our counterparts at the East Penn and North East Penn Sections. While we understand this is a few years away, the intricate and detailed planning and preparation for a National Conference starts well before the actual event. Part of this process is to make opportunities available for our members to volunteer and be a part of the various activities and sessions that the Conference will offer.



In the coming months we will be providing information on the Conference on our website and on the tables at each Dinner meeting which will explain the various volunteer opportunities and needs. If you are interested in serving on or chairing a committee, please respond to our National Conference e-mail account at 2021Conference@ashe.pro.

MORE FROM ENGINEERS WEEK...

For the first time in the 66 years in which Engineers Week has been celebrated in the Delaware Valley, women were selected and installed as both the Engineer of the Year and the Young Engineer of the Year. The newly-installed Engineer of the Year **Deborah Grubbe** and Young Engineer of the Year **Alexa Egan Harper**, our Second Vice President, are pictured at right. We congratulate them on their respective honors and wish them well in the coming year.

Engineers Week in the Delaware Valley was cited with 3 events – the Kickoff Luncheon (February 16), the Young Engineers Social (February 20) and the Awards Reception/Student Showcase (February 22).



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 21

DVSP's IN TRANSPORTATION/TRANSITION

RETTEW Opens Conshohocken Office

RETTEW recently opened an office in Conshohocken (101 West Elm Street, Suite 650) to bring its engineering expertise and passion for improving communities to the Philadelphia region. Multiple locations give its clients the ability to work with a local team while enjoying all the benefits and resources of a large firm.

The Conshohocken office will feature RETTEW's wide and varied expertise of more than 450 services, spanning many disciplines. This allows the firm to connect all the dots, and see how every piece of a project affects the other. Its innovative approach means discovering solutions that may not have been thought of before — and finding more effective, efficient ways to put them into action.

REMINDER—REVISED MEETING CHECK-IN PROCESS

To help get you checked into our meetings more quickly and efficiently (and shorten the line for this), we have established a separate “express” check-in table for attendees who registered for the meeting using PayPal. Those of you who do this can pick up your pre-printed name tag at this table and go directly into the meeting room.

For those of you who pay at the door with either a check or cash, we have a Checks/Cash/Receipts check-in table where you can complete your transaction and receive your name tag. There usually is a wait involved with this line.

Signs are prominently displayed at each of the check-in tables to help guide you accordingly.

If your registration is paid by your employer, please inquire as to the method of payment used so that you know which line you will be able to use.

We appreciate your cooperation as our Section works to improve the registration process and hopefully reduce delay. This has worked well at our meetings thus far after its introduction at our November meeting.

Also, please remember to send your completed meeting flyer to the Contractors Association as indicated on the form. Regardless of the payment method you may be using (even PayPal), we still use the forms to develop the meeting attendance list and name tags. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

Now You Can Join Electronically!

If you know someone who is considering becoming an ASHE member, our Membership Application can now 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 quicker, easier, and more efficient. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in joining our Section.

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