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SUMMER 2026

BACK TO BASICS: WEBINAR RECAPS

MAY 5**BRIDGE STRUCTURES:
FUNDAMENTALS FOR
EMERGING ENGINEERS**

PRESENTED BY



Thanks to **Erin Brenneman, P.E., and Adam Bagriacik, P.E., of Modjeski and Masters**, for presenting an excellent Back-to-Basics session on Bridge Structures: Fundamentals for Emerging Engineers on 5/5! Erin and Adam provided our members with an overview of bridge engineering fundamentals, covering bridge types, structural components, load paths, common loading conditions, governing design codes, and the role of bridge engineers throughout project development. Thank you both for sharing your expertise and providing our members with a strong introduction to the fundamentals of bridge engineering!

JUNE 2**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

PRESENTED BY



Thanks to **Spencer Bordner, P.E., of Erdman Anthony**, for presenting an excellent Back-to-Basics session on A Day in the Life of a Construction Manager on 6/2! Spencer provided our members with an overview of the construction manager's role throughout project delivery, highlighting coordination with owners, contractors, inspection staff, design teams, and third-party stakeholders. He discussed project documentation, change orders, constructability reviews, utility coordination, issue resolution, and the importance of communication and teamwork in delivering successful transportation projects. Thank you, Spencer, for sharing your expertise and providing our members with valuable insight into the day-to-day responsibilities of a construction manager!

JULY 7**BRIDGE STRUCTURES:
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Thanks to **Ian Preston, P.E., of KCI Technologies**, for presenting an excellent Back-to-Basics session on Transportation Impact Studies (TIS) on 7/7! Ian provided an overview of the purpose and importance of TISs, covering the study process, data collection, analysis, mitigation strategies, and agency coordination. He also discussed trip generation, level of service, traffic signal and turn lane warrants, and real-world challenges encountered during transportation studies. Thank you, Ian, for sharing your expertise and providing our members with valuable insight into this important aspect of transportation engineering!

AUGUST 4**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

PRESENTED BY



Thanks to **Devin Lansberry, P.E., of Stahl Sheaffer Engineering**, for presenting an excellent Back-to-Basics session on Pipes, Poles, & Property Owners on 8/4! Devin gave our members a practical overview of the PennDOT Utility Clearance and ROW processes, explaining how they influence project design, coordination, and delivery. He covered utility conflict identification, relocation planning, ROW acquisition, easement types, agency coordination, and lessons learned from real-world projects. Thank you, Devin, for sharing your expertise and providing our members with valuable insight into these critical aspects of transportation project development!

TECHNICAL LUNCHEON & BOARD TRANSITION

Date: June 3

**Location: The Catering
Barn at Strock Enterprises**



Peter Castelli, from the Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC) of Southwestern PA and Joseph Sutor, from the PA Turnpike Commission, presented the history, goals and construction updates for the proposed PennSTART facility. PennSTART (Pennsylvania Safety Transportation and Research Track) will be Pennsylvania's leading hub for advancing transportation across key sectors such as Connected Vehicles, Traffic Management, and Autonomous Technologies, setting new standards in safety and efficiency for the Mid-Atlantic Region. PennSTART is a collaborative venture between the PA Turnpike, PennDOT, RIDC, Carnegie Mellon University, and Westmoreland County.

ASHE Harrisburg's Northeast Regional Board Delegate, Paul McNamee, led the installation of the 2026-2027 Officers and Board of Directors. See page 9 for the new officers and directors. Thank you to the outgoing Directors (Elwood Kimmel and Keith Lilley) and Immediate Past President Kevin Scheurich for your service to ASHE Harrisburg!

The event was concluded with the annual presentation of the Past President's Plaque and the Passing of the Gavel. The entire board would like to extend our thanks to Virginia Bailey for her amazing leadership this past year. Virginia had a phenomenal year serving as our president with establishing new networking events and overseeing the board's transition to StarChapter for website, events and membership management. Danielle Derolf will be taking over as President of ASHE Harrisburg for the 2026-2027 year, and we are all incredibly excited to work with her to continue to further our mission and provide engaging events for our membership.



RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE & INTERN EVENT

Location: High Steel Structures

ASHE Harrisburg recently hosted its Recent College Graduate & Intern Event at High Steel Structures, bringing together 30 recent graduates and interns representing 18 companies from across the region. Attendees participated in an engaging presentation through High Steel University, toured the fabrication facility, and gained a behind-the-scenes look at the manufacturing processes used to produce structural steel for bridges and other transportation infrastructure. The event provided participants with valuable insight into the innovation, precision, and teamwork required to transform engineering designs into finished products.

In addition to the facility tour, attendees learned more about ASHE Harrisburg and the Young Member

Group, including the networking, technical, leadership, and professional development opportunities available to students and early-career professionals. The event also gave participants the opportunity to connect with peers and industry professionals while expanding their understanding of careers in transportation engineering and structural steel fabrication.

A special thank you to High Steel Structures for generously hosting the event, providing lunch, and making this experience possible. We appreciate everyone who attended and helped make the event a success, and we look forward to continuing to provide opportunities that connect the next generation of transportation professionals with leaders across our industry.



SECOND ANNUAL HARRISBURG SENATOR'S GAME

Date: July 21

ASHE Harrisburg held our Second Annual Harrisburg Senator's Game in July. Over 40 people including ASHE Harrisburg members and their families enjoyed a fun evening at FNB Field watching the Mayfly's (aka the Harrisburg Senators) take on the Reading Fightin Phils. Despite being out-hit, the Fightin Phils prevailed 4-1, as the Mayfly's couldn't turn any of their hits into runs.

Attendees made the best of the light rain and were able to partake in the all-you-can eat buffet, some cold beverages, and good comradery with co-workers and peers. Thanks to all for coming out and taking part in the evening!



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: SPRING CLEAN-UP

Date: April 23



A large contingent of ASHE Harrisburg members took advantage of a beautiful Spring afternoon and had another successful cleanup of the I-83/Second Street Interchange in Harrisburg. Afterwards, folks made their way over to Dockside Willie's for the customary post-cleanup happy hour on the deck, where food and drink were enjoyed while networking with fellow professionals.

Thanks to all for coming out and making a positive impact on our environment! And keep an eye on future newsletters for information on the next Adopt-a-Highway event in October, 2026.

ATTENDEES INCLUDED:

- Elwood Kimmel, GFT
- Nick Bratina and Austin Ford, CDM Smith
- Kayla Peters and Will Weismantel, RK&K
- Brennan Smith, Modjeski & Masters
- Joe Pedone, Erdman Anthony
- Mike House (Retired)
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- Anthony Maceo, McCormick Taylor
- Eruchi Obiri, Robert Sahin, and Elizabeth Coulter, Dewberry
- Sett Thiri Aung, GPI
- Surendra Paluru and Sruthi Isram, Volkert

And sorry if we missed anyone else who was there!



YOUNG MEMBER GROUP - GOLF OUTING

Date: June 11

In June, ASHE Harrisburg's Young Professionals gathered for a day out on the golf course. With over 40 participants, the first annual young member golf outing brought together emerging professionals from the engineering community for a day of networking, friendly competition, and connection outside the office. Attendees enjoyed time on the course while building relationships with peers, strengthening camaraderie within the organization, and celebrating the value of staying engaged beyond regular meetings and project work.



YOUNG MEMBER GROUP - CENTRAL PENN FOOD BANK

Date: June 16

On June 16, ASHE Harrisburg's Young Member Group volunteered at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, packing and sorting food to support individuals and families facing food insecurity throughout the region. The event offered a meaningful opportunity for young professionals to give back to the community while connecting with fellow ASHE members outside of the traditional professional setting.



Join us for our upcoming Young Professionals Speed Networking event on September 1 at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Central Administration Building! This event is designed to help young professionals with less than 10 years of experience build meaningful industry connections, expand their professional network, and connect with local organizations in a fun, welcoming environment. Attendees will also enjoy a keynote presentation from Barry Schoch, Senior Vice President at KCI, a complimentary lunch, and a free professional headshot. We hope to see you there!

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Young Professionals SPEED NETWORKING

**TUE
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SEPT****Where**PA Turnpike Commission
Central Administration Building
Middletown, PA**When**

Time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker**Barry Schoch**
Senior Vice President | KCI**Young professionals: FREE • Representatives: \$20****Light Lunch Provided.**

This event is designed to help young professionals with less than 10 years of experience break the ice and connect with others in the industry. It offers a welcoming space to get involved in professional clubs and social networking groups, while also providing the chance to meet familiar faces they'll likely see at future events.

SPACE IS LIMITED: 60 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS | 30 REPRESENTATIVES.**Young Professionals: receive a professional headshot for attending!****RSVP by August 14****YOUNG PROFESSIONAL****REPRESENTATIVE**

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