



THE PROFILE

**Virginia Bailey**

2025 – 2026 ASHE President

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy October! With that, all things fall are in full swing – football, Oktoberfest, Spirit Halloween store pop-ups, lack of state and federal budgets, and a slew of upcoming transportation industry events.

ASHE Harrisburg program planning is well underway! Some of our upcoming efforts include:

- A project technical lunch and optional tour of a District 8-0 project in York County on the 21st.
- As I mentioned last month, we're rolling out a "Back to Basics" webinar lunch and learn series for our younger professionals on a variety of topics. (We are still looking for additional volunteers to present!)
- In December, we will have a holiday happy hour (theme, date, and venue to be announced).

Please note that we are moving up our Annual Banquet to January this year in an effort to increase interest and attendance. We're excited to announce that PennDOT District 8-0 will be featured with a panel of project managers, so please be on the lookout for a save the date soon! It will be a great event celebrating past presidents, scholarship winners, and our industry!

With moving the Annual Banquet to January, we accelerated our scholarship schedule, and our scholarship application is now out and available! Please pass this along to any students (high school seniors, college students, technical school students) who are interested in engineering, science, and trades that support our transportation industry! Last year we gave out a total of \$25,000 to ten deserving students. The application and guidelines are available on our website.

One trend I've noted over the last few years of reviewing scholarship submissions is that students interested in engineering seem to be gravitating more and more to aerospace and mechanical engineering over civil, citing their interest in Space-X type work and Formula 1 racecar design. What can we do as an industry to continue to attract bright students to civil engineering? I don't know the answer, but it is certainly an important discussion for us to collectively have.

—Virginia

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MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the community!

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Stahl Sheaffer Engineering

Gabriel Puchalsky
Erdman Anthony

Nicholas Shaefer
Trans Associates Engineering

Heather Heeter
Urban Engineering

Christopher Hartz
HRG Engineering

**Individual
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PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Steve Koser

PRESIDENT
2007 – 2008

Why did you join the ASHE Harrisburg Board of Directors and take on the role of President? When I started my full-time career with PennDOT back in 1985 my Dad (Robert Koser who ran the District 8-0 contract management unit) took me to a few ASHE dinner meetings. My mentor at District 8-0 while I was a Civil Engineer Trainee (CET) was Drew Bitner and both my dad and Drew strongly encouraged me to join ASHE. I saw the large attendance of consultants, contractors, FHWA and PennDOT at those dinner meetings and thought they would be good to learn about highway and bridge projects and connect with those outside of PennDOT, and in the highway/bridge community. Following the first few years as an ASHE - Harrisburg Section member, I was asked to become the Secretary (by Bob Peda), and after that to become a Board member and eventually rise through the organization to become the President of the Harrisburg Section. Being on the Board as a Director for several years exposed me to some of the inner workings of the organization, which was exciting to me and why I wanted to advance up through it and become the President. The experience was a very enjoyable one in each of those roles - I learned a lot and came to make many life-long relationships with colleagues and new friends in doing so.



What did you personally and professionally gain from your ASHE Harrisburg membership and leadership experience?

As I mentioned, I made many relationships with colleagues and new friends through my association with ASHE. Some of the duties and responsibilities of the various roles I had let me experience our Scholarship program (and the impressive applicants and future young engineers); an understanding of the Sections finances, accounting and auditing; contacts within and outside of PennDOT in lining up dinner meeting speakers; and the status of various highway and bridge construction projects are all experiences I enjoyed and gained from.



What are some of your favorite ASHE Harrisburg memories? Sitting on the Scholarship committee, the Annual Golf Outing that supports the Scholarship program, serving/supporting two national ASHE conferences that the Harrisburg Section hosted, and the Annual Seafood Picnic and Casino Night (which I have been involved with cooking along with Drew Bitner for longer than I can remember - maybe 35+ years, and back when we held it at the park at Blue Mountain).

What advice would you offer those just out of college/early in their careers?

JOIN the Harrisburg Section! Attend the luncheon and dinner meetings as well as all of the other fun and networking events (Annual Golf Outing, Annual Picnic, Litter Pick-up, etc.). Become involved with all of the Sections activities that you can -



you will meet individuals who may become life-long colleagues and friends, and make connections that could help you in both your personal life and professional career.

What are you up to these days?

I am retired from full-time work at PennDOT (about 5 years ago now, wow does time fly by fast), and since have been working on a part-time basis for Quality Engineering Solutions (QES) and more recently also on a part-time basis with the Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association (PAPA). My wife and I have been traveling throughout the USA and internationally (Europe and Mexico) as well with family and friends (see the photos) when I am not working.



ASHE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



BRIANNA ROTHERAM

Job Title: Engineer Project Manager 1

Employer: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Years of Experience: 4

College/University & Degree: Penn State Harrisburg/Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Hometown/Where You're From: Harrisburg, PA



What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering/transportation?

Almost all of my family lives in Pittsburgh, and being surrounded by bridges, railroads, and roadways sparked my curiosity about how things worked and were built behind the scenes. That led me to pursue engineering, where building trust with the public is vital - people rely on safe, efficient infrastructure every day, and I want to be part of that backbone.

What's a project you've worked on that you're most proud of?

The project I'm most proud of is the Allegheny Mountain Realignment project, where I serve as an Assistant Project Manager. It will bypass the existing tunnel by realigning the roadway south of it. Having grown up traveling through that tunnel many times, it's meaningful to now contribute to its redesign, balancing unique engineering challenges while supporting the public through the process.

If you could give one piece of advice to peer young engineers, what would it be?

My advice to young engineers would be to volunteer for as much work as you can, especially early on. I never realized how valuable those field visits and extra tasks were until I started preparing my PE application and could see how much experience I had to draw from. You may not see the benefit right away, but every opportunity you take builds your knowledge, your confidence, and ultimately your career



EVENT RECAP YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP

In September the Young Member Group (YMG) hosted a range day outing at Creekside at Liberty Forge. The YMG enjoyed food, drinks, and all the golf balls they could hit. The group is definitely growing with 15 attendees, and we look forward to more events to come. Look out for October's Halloween themed event to get everyone in the spooky season mood!!

ASHE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



JOE PEDONE

Job Title: Highway Design Engineer

Employer: Erdman Anthony

Years of Experience: 4

College/University & Degree: Clarkson University/Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Hometown/Where You're From: Utica, NY

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What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering/transportation?

I've always enjoyed problem solving and wanted to do something that makes a difference in people's daily lives. It's rewarding to know the work we do helps create safer, more efficient networks for the communities around us.

What's a project you've worked on that you're most proud of?

I'm especially proud of contributing to the design of a complex crane layout for the Maclay Street Bridge project in Harrisburg. It was a unique challenge that required creative problem-solving and collaboration, and it reminded me of the variety I enjoy in my role as a highway designer. Projects like this keep me on my toes, as I never know what new opportunities I'll have to contribute.

If you could give one piece of advice to peer young engineers, what would it be?

My advice would be to build strong relationships and never be afraid to ask questions. Learning from more experienced engineers and collaborating closely will teach you more than any textbook ever could.

Fun fact about you that most people don't know:

Back in school, I was the go-to barber on campus..



EVENT RECAP

SEPTEMBER HAPPY HOUR • SEPTEMBER 24

One of the few rainy evenings in September didn't stop close to 100 people from coming out to attend our Happy Hour at Duke's Riverside Bar and Grille in Wormleysburg. Duke's provided the perfect space to catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues in a casual, comfortable atmosphere – and the food wasn't bad either! There was a good mix of consultants as well as a solid contingent of PennDOT District 8 folks and students from our Shippensburg University ASHE chapter as well. Special thanks to Shaun Bentz for planning the event and to Kevin Keefe and the rest of the District 8 staff who came out to network. The overwhelmingly positive feedback indicates we will likely return there again in the future.

ASHE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



NICK BRATINA

Job Title: Structural Engineer III

Employer: CDM Smith

Years of Experience: 5

College/University & Degree: Penn State University/Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Hometown/Where You're From: Harrisburg, PA



What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering/transportation?

Engineering intrigued me because there is always a problem to solve. Every day there is a new task that presents a challenge and resolving that problem is very satisfying.

What's a project you've worked on that you're most proud of?

I was the main designer on a pedestrian bridge in Pittsburgh right out of college (Glenwood Pedestrian Ramps). I learned a lot through that project and it gave me a great insight to the world of engineering.

If you could give one piece of advice to peer young engineers, what would it be?

Keep meeting new people and having conversations with everyone you can. You'll learn a lot and those connections will come in handy in the future.

Outside of work, what are your hobbies or interests?

I enjoy football, hockey, hunting, fishing, snowboarding, and anything else outdoors.



YOUNG MEMBER GROUP

BACK-TO-BASICS LUNCH & LEARN

ADA CURB RAMPS

What is ADA? Design Criteria. Ramp Submittals. Construction.



12:00
2:00

Meeting link will be emailed to ASHE list three weeks prior



PRESENTED BY:

Danielle Derolf, P.E.





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Spring 2025
Volunteers



Thursday, October 16

Meet at 3:00 PM

Rain Date: October 23



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525 South Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Happy Hour

Join us afterwards. As a thank you, ASHE is picking up the tab for volunteering your time.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, CONTACT:

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RSVP BY:
OCT 9



Join Us!

ASHE Lunch Meeting with Technical Presentation

Project Site Tour to Follow (1.0 PDH)

Sherman Street Bridge Modification/ Extension

The Sherman Street bridge was recently expanded from two spans to three spans to accommodate the impending widening of I-83 and the relocation of the adjacent Mill Creek in York, PA



Tuesday, October 21

11:30AM – 1:30PM
Lunch/Presentation



2:30PM – 3:15PM
OPTIONAL: Project Tour
(30 guests max)



West Shore Country Club
100 Brentwater Rd, Camp Hill
[Project Tour to Follow](#)



Members: \$45
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Presented by: Jeremy Wyland, PE



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Thank you to our 2025–2026 Century Club Members.

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Major

Graduation Date (M/Y)

GRADUATE DEGREE

College / University

Major

Graduation Date (M/Y)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Registered Engineer

Land Surveyor-in-Training

Not Licensed

Registered Land Surveyor

Engineer-in-Training

Other

Primary State

Registration No

Certification Date

Total Years Experience in the Highway Industry (briefly describe)

WORK SECTOR (CHECK ONE)

DOT City County
Federal Consultant Supplier
Contractor Other (explain)

WORK SPECIALTY (CHECK ONE)

Design Construction Inspection
Survey CADD Maintenance
Other (explain)

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Date

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