

The Mid-Allegheny Minutes



April 2, 2024 Joint Dinner Meeting

The sixth meeting of the 2023-2024 program was a joint meeting with the Altoona Section, Franklin Section, Mid-Allegheny Section, Pittsburgh Section, and Southwest Penn Section of ASHE. The meeting was at the RLA Learning and Conference Center in Cranberry Woods. The National ASHE President, **Stan Harris, PE** enlightened the audience on his experiences and views of ASHE as a whole.

The original speaker, **Michael Carroll, PE**, PennDOT Secretary of Transportation, had a last minute conflict arise and was not able to attend. The group was fortunate that District 10 Executive, **Brian Allen, PE**, was able to fill in on short notice. Brian gave an overview of the District 10 corridor projects including SR 0228 Freedom Road project in addition to funding and the recent impacts due to the escalation in construction costs.

The event was a group effort and resulted in a large attendance. Many thanks to Brian for presenting an overview to the attendees.



Photos: Brian Allen, PE

May 8, 2024 Awards Dinner Meeting

At the Indiana Country Club, the seventh meeting of the ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section 2023-2024 program convened. Opening remarks were presented by ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section President, **Sean Hart, PE**. The evening was lighthearted and candid.

The ASHE Board members were inducted into office by **Alice Hammond, PE**. Many positions are carried over for this year and there are two open board positions for the 2024-2025 season.

Next the scholarships were presented to the two students by **Roger Eaton, PE**.

- **Matthew Griffiths** of Penn State University was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He is active in his school and community including Penn State's ASCE, Steel Bridge Team, Student Estimating Team and ACI.
- **Trey Blystone** of University of Pittsburgh was awarded a \$500 scholarship. His involvement includes Pitt's ASCE, Co-Captain of 3D Printed Bridge Competition Team, DISCOVER Lab, and Engineers Without Borders.

Lastly, the two award winning teams presented on their projects:

- SR 3016 over Two Lick Creek project was awarded for a project less than \$2.5 Million Dollars. **Steve Rogers, PE, CBSI** and **Matt Cochran, PE** presented from Lochner on the 2-span pedestrian bridge with a scupper/drain box mounted on the outside of the deck. The temporary pedestrian bridge was used to maintain pedestrian and bicycle traffic to the nearby Hoodlebug Trail.
- SR 3020 Freedom Road Widening and Traffic Improvements was awarded for projects greater than \$2.5 Million Dollars. **Chad Mosco, PE** from PennDOT and **Robert Nuss, PE, PTOE** from KCI presented on this project that received a \$20 Million Build Grant and included many pavement cores and a heated sidewalk. The GRS wall was built to avoid wetland and stream impacts.

May 17, 2024 Golf Outing

The 24th Annual ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section Golf Outing was hosted at the Links at Spring Church. With a full round of golfers in attendance the course accommodated the group well. The weather was pleasantly drier than expected until the outing was over. The combination of lunch, dinner and drinks kept everyone satisfied. Whether you lost a few balls or broke a few tees, hopefully you enjoyed yourself.

Special thanks to **Bryce Miller, PE** for his quick efforts in changing locations on short notice and all of the prizes for the day including the top three teams, skills on the course, and a new putter.

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Photos: Sean Hart, ASHE Mid-Allegheny Board Members, Matthew Griffiths and Roger Eaton, Trey Blystone and Roger Eaton, Bob Schieb, Matt Cochran and Steve Rogers, Chad Mosco, Robert Nuss (left to right)



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SR 3016 over Two Lick Creek



SR 3020 Freedom Road Widening and Traffic Improvements



Photo: Matt Cochran, Sean Hart, Brian Allen, and Steve Rogers



Photo: Dominic D'Angelo, Lynn Colosi, Mark Gordon, Gary Gorski, Sean Hart, Robert Nuss, and Chad Mosco

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Upcoming events include:

- Clay Shoot, Date August 2, 2024 at Promise Land Hunting Preserve | Freeport PA
- September Dinner Meeting, Date TBD

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

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