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AND WE BID A FOND FAREWELL TO SEASON 113...

With our April meeting accomplished, that marks the end of our Section Dinner series for this season, with only the Spring Social remaining as a full-Section event. But, as usual, every time we write this, it seems too soon for us to be writing it. The reality of the calendar indicates otherwise, backed up with the warmer weather and longer days spring brings us. With our Section's extended summer vacation nearly upon us, that means that *THE NEWS* goes away for a few months. (Please try to contain your disappointment...) Thus, this is the last edition of the current season. We will return with new issues starting in September. As we have done over the past several years, we will additionally likely take a respite from our respite in early July and crank out a short summer edition.

Until then, it's time to shut down the "machinery" and take what we at *THE NEWS* will call a well-earned break after this edition is complete. We know some of you wonder what exactly we are taking a break from, but we'll leave it at that. You are certainly welcome to direct any outrages to newseditor@asce-philly.org. Please keep in mind, however, that being on our break, we are not sure when we would read these comments/outrages, but we promise that we will get to them at some point (perhaps when we take a break from our break...).

We wish you a good summer and we intend to welcome you back in September, when you will once again wonder where the time went and try to remember what you did all summer...



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

CMAA Congratulates Griffin

The Construction Management Association of American (CMAA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter cited **Michael V. Griffin, PE** with its **Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award** for 2026. This award is presented to a Chapter member who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the chapter over the course of his/her professional career. Mike will receive this award at the Chapter's annual Project of the Year and Scholarship Award Gala on April 30.

Mike serves as the lead of HKA Global's forensic engineering and forensic architecture practice in the Americas. He is a past Chapter President and member of the Chapter's board of directors. He has served on the national board of directors for CMAA and was inducted into the CMAA College of Fellows in 2024. He has additionally been active in several other industry associations including the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, the Women's Transportation Seminar, and our Section.

We congratulate Mike on this notable accomplishment.

Spring Social Thursday, May 14

We hope you will be able to join us at our Section's annual Spring Social and Awards Banquet. At the Social we will salute another successful season for our Section as we enjoy drinks and dinner.

We will be returning to **The Lucy**, the location of last year's Social, to enjoy this interesting venue once again.

At the Social our 2026 Section Awards recipients and the winners of our Delaware Valley Science Fairs Special Awards will be recognized and congratulated. We will welcome and install our incoming Officers and Board of Directors and thank those who have served in these positions over the past year. As always it will be an enjoyable and memorable event, and we hope you can join us to share in the festivities.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 14 Networking/social hour, 6:00 PM; Dinner following (approximately 7:00 PM); Activities following dinner (until approximately 8:30 PM)

LOCATION: **The Lucy**; 231 S. Broad Street (at Locust Street); Center City

FEE: \$90 per attendee; \$45 government agency employees and students

RSVP: Please RSVP through our Section's website (www.asce-philly.org). Paypal is available for this event.

If you would like to reserve a table of 8-10, please indicate each table as a single registration

Due to our commitment with our event venue, cancellations or no-shows will be invoiced for the full cost of the event. Registrants are able to transfer their registrations to others without penalty.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate and reflect on another successful season for our Section.

A winner is that person who gets up one more time than she is knocked down..

— Mia Hamm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe my Presidential term is about to come to a close. I guess time really does fly when you're having fun! As bittersweet as it is, I'm proud of what we've accomplished this past year: we held five Section meetings featuring great presentations with the help of our wonderful technical groups and our friends at ASHE DelVal; we recognized several very deserving award and scholarship winners at our Spring Social; we had a Board community service event at MANNA; we are nearing completion of an update to our Section Constitution; we had hard conversations to ensure our financials are strong for the future; we supported the efforts and activities of our institute chapters; we were able to work with our ASHE colleagues to support the successful nomination of one of our members for the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year honors; and so many other amazing things. Best of all, throughout all of that, we saw Board members and other volunteers step up time and again to lead these initiatives—my deepest thanks to all of them for their time and energy.

Despite how great this year was, and how much I'll cherish it, it's time to look to the future... and I have to say, there is A LOT to be excited about! We have an exceptional Board taking the reins, led by incoming President **Dennis Wilson**. For those who don't know Dennis, he is a kind, compassionate, and organized leader with a great sense of humor and an even keel. If Dennis got a dollar every time that I texted or called him to get his opinion on things this past year... well, he'd have a whole lot of dollars. He never complained, though, and considered every question earnestly. I will always appreciate him for that. I know he's going to be a great President and can't wait to watch him, and the rest of the Board, get to work.

Thank you all for your support and engagement this year. I look forward to seeing you at events in the future... I'll still be there, so come say hi.

Best Regards,
Jesse Gormley
President, ASCE Philadelphia Section

PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED



It has become a tradition at this point to invite our Past Presidents to our April meeting as guests of our Section to be cited for their contributions and service. Many of them continue to assist our Section in several ways on committees and involvement in various activities, with some of this also at the National level. We are always pleased to see them. And, because they are engineers and by definition like free things, we are well aware that the offer of a free dinner doesn't hurt in encouraging them to show up.

A total of 16 Past Presidents were able to participate. Shown below, left to right, are **Klaus Fuelleborn** (1992-93), **Joe Natale** (2023-24), **Ira Pierce** (1985-86), **Kazi Hassan** (2019-20), **Bill Malarkey** (1983-84, the "senior" member of this group), **Bob Wright** (1993-94), **Darin Gatti** (1997-98), **Ruben David** (2002-03), **Kevin Brown** (2024-25, the "newbie"), **Chris Rood** (2001-02), **Allan Moore** (2003-04), **Tom Brady** (2010-11), **Kristen Kavanagh** (2009-10), **Jen Reigle** (2020-21), **Briana Pampuch** (2021-22) and **Chris Menna** (2005-06). We missed **Ann Tomalavage** (2011-12), who had planned to attend but was unable to be there given a last-minute conflict.

Thanks to President-Elect **Dennis Wilson** for coordinating this, and thanks to our Past Presidents who were able to attend.

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We thank these folks for their service and wish them well in their spots.

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NATIONAL ASCE IN THE NEWS

We welcome ASCE's new Chief Executive Officer, Peter J. O'Neil. He recently posted this self-introduction.

Hi there! I still have a few boxes left to unpack, but I wanted to reach out with a virtual handshake before I fully settle in. I am glad to be a part of what is far more than an association of esteemed professionals. ASCE is an institution that has helped advance civil engineering for nearly 175 years.

I am excited to join ASCE as chief executive officer at such a pivotal moment for infrastructure. For the past 18 years, I have worked with organizations that sit at the intersection of professions and industries. ASCE holds a uniquely important place in that landscape – its members are stewards and connectors across the entire built environment where people live, work, and play – and those who educate them.

One thing that immediately stands out to me is the importance of ASCE's culture. Organizations are, at their core, people. In my previous roles, I focused every day on shaping and reinforcing cultures grounded in transparency, accountability, inclusivity, trust, kindness, and continuous learning, with the confidence to navigate difficult changes together thoughtfully and collaboratively. Change is constant – knowing that, it's what we learn from it, how we adapt to it, and carry ASCE's mission forward.

At heart, I am a connector and a caretaker. I want people to feel included, heard, and supported, while understanding at the same time that decisions must be made and implemented (I tend to be prone to action vs. inaction!). I value ethics and transparency and believe deeply in ensuring diverse voices are at the table – whether figurative or literal. I see ASCE as a wonderful opportunity to continue this work on an even broader scale. You can hear me talk more about my approach in a new ASCE Plot Points podcast.

I am looking forward to working with you and supporting you as we help ASCE serve its members – and the industry – for the next 175 years and beyond. I welcome the opportunity to connect. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime. I may be reached at poneil@asce.org.



INTRODUCING THE "CLASS OF 2026" LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership in ASCE is a major milestone in a member's tenure. To achieve Life Membership, one must have reached the age of 65, paid dues for a minimum of 35 years in any membership grade above student, and have

10 years' continuous membership immediately preceding the attainment of Life Membership. And, even better, Life Members are exempt from dues and need only pay a small service fee to receive Civil Engineering magazine.

For 2026 there are eight new "entrants" for Life Member grade:

Robert Busch	James Mitchell
Joseph Gormley, Jr.	Peter Neumann
Matthew Houtman	Laura O'Donnell-Luebbers
Gregory Lebo	Thomas Shiels, Jr.

Each of these individuals were invited to attend our April Section Meeting as our guest to be cited and awarded their Life Membership certificates. Unfortunately none of them were able to attend the dinner to be honored.

We are proud to congratulate this esteemed group on this honorable accomplishment and thank them for their long-time support and involvement as Section members.

2026-27 SLATE OF SECTION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTION

The incoming proposed slate of Section officers and Board members for our 2026-27 season has been recommended by our Section's Nominating Committee and has been formally accepted by our Section's Board. These individuals have accepted their respective appointments and will be officially inducted and sworn in at the Spring Social. They are as follows:

President:	Dennis Wilson, McCormick Taylor
President-Elect:	Katrina Budischak, McCormick Taylor
Vice President:	Archie Filshill, Aero Aggregates
Secretary:	Sean McCreesh, STV Inc.
Assistant Secretary:	Assunta Aprano, AECOM
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Assistant Treasurer:	Ajin Fatima, Amtrak
Membership Secretary:	Danielle Schroeder McCaskey, Huitt-Zollars
Directors:	Darren Black, Jacobs, 2026–28
	Nooraldean Dabdoub, TPD, 2025–27*
	Robin Dominick, CDM Smith, 2025–27*
	Andrew Hartmann, HNTB, 2026-28
	Caroline Voigtsberger, Pennoni, 2025–27*
	Martin Williams, RVE, 2026–28
Past Presidents:	Jesse Gormley, Pennoni
	Kevin Brown, GFT
	Joseph Natale, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Those positions indicated with * have two-year terms and have one year remaining in their current terms.

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Our 2026 Section Awards Recipients

Our Section Awards program for this season will, as usual, cite several deserving individuals who have been nominated by their peers for special recognition, and, for the first time, a notable project. These will be presented at our Annual Spring Social on May 14. More information and details on the Social are provided separately in this edition.

As usual, we received a number of strong nominations for Section Awards this year and the Awards Committee had the unenviable task to review the submissions and prepare a recommended slate of candidates. The recommended recipients have been approved by our Section Board of Directors. They are:

- **Philadelphia Civil Engineer of the Year – Janet Cunningham**, JBC Associates
- **Young Civil Engineer of the Year – Danielle Schroeder**, Huitt-Zollars
- **Structural Engineer of the Year – Robin Dominick**, CDM Smith
- **Geotechnical Engineer of the Year – Jared Green**, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services
- **Civil Engineering Manager of the Year – Michael Lembo**, CertainTeed/Saint-Gobain
- **Young Government Engineer of the Year – Ivan Burashnikov**, Philadelphia Water Department
- **Government Service Award – Richard Montanez**, Philadelphia Department of Streets
- **Community Outreach and Service Award – Emma Youngs**, Amtrak
- **Project of the Year – Broad, Germantown and Erie Intermodal Improvements**, Philadelphia Department of Streets/Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems and Bowman

We hope you will be able to join us at the Social to honor our Awardees for this year.

More information on our awardees will be included in our October edition of *THE NEWS*.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

As you have seen, the Section Sponsorship Program was once again popular this season. A total of 14 firms participated in the program, with four at the **VIP Title level (Aero Aggregates, GFT, Pennoni and TPD)**. We extend our special and collective THANKS to each sponsor for their financial commitment and support.

Sponsor logos have also been included in a special Sponsors section of our website, where a direct link is provided to each sponsor's website to allow folks to easily visit and review potential employment openings and positions. In addition, their business cards are published in each edition of *THE NEWS* to show their commitment and support.

Later this summer, as the 2026-27 season gears up, we will be contacting current sponsors as we usually do (after our hiatus) to see if they will be returning as sponsors for next season. And, if you're not among this group but would like to be, please contact **Bob Wright** at newseditor@asce-philly.org for more details and information.

In addition to our Section Sponsorship Program, the **Delaware Valley Geo-Institute (DVGI)**, has established a sponsor network of its own to help support its programs, student awards and scholarship. Its sponsors' cards are included in each edition of its newsletter, which can be accessed at the Group's website, www.dvgi.org.

These 42 (!) firms and institutions are the following:

AECOM	Keller
Aerix	Kleinfelder
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American Geotechnical and Environmental Services (AGES)	Langan Engineering and Environmental Services*
Colliers Engineering & Design	Lehigh University
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Earth Engineering	Peirce Engineering
ECS	Pennoni*
GFT*	Rimkus
GEI Consultants	Rowan University
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GRL Engineers	Subsurface Contractors
GZA	Temple University
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HNTB	Villanova University*
Inova Geosynthetics	Widener University
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*Those marked with * are also Section sponsors.*

YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM NEWS

Laurel Welch, Forum Editor
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Imhotep Institute Charter High School

March 9

YMF visited **Imhotep Institute Charter High School** to lead an engaging civil engineering outreach activity for STEM Week 2026. Volunteers presented a hands-on shoreline protection demonstration showcasing the role civil engineers play in protecting communities from flooding and erosion. Through the use of a wave tank model, students observed how the strategic shape and placement of engineered infrastructure can reduce wave energy and mitigate coastal impacts, illustrating real-world problem-solving in action. This demonstration highlighted the importance of STEM to address community challenges while introducing students to civil engineering careers and pathways. A special thank you goes to **Shirley L. Posey, M.S.**, Director of STEM & Program Development, for her fantastic help and coordination in making this event a success.

Legislative Fly-In at Washington DC

March 18-20

YMF's **Noor Dabdoub (TPD)** and **Juha Schraden (AECOM)** attended the 2026 ASCE National Legislative Fly-In. Noor and Juha were accompanied by past YMF President, **Dennis Wilson (McCormick Taylor)**, with Dennis, Juha and Noor left to right in the photo below. The Legislative Fly-In is an opportunity for ASCE members to meet with Members of Congress or



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BRIDGE PHOTO CONTEST

Our Section is looking for striking photographs of bridges, taken in the United States or abroad, that highlight design and engineering achievements of Civil Engineers.

Applicants must be individuals over 18 years of age or engineering firms, and they must be the creator or owner of submitted photographs. Applicants may enter up to three photos; each individual photo may be entered in only one category. Cash prizes will be awarded, and all submissions are eligible for inclusion in National ASCE's next **Bridges Calendar**.

Judges will recognize two winners from each the following categories:

- Multimodal Bridges:** Any bridge designed for bike and pedestrian use only
- On the Job:** Under construction, during an inspection

Judges will recognize four winners from the following category:

- Philadelphia Region Bridges:** Any bridge, open category. Limited to Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

To enter, applicants must complete the Google submission form below, and upload the photographs as directed: **Bridge Photo Contest Submission Form**. **Contest rules and requirements** are available on our [website](#).



SCIENCE FAIRS – PROJECTS REVIEWED, AWARDS MADE

As we have done for over 30 years, and at this point we have managed to lose count of the exact amount of years we have done this, our Section offered Special Awards to students who participated in the Delaware Valley Science Fairs. The regional competition took place on April 1 and our contingent of judges found their ways to the Greater



Philadelphia Expo Center to review and assess student projects that involve or touch on civil engineering topics and concepts. If we have learned one thing in the judging effort, it has been that this is not easy. The evaluation and selection of the winning projects remains a consistently a difficult task given the quality and interesting subject matter of the offerings. It was not made any easier this year with a large number of participants (**over 900 entrants**).

The plural in the Science Fairs title is intentional given its coverage of a compilation of 13 separate science fairs/events across a fairly large geographic area, stretching to the Jersey Shore, all of Delaware, and the Lehigh Valley, bringing students whose projects have won school district and local contests to compete on a regional level. The top medal winners at the Fairs can move on to the International Science and Engineering Fair later this spring.

Our group of six volunteer judges, led by Past Section President Chris Rood, included Past Presidents Ruben David (not pictured), Briana Pampuch and Bob Wright, accompanied by Sharon Dotts and Carmen Valerio, and they reviewed approximately 20 engineering-related projects to develop a short list of candidates to interview for our Section's Special Awards. Chris, Briana, Ruben and Bob are seasoned veterans at this, each having served as judges for a number of years. Four awards are offered, citing a first and second place finisher in individual projects in the Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 categories.

Projects are classified into various disciplines and areas of science, including engineering, but our judges often find that they must review many projects in other areas such as physics, earth sciences, environmental sciences, and mathematics that may touch on the nature of civil engineering. Sometimes these projects cross different disciplines, and sometimes they are merely misclassified. Thus, this evaluation and review tends to require a bit of "legwork" and searching among the many project displays, often with at least a glance at each of the offerings to develop their candidate short-lists.

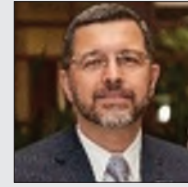
After considerable review and discussion, our team sorted through and short-listed several projects and came up with two winners in each of the categories of Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. The winning students and their projects were:

Grades 9–12 1st Place

Optimizing Roadway Geometric Design to Minimize Hydroplaning Risk
Ellia Sales, Easton Area High School, Easton, PA

Grades 9–12 2nd Place

Development of Novel Seawall Designs to Protect Metropolitan Areas in the Face of Sea Level Rise
Chase Irwin, Cherry Hill High School West, Cherry Hill, NJ



Michael T. DiCamillo

Section Life Member Mike DiCamillo passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on March 27.

Mike grew up in Norristown attending Holy Savior School and Bishop Kenrick High School. From a young age, he worked alongside his father growing the family landscape business, where he developed a strong work ethic and a propensity to show love through hard work and sacrifice. Emulating his father, he learned to build and fix things with his hands. His parents made it a priority to ensure he received a strong education and supported his decision to pursue higher education. While his initial intent was a career in landscape architecture, he was accepted at the University of Pennsylvania and pursued studies in Civil and Urban Engineering, where he received his Bachelor (1979) and Master degrees (1985).

After a short stint in the structural consulting world, Mike joined SEPTA as a Project Manager in 1983 and rose through the ranks in his 31-year career there, directing various support facility upgrade and transit/rail improvement projects. Upon retirement in 2014, he returned to the private sector, accepting a position at Michael Baker International and continuing work on several national transit projects until he fully retired in 2021.

Mike was likely best known for his long-time mentorship and service as an advisor for the Future City Competition team at his parish school, Our Lady Help of Christians in Abington. Over several decades, he helped the OLHC team take home National awards as well as winning the Regional top award seven times, with the team being featured on the PBS program *Zoom* during one of the National contests. He was inducted into the Future City Hall of Fame in 2008. He was also cited by our Section as our Engineering Manager of the Year in 2009.

At a friend's birthday party in 1978, he met Mary, the sister of the guest of honor, who would become his wife in 1981. As a devoted husband and father of a family that would eventually grow to six children, his energy and focus always revolved around them, whether socially, athletically, or academically. He spent countless hours involved in school and recreational activities while balancing his career and family activities.

Mike is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary, their six children, 19 grandchildren, and two sisters.

Grades 6–8 1st Place

Soil Erosion and Deposition Model

Fionn Isaacson, Riverfront Middle School, Bordentown, NJ

Grades 6–8 2nd Place

Evaluating Tsunami Wall Designs for Effectiveness

Kaito Kiuchi, Moravian Academy Middle School, Easton, PA

Kaito was our 2nd Place recipient last year as well, with a project on bridge design.

The First Place winners will be invited to attend the Spring Social so they can share their projects and knowledge with engineers. We hope they will be able to participate so the rest of us can see the Engineers of the future and allow them to display their winning efforts.

Thanks to the students and to those who participated in this event.

More information on the Fairs can be found at www.dvsf.org.

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their senior legislative staff to advance the Society's collective policy priorities while learning beneficial leadership skills they can bring back to the workplace. Noor networked with ASCE peers from across the country and learned about communicating his "ask" and building relationships with elected leaders. The focuses of this year's Fly-In were surface transportation reauthorization, the Water Development Act, and reauthorization of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. The YMF is proud to have members honing their skills in the public policy process and advocacy!

YMF/AWRA Joint Happy Hour*March 26*

The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) teamed up with YMF for a joint happy hour at Con Murphy's Pub in Center City for a night of networking with peers new and old! Nearly 50 professionals attended, making for a fun and lively crowd. The food and atmosphere were awesome, and it was a perfect chance to catch up, meet new people, and build connections across both groups. Thanks so much to everyone who joined us and helped make the night such a success. We're looking forward to the next one!

**John H. Taggart School – Girls Inc.***March 31*

YMF members visited the John H. Taggart School to lead an engaging Civil Engineering outreach activity focused on structural design and stability. For this hands-on challenge, students acted as building designers using plastic toothpicks and marshmallows to explore how geometric shapes like triangles versus squares impact a structure's ability to stand tall and support its own weight. Just like in real construction, we made sure to account for extra supplies, though in this case that mostly meant ensuring there were plenty of marshmallows for the students to snack on after their hard work! The session provided a demonstration of real-world Engineering principles, showing how simple shapes can create impressive strength. A special thank you goes to Lillian Knoerzer, Camila Velarde, and Thalia of Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia and Southern NJ for their fantastic help and coordination in making this event a success, just as they have for our many other collaborative efforts in recent past.

Critical Issues Seminar*April 2*

YMF hosted our Annual Critical Issues Seminar at Glory Beer Bar. This year's topic was Artificial Intelligence: How AI is Impacting Consulting and Infrastructure Engineering. Joined by industry experts, Andrew Edwins (Mott MacDonald) facilitated a panel discussion about the ways in which Artificial Intelligence is shaping our industry, including cost, accountability, data governance, and ethics. The panelists participated in an engaging discussion, followed by Q&A from the audience.



Special thanks to our panelists – pictured with Andrew, Jon Schmidt, PE, Transportation Technical Deployment Leader, AECOM; Markus Weidner, MS, Chief Innovation Officer, Pennoni, and; John Chioffe, Senior Director of AI, Analytics, Automation & Data Excellence, Amtrak.

ASCE/ASHE Spring Adopt-A-Highway*May 2*

Please join YMF and the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) Delaware Valley Young Members Committee to help keep our 2-miles of adopted roadway clean. The roadway segment is Bethlehem Pike between Lafayette Avenue Connector and Butler Pike in Ambler.

Vests and supplies from PennDOT will be provided for the clean up! Volunteers must be 18+ to attend. Please wear closed-toe shoes. Snacks will be provided at the half-way point.

Join us at Fireside Bar & Grille afterward for lunch and drinks courtesy of ASCE and ASHE!

The event begins at 11:00 AM and will conclude around 1:00 PM.

For additional details or questions, contact Kerianne Chen, at kchen@tpdinc.com or Dustin Woywod, at dustin.woywod@mbakerintl.com.

SECTION COMMITTEES

Our Section has several Committees that assist our operation through their particular focus on certain operations, activities and aspects of our offerings. Participation in a committee is a way to volunteer with the Section without committing to a Board position.

Additionally, if you have a goal to be part of our Section governance and joining the Board, service on a committee is one way to get you a step closer to that goal.

Our current active committees are:

- **Awards**, responsible for soliciting and evaluating nominations for our Section's annual awards program
- **General Membership Meetings**, responsible for planning, organizing, and executing our Section monthly dinner meeting program
- **Government Affairs**, responsible for organizing events that engage local, state, and federal government officials
- **JEDI**, responsible for a focus on our Section's operations, communication to our members, updated documents such as bylaws and operations manuals, and event planning procedures and then provide recommendations to our Section on how it can be more diverse, equitable, and inclusive in its operations
- **Scholarship**, responsible for soliciting and evaluating nominations for any scholarships sponsored by our Section
- **Section Newsletter**, responsible for compiling content for and drafting our monthly Section newsletter, The News
- **Sponsorship**, responsible for developing/maintaining a sponsorship program and soliciting paid sponsors for our Section
- **Spring Social**, responsible for planning, organizing, and executing our annual Spring Social

**You should always
leave the party
10 minutes before
you actually do.**

— Gary Larson

APRIL SECTION BREAKOUT TOPICS MEETING

April 14, 2026

Inn at Swarthmore

By Robert Wright, Editor

On a nearly-summerlike day, despite the calendar indicating mid-April, we reached the end of our 2025-26 Section dinner meeting program. As usual, and we know how time flies, there were the expected comments on how it was already the end of the season and how it seemed it had just started not too long ago. With over 100 attendees at the Inn at Swarthmore, the second time for this nice venue for our meeting program, the crowd included an interesting mix of participants, with a unusually large contingent of students as two Student Chapters were featured that evening, and a number of students from another school, being conveniently nearby (but not nearly as nearby as one of the featured schools), decided to come out and be part of the event.

In addition to the many students, the healthy turnout was there for the three interesting breakout topics once the formalities and dinner were enjoyed. And this being Past Presidents night, there was a similarly nice-size group of our past Section leadership on hand to enjoy some getting together, networking and the noted interesting breakout topics.

President **Jesse Gormley** got the evening underway with a few announcements and the order of the evening's agenda as well as a general thanks to the Section for allowing him to serve as President. He introduced **Mike Urban**, chair of the Section's Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) technical group, to the podium, who provided an update on coming SEI events as well as citing the recipients of the SEI scholarships for this year, **Louis Kigala** (Drexel University) and **Annabel Greiveldinger** (Villanova University).

President Gormley brought the representatives of the featured Student Chapters to front and center for their reports, presumably doing this in the further of the two from the venue being first. Villanova University Student Chapter President **John Burns** and Vice President **Annabel Greiveldinger** updated the attendees on its current events and activities, followed by the Swarthmore College Student Chapter team of President **Elijah Dillow** and **Abby Peters** offering similar information on its program and events.

President Gormley noted that the Section had eight newly-minted Life Members for 2026 (please see the separate article on this) but unfortunately none were able to attend the dinner to be recognized. He did provide a Life Member certificate to Past Section President **Darin Gatti**, who was elevated to the Life Member grade last year but due to a mixup did not receive his certificate at that time. He also cited the many Past Section Presidents in attendance (see another separate article on this), who gathered for a photo.

As dinner wound down President Gormley wrapped up the evening and dismissed folks from the dinner space for a short break to have the room prepared for two of the evening's breakout sessions, with the third in an adjacent room. In closing the meeting, he thanked those present for their help in making this another successful season for the Section and dismissed folks to the breakout rooms to continue the evening with the three separate technical modules:

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With that, the breakout meetings got started and another successful Section meeting season wrapped up.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

As you may be aware, professional engineers, land surveyors and geologists in many states are required to obtain continued professional development (CPD) credit to renew their licenses in many states. Locally, this includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

This year both New Jersey and Delaware PE licenses are up for renewal, and the deadline for the former has effectively already passed at this point (April). Thus, you may find yourself having a particular and possibly urgent need to get some PDH's to meet the renewal requirements. For Pennsylvania you have some time (renewals will be due at the end of September of next year) but it is always good to plan ahead, especially knowing the deadline will undoubtedly be here before one knows it.

Our Section's meeting program is generally able to count toward your continuing education requirement (meetings that the Section believes would not be PDH-eligible are prefaced as such in the meeting announcement) for many states. We also offer various Technical Group and Younger Member Forum meetings and events that offer PDH credit. Over a two-year licensure period, our Section meeting program alone could amount to half of what one needs to meet many states' requirements.

The downside, if you're short at this point, is that we have little to no Section activity over the summer, so you may need to pick up those PDH's in another way. However, ASCE National offers free on-demand webinars and coursework, from which you can select among over 200 short courses and seminars to allow you to obtain up to 10 PDH's as a benefit of your membership. Information on this is available in the Membership section of the ASCE National website (www.asce.org).

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