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Most Recent Dinner Meeting: November 7, 2019

The second meeting of the ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section 2019-2020 program was held at the Rustic Lodge in Indiana, PA.

Following dinner, **Paul Koza, PE**, PennDOT District 10-0 Assistant District Executive - Construction, gave a presentation that provided a review of the 2019 Construction Season. Paul has presented on this topic for the past few years, where it has come to be truly appreciated, while humorously referred to as “the good, the bad, and the ugly” of the previous construction season.



Paul Koza, PE

Paul presented multiple projects that have recently been completed or where construction is wrapping up. He highlighted a variety of issues encountered during construction and called attention to several items for designers to consider as projects advance through the design process to construction.

Some of the specific items that Paul were noted from this past construction season, and mentioned to keep in mind during design, include considering lower maintenance design elements and plantings for permanent stormwater management facilities, ensuring adjustments to inlet tops are provided for in contracts for paving projects, and that grade breaks and adequate paving limits for driveway adjustments are accounted for and realistic. Regarding constructability, Paul pointed out the importance of reviewing the resulting excavation limits from shoring placement against available right-of-way, considering the length of structural rebar and available maneuvering space when its delivered to a job site, and the size and weight of equipment that could be used during paving operations.



The Mid-Allegheny Section thanks Paul for his willingness to present what has become an annual topic of interest and education for those involved with both project design and construction.

Fall 2019 Sporting Clay Shoot

The ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section held their Fall Sporting Clay Shoot Outing at Promise Land Sporting Clays in Freeport, PA on October 25th. The event was once again a success, and will continue with additional sporting clay shoots planned for 2020. The Mid-Allegheny Section thanks all sponsors and supporting members for their attendance and support of the event. Some pictures of the Fall Clay Shoot can be found below on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

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Fall 2020 Scholarships

The ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section will again be sponsoring a scholarship program for the Fall 2020 semester. Scholarships will be provided for students seeking both two-year and four-year degrees related to CADD,

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engineering design, and civil engineering. Applicants must be residents of the state of Pennsylvania. Applications will be posted to the website in January 2020, as well as distributed via email to the membership. Applications will be due in March 2020, final due dates will be included on the application and provided to the membership. Please refer any questions regarding eligibility or application materials to Brad DiCola at bdicola@gfnet.com.

Outstanding Highway Engineering Awards

The ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section will be accepting applications and sponsoring an Outstanding Highway Engineering Awards program for projects in two categories, greater than or equal to \$2.5M and less than \$2.5M. Applications will be distributed to the membership and available on the website in early 2020.

We sincerely thank all of our Members and Sponsoring Firms for your continued support of the Section.

Upcoming events include:

- Dinner Meeting on January 9, 2020 at the Rustic Lodge with a presentation on the Margiotti Bridge by Jason Layman, E.I.T, (PennDOT District 10-0) and Jason DeFlicht, P.E. (SAI). The project included the replacement of the existing 79-year old bridge, realignment of SR 0436, and reconfiguration of the SR 0036/SR 0436 intersection while increasing railroad clearance and maintaining trail and waterway access during construction
- Joint Meeting with Altoona Section on February 19, 2020 at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ)
- Mid-Allegheny Section Golf Outing on May 15, 2020 (tentative)
- ASHE National Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina from June 3-7, 2020

Additional information on the events above can be found on our website.

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If you have comments or suggestions related to presentations, meetings or this newsletter, please forward a brief e-mail to the effect. Our board welcomes feedback so we can better serve our membership and industry.

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