



ASHE Cross Section Pittsburgh

April 2021



Greetings ASHE Pittsburgh,

It would have been hard to imagine at this time last year that the world would still be grappling with the pandemic in the Spring of 2021. The current progress being made in the vaccination effort gives me hope that we will get back to some sense of normalcy this year, and that we will be able to resume in-person dinner meetings and events.

Despite the on-going challenges that Covid continues to cause, ASHE Pittsburgh has moved forward with our programs, including virtual Section Meetings in January and February, and our very well attended annual ASHE/WTS/Pitt Transportation Forum. Our Spring Adopt-a-Highway clean-up is scheduled for this month, and details can be found in this newsletter. Similarly, details regarding our annual golf outing can also be found within. We are planning to hold our traditional PennDOT District 11-0 construction update in May, and the Board of Directors is still in the process of determining if we can hold it in-person, or if it will need to be virtual. Details to follow once a decision is reached.

In addition, and announced in this newsletter, the Section Nominating Committee has finalized our proposed slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 ASHE Pittsburgh Board of Directors and Executive Board.

Finally, I would like conclude with some great news: the ASHE National Project Awards Committee has selected our SR-19 Reconstruction & Shaler Street Bridge Replacement project as the 2021 National Project of the Year in the Under \$20 Million category. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition to PennDOT District 11-0, and all the project team members who delivered this impressive project for the Department!

Take care and stay safe,
John

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ASHE Pittsburgh

2021—2022 Nominations

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2021 - 2022

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

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1 Year Director - John Tricini - Michael Baker International

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

1 Year Director - Eric Stein – City of Pittsburgh DOMI

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

2 Year Director – Dave DiGioia - McMahon

2 Year Director – Mike Dillon - JMT

3 Year Director - Danielle List - WSP

3 Year Director - Tyler Blonski - Benesch

3 Year Director - Geoff Egnitz – LR Kimball

3 Year Director - Nick Ross—City of Pittsburgh DOMI

VIRTUAL MEETINGS



Joint Sections April Virtual Meeting

Yassmin Gramian, P.E.

Secretary of Transportation

PennDOT Department of Transportation

Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 @ 4:30 PM



Please join our ASHE Joint Sections of Altoona, Franklin, Mid-Allegheny, Pittsburgh, and Southwest Penn for a presentation by Secretary Yassmin Gramian focused on transportation funding.

Yassmin Gramian, PE, serves as the secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, a position that she assumed in May 2020. She manages PennDOT's annual budget of \$9.5 billion and oversees programs and policies affecting highways, urban and rural public transportation, airports, railroads, ports, and waterways. Under her leadership, the department is directly responsible for Pennsylvania's vast system of state and local highways and bridges, as well as oversees the state's vehicle registration, driver's licenses and ID operations. Prior to joining PennDOT, Gramian worked for over 30 years in operations, design, and management of transportation infrastructure systems, including highway, tolling, bridge, and railroad projects. Gramian earned master's and bachelor's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Michigan and completed the Tuck Management Training Program at Dartmouth College. She is a professional engineer in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Florida.

This virtual meeting is free to attend. Registration for all attendees is required online through Eventbrite. You'll receive an email link to participate in the video conference and phone numbers to call-in to the audio portion.

[REGISTER by COB on Monday, April 26th.](#)



ASHE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS
PITTSBURGH SECTION

"Adopt-A-Highway" 2021 Spring Outing

April 24th, 9am to 11:30am



Join ASHE PITTSBURGH on Saturday, April 24th to help maintain our Adopt -A-Highway roadway section in Robinson Township, PA and enjoy some physically distanced networking! Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty surrounding shared food at this time, no donuts and coffee can be provided. Masks will be mandatory during check in and when within 6 feet of another volunteer. PennDOT Adopt-A-Highway COVID-19 Response Guidelines will be sent to volunteers and followed. Thank you!

The group will meet at 4695 Campbells Run Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205.

If you have questions and to RSVP, please contact Eric Stein at eric.stein@pittsburghpa.gov.

ASHE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Is coming soon!

REGISTER at:

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



ASHE PITTSBURGH PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE 2021 ASHE NATIONAL CONFERENCE



*COMMITTED TO SAFE, EFFICIENT AND
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS!*

2021 Past President Banquet – Honor Dan Cessna, PE



Hotel Monaco Pittsburgh

*Saturday,
October 9th, 2021*

Additional details to follow.

Save the Date!

ASHE PITTSBURGH SECTION
2021 SPRING GOLF OUTING
Registration now FULL/CLOSED!

Sponsorship:

Sponsorship registration is still open .

Prizes/Interest/Questions:

If any companies wish to donate door prizes, if you are interested in helping out at the event, or for any additional questions, please contact Michael Dillon at mdillon@jmt.com or 412-559-8870.

<http://www.pittsburgh.ashe.pro/golf-outing>

Welcome

New Members!

Graham Galbreath
Nicholas Haracz
Gloria Koehlinger
Victor Lowery
Joell Lytle

Stan Nalitz
Jordan Matus
Matthew Paradise
Timothy Prezel
Amanda Purcell

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

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

Or contact Steve Shanley at

sshanley@county.allegheny.pa.us



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 John Tricini
JTricini@mbakerintl.com

ASHE Pittsburgh THANKS to the 2020-2021 Century Club Members

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Condolences to ASHE Members:

Ann F. Garfield – mother of Marc Garfield

Edward Michael Duris – *father of Kevin Duris*

Italo V. “Ody” Mackin – *Life Member and father of Dean Mackin*

George William McAuley, Jr. – *Deputy Secretary of Transportation*

Nancy Ostrowski – *Wife of Paul Ostrowski*

Lodovico “Vic” Spinabelli – *father of Vic Spinabelli*

Sunshine Committee:

Contact Maggie Talarico
(mtalarico@foresightcsllc.com) with births,
marriages, engagements, deaths, etc.

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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