



ASHE Cross Section Pittsburgh

April 2020



H. Daniel Cessna, P.E.
President 2019-2020

Dear Fellow ASHE Pittsburgh Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope that you and your family are continuing to stay safe and healthy. Since mid-March it has been unprecedented in the number of changes in our society, our businesses, and for our families. These changes we have had to make, and the impact those changes are having is profound and unprecedented in our lifetime. Our hearts truly go out to all the families that have been affected by this crisis – it’s been simply astounding.

As we think about “how it was,” such a short time ago, I don’t think any of us could have imagined the things we have been tasked with professionally and personally to address the impacts and to deal with the situation we find ourselves living in. My hat goes off to the health professionals who are literally at war to tackle this virus and I am saddened, like many of you, to know so many folks hit so hard in this vastly different economy. I think we all just wish for the “new normal” to come quickly, and to be somewhat similar to the normal we knew and loved. Some of our past complaints seem so trivial now, in this new reality.

Like every organization, ASHE Pittsburgh literally just shut it down and cancelled a whole host of planned events until there is some sense of what the protocol will be for opening things back up. With this in mind, we have arranged that our May meeting, with Jason Zang, ADE for Construction in District 11, will be held virtually, so that at a minimum, we can get the latest update from Jason on the status of projects and programs at PENNDOT. That meeting is scheduled for May 12 – more details included herein. While that would have been one of our favorite events of the year at Narcissi Winery, we will still strive to have an informative program for our membership.

Additional details for other events and modifications to our program will be forthcoming. Additionally, by way of this newsletter, we are informing everyone of our slate of candidates for the upcoming 2020-2021 Board of Directors, who will begin their new roles in June of this year.

It is my pleasure to have served as President of ASHE Pittsburgh for the 2019-2020 season, and I wish you much success professionally and you and your family good health through these trying times.

Sincerely yours,
Dan

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Message from ASHE National President



To ASHE Regions, Sections, and Membership:

The Mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to 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. In these troubling times, with the entire country and world affected by the Coronavirus and societal shutdown; social distancing, business and school closures, and remote working from home has become our new norm. We are all hopeful that we will be able to return back to the normalcy of our lives and schedules soon, but timing for that is still unknown at this time. The social-nature of ASHE...the networking, fraternizing, social interacting...the very core of what sets ASHE apart from other industry organizations, has been put on hold for the health and safety of our members. But that doesn't mean we close our doors. Like so many other businesses and organizations, we need to adapt to the current reality we find ourselves in.

I encourage and ask all levels of leadership (National, Regions, Sections) to continue meeting through the virtual means at our disposal and to stay in communication with our members, even if it is just to bring updates regarding current industry topics. All members are encouraged to follow ASHE on Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and to share their own posts to the greater membership. Sections may even consider holding webinars as a substitute for canceled section meetings.

ASHE National has tools available to help Sections weather this crisis and remain in communication with their members. Social Media, ASHE Websites, and WebEx seminars can all be used to bridge the communication gap we now all face. Communication and visibility is essential to keep the ASHE Mission relevant in the months ahead. Should your Section need any assistance, please reach out to your Region's National Director or the ASHE National Secretary (ashenationalsecretary@ashe.pro) and they will help provide you the guidance needed.

I so very much look forward to the day in the not too-distant future when we can all once again gather in person and continue ASHE's important Mission of Education, Innovation, and most of all, Fellowship. I pray that you and your families remain safe and healthy during this time of crisis.

Thank you.

Michael D. Hurtt, P.E. (NY)

National President

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ASHE Pittsburgh

2020—2021 Nominations

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2020 - 2021

Past President - Dan Cessna – Michael Baker International

President - John Nicholson - WSP

1st VP - Dan Laird – Hill International

2nd VP – Dave Mikec – Remington & Vernick Engineers

Secretary - Chuck Nash – ms consultants

Treasurer - Jerry Pitzer

Regional Rep – Chuck Nash

National Representative – Kathryn Power – PennDOT District 11-0
(National Board term runs through May 2021)

1 Year Director - Masha Rowley - STV

1 Year Director - Danielle List - WSP

1 Year Director - Tyler Blonski - Benesch

1 Year Director - Geoff Egnitz – LR Kimball

2 Year Director - Stephanie Zolnak - PennDOT District 11-0

2 Year Director - John Tricini - Michael Baker International

2 Year Director - Dylan Soller - PennDOT District 11-0

2 Year Director - Eric Stein – City of Pittsburgh DOMI

3 Year Director – Steve Shanley – Allegheny County DEC

3 Year Director – Jason Zang - PennDOT District 11-0

3 Year Director – Dave DiGioia - McMahon

3 Year Director – Mike Dillon - JMT



VIRTUAL MEETING



Jason Zang, P.E.

PennDOT District 11-0
Assistant District Executive
for Construction

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
4:00 pm

Jason will provide an update on PennDOT construction projects in the Pittsburgh region amid the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home order and looking forward into the 2020 Construction Season. Jason will answer your questions during the meeting or email them prior to the meeting to mdillon@jmt.com or szolnak@pa.gov.

ASHE Pittsburgh will also be awarding this year's scholarship winners and installing the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.

This event is free, but requires registration at the link below. This event is limited to the **first 250** people who register. RSVP by May 9th.

You'll receive an email link to participate in the video conference and phone numbers to call-in to the audio portion.

In lieu of registration fees, please consider donating any amount to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank at <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/>



Our Narcisi Winery meeting has gone virtual!

Feel free to patronize a small local business & order a bottle from

<https://www.narcisiwinery.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Ryan Hess
Ohio State University



We're pleased to announce that Ryan Hess, a Junior at Ohio State University, has been awarded the 2020 ASHE Pittsburgh \$2500 Scholarship. Originally from Canonsburg, PA, Ryan has interned locally with Trumbull and will be getting design experience as an intern this summer with Gannet Fleming. After narrowly missing the 2019 scholarship, we're thrilled to see him apply once again this year with an improved resume of impressive honors and see his perseverance pay off.



Carlisle Turner
University of Pittsburgh

Due to the number of impressive applications received this year, and with the support of ASHE Pittsburgh President Dan Cessna and the Board, we've also awarded Carlisle Turner of the University of Pittsburgh with a supplemental \$1500 scholarship. Carlisle, a senior graduating in Fall 2020 and originally from the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, has served as an officer for PITT's ASHE and ITE student chapters while also interning locally with the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, as well as Langan Engineering. Carlisle has a passion for and understanding of the transportation industry well beyond her years as displayed in her scholarship essay, letter of recommendation, and impressive list of related activities. After graduation in December, Carlisle plans to begin her career in transportation engineering with a cross-country move to Seattle.

Call for Member Input!



Due to the extraordinary Stay-At-Home order across Pennsylvania, ASHE Pittsburgh wants to share what our amazing membership is doing during these times. Whether personal or directly related to our transportation business we are asking members to **submit anything that has changed in our business during this time—Teleworking, being a part of projects in construction with the new COVID-19 requirements, essential work with maintenance needs or utility needs.**

Also, help us send out **“Hero Shout Outs”** for your family members/loved ones on the front lines of this pandemic. There is a lot of good will occurring even outside of the hospitals with food drives, making masks, and delivering food to elderly just to name. Pictures would be great too!

Your member submissions may be used in a special web posting, social media or Cross Section update. We are undoubtedly in a challenging and sometimes stressful time for many of our ASHE members.

Submit your stories to Danielle.List@wsp.com

Welcome

Welcome New Members!

Craig Broadbent
Ryan Gayman
Adam Henger
Zach Olawski

Samantha Sullivan
Christopher Grady
Justin Towsey
Judith Bishop

Encourage your colleagues to
join...Membership is available here!

<https://www.pittsburgh.ashe.pro/about-us/membership/>



A special THANK YOU to [Katharine Kelleman](#), Chief Executive Officer – Port Authority of Allegheny County, for joining ASHE Pittsburgh on February 12, 2020!

CENTURY CLUB



The Officers and Board of Directors thank you for your continued support of the American Society of Highway Engineers, Pittsburgh Section. Your firms are what makes the Pittsburgh Section the best in ASHE.

To renew or join:
Contact Daniel Laird
DanielLaird@hillintl.com

ASHE Pittsburgh thanks the 2019-2020 Century Club Members

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Congratulations!

Frances (Francie) Pearl Wallner was born on February 25, 2020 at 8:33PM. Daughter of David Wallner and Sara Mullaney. Frances weighed in at 7lb 5oz and measured 20.5in long.



Condolences to ASHE Members



Michael Trautman – father of Danielle List
Ernest Mikec – father of Dave Mikec
Alice Feitl – mother of Shirley Clapperton
Vince Borrelli – ASHE Pittsburgh Life Member
Frances Mackin – wife of Italo “Ody” Mackin and mother of Dean Mackin

Not receiving ASHE Pittsburgh Emails?



Add pittsbur@pittsburgh.ashe.pro to your safe senders list!

To add an address or domain to the safe senders list in Outlook:

For 2010

1. In Outlook, go to the **Home** tab.
2. Click the **Junk** button.
3. Choose “Junk E-Mail Options” from the drop-down list.
4. Go to the **Safe Senders** tab.
5. Type in pittsbur@pittsburgh.ashe.pro.
Click **OK**.

For 2013

1. In Outlook, go to the **Home** tab.
2. Click **Junk > Junk Email Options**.
3. Select the **Safe Senders** tab and click **Add**.
4. In the Add address or domain box, enter pittsbur@pittsburgh.ashe.pro.
Click **OK** and close the window.

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