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**SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE 2025–26**

**THE END IS AROUND THE BEND...**

The April meeting closes our Section Meeting/dinner season.

The **Spring Social**, our last Section event for the season, will be conducted on **May 14** at **The Lucy** in Center City. Details are being finalized and more information will be provided in the May edition of *THE NEWS* as well as in upcoming e-blasts.

**SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Please note that we have opened our Section Scholarship program for applications. More information on this is available below and on our website. We will continue to offer potential awards on this in different categories including students in Student Chapters in local schools within our Section boundaries (Drexel, Swarthmore, Temple, Villanova and Widener) as well as for students who have a parent who is a Section member and attend schools outside of our coverage area.

Additionally, our Section once again sponsored a scholarship that was offered as part of Delaware Valley Engineers Week. This was awarded to **Amber Watters** of Drexel University at the Engineers Week Opening Ceremony on February 19. Amber accepted the award from our own

**Bob Wright**, a past Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year. *Congratulations to Amber on this award.*



Specifically, we will be offering the following opportunities as part of our Section Scholarship program.

- **High School Seniors Scholarship - ASCE High School Scholarship - Engineering.** The applicant must be a high school senior planning on majoring in Engineering in the fall. **Applications are due March 31.**
- **College Scholarship – ASCE College Scholarship - Civil Engineering.** Two scholarships are available, one for a student who is a member of ASCE majoring in Civil Engineering and one for a student who has a parent who is a member of ASCE and majoring in Civil Engineering. **Applications are due April 3.**

**APRIL DINNER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, April 14, 2026**

**(PLEASE NOTE – NOT OUR USUAL THURSDAY PATTERN/DATE)**

Inn at Swarthmore, 10 S. Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA

Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, Breakout Sessions Following (approximately 7:30 PM)

This meeting will follow the “breakout” format used that has been the theme of our April event for over the past ten years. Attendees will assemble for dinner and announcements, then move to other rooms depending on which topic they want to hear. There will be a choice of three separate modules/topics as described below.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, APRIL 10.** The cost per attendee is \$ 80, with a reduced (\$55) cost for government agency employees and students, for reservations received by this deadline. Reservations received after the deadline and “walk-ups” without prior reservations paying at the door will be subject to an increased charge and will be accepted as space permits. Please note that electronic payment will NOT be an available option after the reservation deadline.

There is NO guarantee that space will be available if you do not reserve a space.

All registrations are final. Due to commitments with our event venues, 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.

As always, guests will be welcome to attend the presentation without dinner at no charge. The individual modules will be subject to room capacity constraints.

The Inn is accessible by SEPTA Regional Rail (Media-Wawa Line, Swarthmore Station is within a short walk). Free parking is available and can be accessed from Fieldhouse Lane, which intersects Chester Road at the roundabout just south of Swarthmore Station.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:**

**Life Members Night** – Newly-inducted Life Members will be featured and honored at this meeting as guests of the Section.

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**SPONSORS IN THE NEWS**

**Aero Aggregates Recognized**

Aero Aggregates of North America was awarded the **2026 Geo-Innovation Award** for its development and use of foamed glass aggregates at the Geo-Institute Geo-Congress 2026 on March 9. We are pleased to congratulate Aero on this citation.

**After all is said and done,  
more is said than done.**

— Aesop

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Happy Spring!*

There are so many things to look forward to this time of year. To name a few: warmer weather, blossoming flowers, a return to outdoor activities, a new construction season, spring holidays, and—most importantly—the ASCE Philadelphia Section's annual Multi-Technical Dinner Meeting! The event will be held at the Inn at Swarthmore again this year and feature three concurrent presentation topics for attendees to choose from, as well as our Past President and Life Member recognitions. We hope

you're able to make it.

In honor of this season of change, I also wanted to share an anecdote about AI, one of our industry's favorite "change topics." There's no doubt that AI can be a valuable, time-saving tool if used correctly, but we need to remain vigilant and verify the results that it provides. As an example, I was recently talking with a friend on ASCE Staff—the great **Nancy Berson**—and she mentioned that she had Googled "ASCE Philadelphia Section history" to assist a member with a question. She sent me a screen shot of the summary that Google's AI provided, and it included this gem:

1913 Founding: The Section was established with **Jesse Taylor Gormley** as its first President.

#### AI Overview

Officially recognized on June 4, 1913, the ASCE Philadelphia Section has served civil engineering professionals, students, and supporters in the region for over 100 years. Established following a petition in late 1912, the section represents a key hub for engineering professionals, including technical groups for construction, geo-institute, and younger members. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Key details regarding the ASCE Philadelphia Section history include:

- **Formation:** Following a petition in December 1912, the Section was officially recognized by National ASCE on June 4, 1913.
- **Historical Leadership:** Early leadership in 1913 included President Jesse Taylor Gormley, P.E., along with a dedicated board of directors.

As proud as I'd be of that honor, I can assure you I'm not that old... at least not yet. Regardless, next time you let AI summarize something for you, be sure you do your own review. After all, though most things change, "garbage in, garbage out" will always apply.

Be well, and I hope to see many of you at the Multi-Technical Dinner Meeting!

Best Regards,  
Jesse Gormley  
President, ASCE Philadelphia Section

## APRIL DINNER MEETING

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**Past Presidents Night** – Past Presidents will be invited to attend this meeting as guests of the Section in appreciation of their service and assistance.

The featured "breakout" sessions will consist of the following.

### NJDOT Route 80 Emergency Repairs Project

Sponsored by the Delaware Valley Geoinstitute

**Mohan Hussein**, NJDOT

### Bridge Fabrication

Sponsored by the Structural Engineering Institute

**Ronnie Medlock**, High Steel

### MLK/West River Drive Bridge Reconstruction

Co-sponsored by the Construction Management and Engineering Technical Group and the Transportation and Development Institute

**Tyler Barile** and **William Gural**, Philadelphia Department of Streets

Attendees will be able to earn one Professional Development Hour (PDH) at this meeting.

**Please note this meeting will be on TUESDAY evening, different from our usual meeting night pattern.**

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In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, only the immediate Past President will serve on the Board, and only for a one-year term. We show the most recent three Past Presidents as has become our tradition.

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

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# He Can't STILL Be A Younger Member (Also)...? Our 2025-26 Section President

For whatever reason, when we move the clock's hour hand twice a year (yes, some of us still have analog clocks), your Editor always gives thought to how such a simple action that was developed many years ago helps us preserve daylight and has many benefits. Part of why this comes to your Editor's mind is that it has become very predictable that many ways (for lack of a better term), with many of this group being our esteemed federal and state representatives, will rail on about how this should no longer be done and how it greatly impacts all of us to continue to follow this antiquated system. Predictably, the fury will start the week before the clocks get adjusted (either way, backward or forward) and will last until about two or three days afterward, then it will fade away again until the next time we have to adjust the clocks. (Kind of the same way we hear heated arguments about getting rid of the Electoral College just after every presidential election...). We do know that time passes and the cycle of the calendar is very much predictable and expected.

Why we have ventured into this discourse on time is related to something similarly cyclical that happens in The News when we get to this time of year, as the terms of our officers wind down and it becomes time to assess how our President did in leading this intrepid group of volunteers to steer the course for our Section and our members. Thus, we have set the stage for our annual assessment of one Jesse Gormley at this point. As we explain every year (and it still seems to be a lame excuse, but that's another way to look at it...), it is our duty to provide this year-end summary, and besides, every other President has had to experience it, so... We do this because we have to, not because we want to (our story and we're sticking to it...).

This has been done for a number of years and was started before your Editor took over this spot, and we have kept it going during our time at the Editor's desk. At the risk of upsetting the universe or apple cart we continue this tradition and we do not believe we are in any position to stop this at this point. We have at least changed the nature of it from the approach taken by our esteemed predecessor, who was always respectful but at the same time pushed the limits of this in his attempt to poke fun at the President. Not to say we won't do that, but we'll do it carefully (and if you know your Editor you can hardly wait to see the results of that, knowing how capable he is with pushing the limits and boundaries as well). Thus, if nothing else, we will be honest.

If you have followed these assessments over the years (and thus may have way too much time on your hands), you will notice that we do this in April to give the standing President a chance to rebut in the May edition of The News (should there be said need). Back in the dark ages, before

your Editor's occupancy of this position, The News wrapped up the season with a combined April-May issue. Thus, assessing the President's accomplishments was the final word as far as any reporting on this as well as any chance for objections from the standing President. (And maybe there was a method to that madness...) Thus, we are just a little more kind with our addition of a May issue and allowing the now-penultimate one (April) to provide this "roast" thus giving the President a chance for response in May. (Your word for today, penultimate...) Thus, with that background firmly established, let's get into the details.

So now you've invested the "read" of this thus far and are officially following a rabbit hole, it's time for some specifics, to reward you for being sufficiently brave (or bored...) to get here. Our Section has been well-served by one Jesse Gormley at our helm in his service as our 113th President. His "day job", Senior Engineer in the Transportation Division at Pennoni at its headquarters in Center City, has him involved in transportation structures and project development. (We dare you to ask him about the I-95 cap... a project in which he has a good deal of pride and surprisingly no gray hairs, but...). One way your Editor has thought about Jesse, having worked with him in various Section activities over the past several years (and also as a colleague at his firm for a short stint) is that he is still a younger member, hence the reuse of the title of last year's sendoff of one Kevin Brown (which you all obviously recall clearly...). Even though Jesse has managed to since graduate from the ranks of the Younger Member Forum (and not telling any tales, merely the facts, it's been a couple of years since he was YMF-eligible), for whatever reason your Editor still thinks of him that way. Maybe it's the youthful good looks, energy and sense of humor...?

Time to switch to the first person tense (and can I use my pronoun "thou"...?) to make this easier to digest... Jesse and I first met a number of years ago with our Section being what brought us to be able to meet, as he was a very active younger member both at local and national levels (and has continued to be involved thusly, but no longer as a younger member). I recall what struck me particularly was his dry sense of humor with a slight bit of self-deprecation (so basically another me, and that is indeed scary...). We quickly got to know each other and I was continually impressed with his energy and drive to get things done (and like me, but energy I once had, and drive I still thought I had). For whatever reason, though, a mental block on my part led to me continually calling him Jeremy, again for no discernable reason, a habit I slowly but decisively broke (I hope)... He quickly rose through the YMF ranks and moved onto the Section Board,

also quickly ascending to the presidential track. His ability to take on assignments and complete them contributed to his being named as our Section's Young Engineer of the Year in 2018 and subsequent honors as Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year in 2020.



Fast-forwarding to last May, he was inducted as Section President at the Spring Social and noted it would be a "peaceful transfer of power" from outgoing President and his predecessor and good friend Kevin Brown. Was anyone expecting a non-peaceful transfer? I was confused as anyone on this (and me being me, I was likely more confused than most, more or less being in the steady state of confusion those of us at a certain age tend to be... but it's not about me...). But looking over his well-thought-out and nicely-written President's messages from this season, to see if it was more missing something than confusion on my part, we were able to enjoy his ruminations on various topics and items. He enthusiastically welcomed us back from our summer hiatus in October, then went on to explain ASCE as the pathway to some of his best professional relationships, and citing how this all started when a colleague brought younger Jesse to a YMF event shortly after his graduation and that becoming the "aha" moment. Many of us can relate as we were shown this "path" by a mentor, boss, good friend, etc., and it became an eye-opener in many ways. He added to this by suggesting we all do the same with providing direction and advice to younger and other colleagues.

Jesse added a family photo in December to illustrate how he is thankful for their support of his many ASCE efforts and time spent on them, as well as what he described as other "hare-brained schemes", whatever they may be, along with a reminder to put people first. Good stuff. We have seen how Jesse is rarely afraid to take on assignments and tasks (keep in mind that I-95 "cap" project with a \$300 million plus value...) no matter how tough or daunting they may appear to be. In his March message he reminded us of the effort underway which he was spearheading to update our Section's constitution and bylaws, not an easy undertaking and much of it requiring some good knowledge of how we operate and how we need to structure these documents to properly guide us

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# MARCH SECTION JOINT MEETING

March 12, 2026

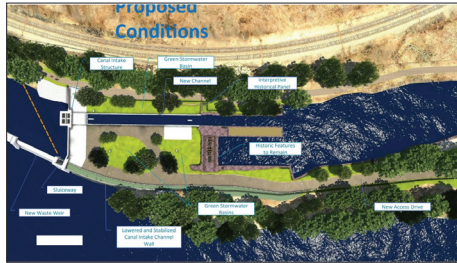
Maggiano's Center City

## Stabilization of the Flat Rock Dam Intake Structure and Re-Opening of the Manayunk Canal

The lion that can be March on its arrival returned to welcome our third and last Section dinner meeting at Maggiano's for the current season. After a couple of warm days that were very welcome given the wet and cold weather over the latter part of this winter, wet and cold (and even a bit snowy) came back to greet us as we made our ways to our March Section meeting. While the arrival of Daylight Savings Time earlier in the week made this trip happen in daylight for a change, it hardly seemed that way as dreary and dark as the wet weather made things. In any event, a smaller crowd than usual, maybe to be blamed on competing events, found just over 50 attendees in the room to hear about a local feature that few of us know all that much about but would learn quite a bit over the course of the evening.

President **Jesse Gormley** interrupted a lively cocktail/networking hour and got folks seated to start off the formalities of the evening with several updates and announcements that coincided with the first course of dinner landing on tables. After his announcements he welcomed the **Temple University Student Chapter** officers to the podium. Chapter President **Morgan Birney** and Vice President **Bryanna Hoisington** provided a brief recap and update of the Chapter's recent and planned activities and events.

As the second course of dinner was brought out, **President-Elect Dennis Wilson** came front and center to introduce the featured presentation team from the Philadelphia Water Department. First up was **David Weld**, Manager of the Department's Design Unit, who gave a brief history and background of the Manayunk Canal. This was part of the Schuylkill Navigation System, a 108-mile canal and waterway system stretching from Pottsville to Philadelphia to facilitate movement of coal and other bulk goods. This included 32 dams to create slackwater pools when the river was too shallow to allow barges to move. Canals were provided at several locations with locks, dams and towpaths. The system was opened in 1825 but closed in 1931 as competition from parallel railroads for movement of bulk goods could not be matched. The Flat Rock Dam opened in 1819 but was bulkheaded in 1947. While the Schuylkill River itself is under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Manayunk Canal is part of the



Fairmount Park Commission's assets and the Water Department was requested to help remedy the standing water situation at the Dam as well as sedimentation, water quality, and dam safety compliance. The remaining historic elements of the Dam were seen as assets that should be preserved and restored. Low water flow needed to be improved to address sustainability and improve conditions for river life as well.

**Pete Reilly**, Division Engineer of the Department's Construction Unit, took the attendees through the stages of project construction with a series of progress photos. Design work was completed in 2021 after a series of evaluations of options and development of a scope of work. AP Construction submitted a low bid of just over \$16 million and construction began in 2022, with completion in October 2025. The work accomplished the goals set forth at the start of work on sustainability, historic restoration, and enhancement of water flow and quality. Given several weather events and an on-site incident that delayed work to some extent, as well as the need for deeper than anticipated bulkhead walls to reach bedrock that was below the value indicated in the existing conditions plans, the final cost of the work with associated extras was roughly \$20 million.

**Lance Butler**, Senior Aquatic Biologist of the Department's Office of Watersheds, wrapped up the presentation with observations on the impacts of water quality and flow enhancements particularly on wildlife in the stream (fish and mollusks).

Several questions were offered from the audience and these were ably handled by the presentation team. President-Elect Wilson concluded the session and thanked the team for a job well done, and presented each with the Section's speaker gift for this effort.

## OUR SECTION IN THE NEWS

### SEI Cited as Chapter of the Year

Our Section's **Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)** technical group has been selected by ASCE and SEI National as the recipient of the **2026 SEI Chapter of the Year Award** in recognition of leadership of exemplary events serving members, engaging students and professionals, funding scholarships, offering site tours and technical training, strengthening networking and outreach, and collaborating with local partners.

This will be officially presented at the **SEI Plenary and Awards Program** at the **Structures Congress** in Boston on **May 1**.

We congratulate SEI on this honor.

## A PESKY REMINDER! PAY YOUR DUES... OR RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER? OR UPGRADE?

As a reminder, if you have not paid your dues at this point, you are getting more than a bit late. Please make this payment to avoid any problems that may occur with you losing your membership.

And, please keep in mind that ASCE isn't just for Civil Engineers. While you may be surprised to learn this, ASCE allows Non-Engineers to be members as well. With the new requirements for the **Member grade**, one can now join at this level, which is available to those having "an interest in the advancement of the purposes and objectives of the Society" as well as Civil Engineering-degree individuals. Non-CE-degree applicants were previously accepted at the **Affiliate Member grade**, but this has been folded into the Member grade with the noted recent revisions.

At the other end of the "spectrum", for those of you more senior and experienced members, the **Fellow grade** of membership is worth consideration. This is the highest level of membership one can attain on one's own and is a laudable and esteemed achievement.

Of the more than 160,000 members in 177 countries that are represented by ASCE, just 3 percent hold the prestigious honor of being an ASCE Fellow. These individuals have made celebrated contributions to the profession and developed creative solutions that have changed lives around the world.

The specific requirements for application for Fellow are listed on [asce.org](https://www.asce.org).

**Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.**

— John F. Kennedy

## SECTION PRESIDENT

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as well as the need to be consistent with National's documents. With this effort being a "time bomb" of sorts, having a specific deadline for presentation to our members and voting, that only complicates the work, but, as noted, this isn't dissuading him at all. He is also leading the charge on what our Section will be doing with tours, activities and other aspects of what comes with serving as the host of a National Convention to be conducted next year, with the added burden of this being the first such gathering under a revised format and timeframe. Again, Jesse doesn't back down from the challenge and knows well how to enlist and encourage the people he needs to have helping him to get this done.

Back to President's messages, Jesse was very good on having well-written, concise and informative submissions, getting them done and in very timely, and he would send them noting that I was welcome to edit as I saw fit. I don't recalling having the need to see fit on this and they went to print as submitted, not even needing any grammar revisions. For at least one of them he was a week ahead of the deadline, and while this was likely merely thinking a deadline was actually a week later than it actually was, I was certainly not going to admonish or complain. Of course, this sets the bar a little high for our President-Elect, but that's next season, so, Dennis...

I got a chance to work closely with Jesse recently on, of all things, a volunteer event at Manna sponsored by our Section (so not a high-level or critical engineering or design project, but packing dinners for those who those unfortunate souls who need them delivered to their homes, so actually doing some good, for a change (at least for me...)). Jesse took on the challenge of dishing up food into plastic containers that would be sealed and distributed to those in need, and this required a team of several of us to make it happen. Jesse took on the role and, no surprise, excelled at the task in a short matter of time, having the ability to do this and chat with a fellow volunteer who was not part of our group but who was interested in getting to know about all of us and what we do. Multi-tasking... and then taking the lead to make sure the operation was cleaned up so the next day's volunteer team could start out with a clean slate (and inadvertently posing for the photo accompanying this piece, taken by the paparazzi, who would not be me...) in his stylish uniform that befit the task.

We do hope we have been able to give you a little insight on our outgoing President, who, as a soon-to-become Past President, may have some time to relax after a busy year. We tend to like to have just a little "dirt" to put out there with this piece, but we are finding this is increasingly hard to come by (and may not even exist, but...). We remain quite thankful for Jesse's unassuming and steady leadership, which is also made easy given the caliber of those officers and Board members who work diligently to support the cause and are managed by our very capable leader. We are very pleased that Jesse has helped to continue our Section's success and accomplishments, none of this getting any easier especially considering how busy we all are these days. We know Jesse will acknowledge that this comes only with the support and backing of a great group of Officers and Directors. And, despite this, you know we'll still follow tradition next year and give incoming President Dennis Wilson this same sort of sendoff when next spring rolls around and the robins return.

**The single biggest problem  
in communication is  
the illusion that it has  
taken place.**

— George Bernard Shaw

## YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM NEWS

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## I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) Project Tour

February 20

YMF toured the I-95 Central Access Philadelphia (CAP) Project. The 25 attendees enjoyed light breakfast and a presentation describing the construction of the project, followed by a tour of the Park at Penn's Landing and South Street bridge construction sites. Thank you to Mike Altomari (PennDOT) and Frank Bonito (Hill International) for giving our members with this opportunity to view this iconic construction project.

## K-12 Outreach at Perkiomen Valley High School

March 13

YMF visited Perkiomen Valley High School to lead an engaging Civil Engineering Outreach activity for approximately 30 high school juniors and seniors. The students participated in a presentation on civil engineering careers, including an overview of the various disciplines and potential career paths within the profession.



The presentation was followed by a Q&A panel featuring seven volunteers with diverse experience levels and backgrounds in Civil Engineering. The students asked many thoughtful and enthusiastic questions, demonstrating a growing interest in civil engineering as a future career.

Events like this allow students to explore Civil Engineering as a potential career path and receive valuable insights directly from practicing Engineers.

Special thanks to **Kate Kelly** from Perkiomen Valley High School for organizing and coordinating this event for the students. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the volunteers who took the time to participate in the Q&A panel: **Mohammed Alsalihi** (GFT), **John Caperilla** (CDR | Maguire Engineering), **Munah Gwyon** (Fluor), **Shane Leiphart** (Pennoni), **Allison Lepera** (AECOM), **Christopher Medora** (AECOM), and **Briana Pampuch** (Langan).

## Life Do Grow Farm Service Event

March 14

Eleven YMF members met at **Life Do Grow Farm (LDG)** north of Temple University's campus to participate in LDG's first monthly volunteer day of the season.

Upon arriving at the farm, the participants received a quick farm tour and learned about some of the community events and outreach at the farm. Volunteers then assisted with cleaning up trash around the property and the park which LDG manages, resulting in approximately 10 bags of trash collected.



Following the trash clean up, members also assisted with breaking down old sunflower stalks and sticks for kindling bundles. Members also got to chat with other volunteers, including some high school and college students, and community members.

Thanks to all the volunteers whose many hands helped make the Farm and associated park much cleaner and ready for the spring season!

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## 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

## 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

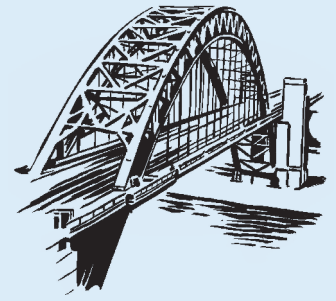
**On the Job:** Under construction, during an inspection

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](#).



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#### Annual Critical Issues Seminar (1 PDH)

April 2

Please join YMF for our **Annual Critical Issues Seminar** highlighting a current and relevant Civil Engineering topic. This year's topic is *Artificial Intelligence: How AI is Impacting Consulting and Infrastructure Engineering*. Our panelists include **Jon Schmidt, PE**, Transportation Technical Deployment Leader, AECOM and **Markus Weidner, MS**, Chief Innovation Officer, Pennoni.

This will be conducted at the Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen, 126 Chestnut Street, starting at 5:30 PM. RSVP's are due on March 31. For additional details or questions, contact our Professional Development Co-Chairs, **Alyssa Pizzi** ([ampizzi20@gmail.com](mailto:ampizzi20@gmail.com)) and **Andrew Edwins** ([Andrew.Edwins@mottmac.com](mailto:Andrew.Edwins@mottmac.com)).

## SCIENCE FAIRS – SEEKING JUDGES – LAST CHANCE!

As we have for many years, our Section will be offering Special Awards at the Delaware Valley Science Fairs. The Fairs will be held on Wednesday, April 1 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks. Four Special Awards for individual student projects that have a Civil Engineering theme will be awarded, with two prizes for Grades 6 through 8 and two for Grades 9 through 12.

Volunteer judges are needed for this effort. The judging will require you to spend most, if not all, of your day (approximately 8 AM to 3 PM) at the Fairs, examining and short listing possible projects in the morning and then interviewing the students who assembled them and finalizing the selections in the afternoon. A short orientation session will be provided immediately before the judging begins to get one familiar with the process and procedure. It is always a very interesting and enlightening experience.

If you are interested in being a Special Awards judge please contact Chris Rood ([chris.rood@aecom.com](mailto:chris.rood@aecom.com)). You will also need to register for this and this can be done through the Fairs' website [www.dvsf.org](http://www.dvsf.org).

For more information on the Fairs please visit the above website.

We hope you can join us for a rewarding and interesting day.

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