The Chesapeake Section was chartered in April 21, 1988, with 123 Charter Members, a record number for any ASHE Section chartered to that date. Maryland represented the fifth state for which an ASHE Section was created.

Paul McConnell, of the Delaware Valley Section, made first contact with a transplanted ASHE member, David Greenwood, formerly of the Delaware Valley Section also, to suggest a new Section be organized in Maryland. Paul came to the Aberdeen Sheraton Inn to make a formal introduction and presentation about ASHE. Paul was instrumental in generating interest to form the new Section.

A diverse group of individuals representing the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW), Interstate Division for Baltimore City (IDBC), various consultants, and other highway industry personnel was assembled to serve in the capacity of officers or board members for the Section.

An inaugural meeting was developed for the spring of 1988 in advance of “Charter Night” . The seminar-style program was presented by SHA’s Ed Stein on Stormwater Management and Sediment & Erosion Control; the meeting was an opportunity for SHA to provide “on-the-spot” training for all attendees. The meeting was held at the Engineers Club, a facility converted from two, large historic brownstones, located in the Mount Vernon section of Baltimore in close proximity to Baltimore’s Washington Monument.

Charter Night was held on April 21, 1988. Charter Number 24 was signed by the National President, Ron Springman, and National Secretary, Terence Connor. Harry McCullough, Chief, Interstate Division for Baltimore City, was Master of Ceremonies, and a multi-media program presentation on the Fort McHenry Tunnel project was presented by Ken Merrill. A record number of Charter Members attended, a record maintained until the Carolina Triangle Section was chartered in January 1992.

Mission

To provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.

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American Society of Highway Engineers
2008 National Conference History
50th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet

Dear ASHE Member,

Within these pages you will find a colorful history of the American Society of Highway Engineers. The history begins in 1956 with the early accounts in Harrisburg, PA of our forefathers. These men were interested in organizing a society for all individuals involved in the highway industry including government employees, contractors, design consultants, utility employees, and materials producers and suppliers. Their primary mission was focused on the advancement of the highway industry.

The mission appealed to many and as the program for the National Highway System grew, so did ASHE. New sections were quickly chartered and eventually the regional structure was introduced to better serve the ever-growing membership.

This commemorative book celebrates those individuals and events that started ASHE and to those whose contributions have lead to its continued growth and success over the past 50 years.

On behalf of the National Board, I want to congratulate the American Society of Highway Engineers on their Golden Anniversary and best wishes for continued success well into the future!

Sincerely,

Perry M. Schweiss, P.E.
American Society of Highway Engineers
National President
I t was a group of visionaries who sought to create a Society for those interested in the advancement of the Highway Industry. The National System of Interstate and Defense Highway Act of 1956 was put into place, and the American Society of Highway Engineers – ASHE - was conceived in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. These leaders decided the Society would be composed of engineers and technicians from the State Department of Highways, consulting engineers, highway contractors and material and equipment suppliers.

Even just the name “AMERICAN Society of Highway Engineers” indicated a grand vision. Rather than being known as a group operating on a smaller scale such as “Harrisburg Highway Engineers” or even “Pennsylvania Highway Engineers”, the Society was established to eventually encompass a much larger base than merely just the group’s Harrisburg roots.

After many meetings and much discussion, a Charter was obtained and an official headquarters was established in Harrisburg. The National ASHE Charter shows 104 signatures.

Three years later there were two Sections—Harrisburg and Clearfield—and membership had increased to more than 200.

And now, on ASHE’s 50th Anniversary, there are nine Regions, 38 Sections and 6,383 members.
In early 1956 a group of men met in Harrisburg, PA to consider the need for the creation of a Society for those whose interest lay chiefly in the advancement of the highway industry. The membership would be composed of engineers and technicians from the four major factions engaged in the industry—state highway department employees, consulting engineering firms’ personnel, those associated with highway contractors and material and equipment suppliers organizations.

The first formal meeting of the Society was held on April 29, 1957 in the Conference Room of the Department of Highways building in Harrisburg, PA. The purpose of this meeting was to organize and establish a National Society of Highway Engineers. Paul Musspratt, P.D.H., was the acting Chairman for the meeting.

On June 10, 1957 temporary officers were nominated and approved as follows:

- President ....................................... R. L. Keller
- First Vice President ......................... K. G. Kapp
- Second Vice President ............... C. W. Burkett
- Treasurer ........................................ J. L. Conrad
- Corresponding Secretary .................. Ralph T. Smith
- Recording Secretary......................... Dorothy C. Stahler

The official name of the Society was approved as “American Society of Highway Engineers”.

On August 12, 1957, the preamble to the Constitution of the Society was accepted as stated: “The purpose of this Society is to procure the latest data on the techniques and methods in design and construction of highways; to disseminate this information among the members of the Society for a greater opportunity of self education; for a good public relationship; to exercise the Code of Ethics; to foster and publicize new advanced ideas and devices developed by members after being studied by the Technical Committee; and for the general welfare of the Highway Industry.”

The last meeting of 1957 was held on December 9, also in the Department of Highways building in Harrisburg, PA. The future of the Society was discussed at that time. The next meeting was planned for January 20, 1958 at the Wayside Inn, 2203 Paxton Street, in Harrisburg.

On February 28, 1958 a “round table” discussion on incorporating the Society on a national basis and the establishment of local Chapters were the items discussed. The Articles of Incorporation were presented to the Dauphin County Court, and name of the Society had been cleared and approved. On this date the first meeting of the Board of Directors was held.

At a meeting on April 28, 1958 it was decided the phrase “Incorporated 1958” be added to all correspondence under the name of American Society of Highway Engineers.

On May 12, 1958 President Keller announced the National Charter had been approved by the Court but no official notice had, as yet, been received from the Attorney.

At a meeting May 26, 1958, a Charter Dinner was planned for the June meeting. This affair was held at the V.F.W. Hall, Mechanicsburg, PA on June 17, 1958. Mr. McLaughlin was to be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary of Highways was to be contacted for the guest sparkler.

Meetings were held in July, October and November of 1958 regarding the matter of lapel pins, membership applications, dues, establishment of local Chapters, etc. Records indicate a membership of 65 at this time.
1959

A meeting was held on **February 9, 1959** with President R. L. Keller presiding. No other meetings for the year are indicated in the records.

1960

The first meeting was held on **January 26, 1960**. During the year there were 10 meetings. The last meeting was December 19, 1960. Items discussed were the publication of a magazine for the Society; organizing new Sections at Williamsport and Clearfield. The annual meeting was held on May 16, 1960 at which time G. Edward Swartz was elected President.

1961

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held **May 8, 1961** at which time President Ray K. Grove was installed. At the same time Walter H. Burke was installed as President of the Harrisburg Section. At the meeting, the first Charter was presented to Harrisburg.

There were six meetings during the year with the first one being held January 30, 1961. The last one was held May 15 when the second Section Charter was given to the Clearfield Section.

1962

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held **January 5, 1962**, with President Ray K. Grove presiding. At that time changes were contemplated in the Constitution & By-Laws, establishing new Sections in Franklin, Uniontown and Allentown.

On July 18, 1962 a Board of Directors meeting was held with President Russell E. Horn presiding. At this time new Committee Chairmen were appointed and President Horn outlined his goals for the Society. The establishment of a new Section for the Hollidaysburg area was also discussed.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was held on August 29, 1962. President Horn instructed the Secretary to prepare a Charter, dated September 1, 1961, for the Franklin Section. Records indicate the fourth Charter dated October 4, 1962, was granted to the Altoona Section.

1963

An Executive Committee meeting was held **February 5, 1963** at which time President Horn reported the formation of a new Section at Uniontown, PA, on January 25, 1963. This Section was officially identified as Southwest Penn Section, and the Charter was presented.

On May 25, 1963 the first Convention, a one day affair, was held at the Elks Country Club, Bedford, PA. On this date President Horn presided and there were 98 in attendance.

New officers were presented as follows: President, Donald R. Conrad; First Vice President, John P. Rutter; Second Vice President, Charles M. Bingham; Secretary, Ralph T. Smith; and Treasurer, John L. Conrad.

Records reflect 555 members in the Society at that time in the Harrisburg, Clearfield, Franklin, Altoona and Southwest Penn Sections.

The Second Annual Convention was scheduled for May 1964.

1963-1964

At this time the Society presumably switched to a “fiscal year”. The Board of Directors met **September 7, 1963** with President Donald R. Conrad presiding. The Treasurer reported a balance of $1,026. President Conrad appointed Chairmen for the various Committees.

The Executive Committee met November 29, 1963 with President Conrad presiding. Treasurer
John L. Conrad presented a financial report showing a balance of $1,105, and the group gave approval of revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws.

The second Convention of the Society was held May 23, 1964 at the Holiday Inn, State College, PA, with President Conrad presiding. The Chairman presented the newly elected officers: President, John P. Rutter; First Vice President, Charges M. Bingham; Second Vice President, F. Kenneth Ulp; Secretary, Ralph T. Smith; and Treasurer, Walter H. Burke.

The revised Constitution & By-Laws, dated March 29, 1963 and October 25, 1963, were approved by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $1,403.55. Membership at that time was 604.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors, following the Annual Convention of May 23, 1964, was held June 20, 1964, with President John P. Rutter presiding. Treasurer Burke reported a balance of $655.

The Executive Committee met July 31, 1964, with President Rutter presiding. The Treasurer reported a balance of $670.

At the Executive Committee meeting of September 18, 1964, with President Rutter presiding, the matter of accepting of the design and purchase of lapel buttons for Past National and Section Presidents was finalized. Cost of the lapel buttons for Past Section Presidents was set at $12.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 7, 1964, at State College, PA with President Rutter presiding. In the absence of Treasurer Burke, Director Horn reported a balance of $749.

Mr. Ulp, Vice President, reported the third Annual Convention was set for Saturday, May 15, 1965, at the Holiday West Inn located at the Gettysburg Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The Harrisburg Section “Ladies Night” will be part of the festivities.

On January 22, 1965, Volume 1 – Number 1 – January 1965 issue of the SCANNER was presented. After discussion, it was decided to have a printed edition instead of a mimeographed copy.

President Rutter presided at an Executive Board Meeting held February 26, 1965. Treasurer Burke reported a balance of $1,740. President Rutter reported on the expansion plans for Sections in Indiana, Allentown, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

On May 15, 1965, the third Annual Convention was held at Holiday West Inn near Harrisburg, PA. This was a one-day affair sponsored by the Harrisburg Section.

It was reported the Society membership reached 655. The business meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 12, 1965, presided over by President John P. Rutter.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met January 21, 1966, with President Rutter presiding. Treasurer Burke reported current assets of $3,049. The Convention Committee reported the affair would be held at Erie, PA on Saturday, May 21, 1966.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, held March 18, 1966, was presided over by President Rutter. Treasurer Burke reported a balance of $2,450.51.

The fourth Annual Convention, a one-day affair, was held May 21, 1966, at Erie, PA.
Treasurer Burke reported assets amounting to $791. Secretary Smith reported membership at 922.

It was decided to publish the SCANNER for 1966-67 in September, November, January and May, and the Secretary was named as editor of the SCANNER.

During this fiscal year Charters were issued to Williamsport on October 21, 1965 and East Penn Section on October 12, 1965.

A meeting of the new Board of Directors for the year was held June 18, 1966, with President Walter H. Burke presiding. Treasurer George Ruth reported a balance of $738, and Secretary Smith reported a membership of 937.

Attention was directed to the display of the new Society Banner. The East Penn Section was accepted as the Host Section for the fifth Annual Convention to be held May 13, 1967.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held September 30, 1966.

Charters were issued to the Pittsburgh Section on October 19, 1966, and later to the Indiana Section.

On January 6, 1967, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was presided over by President Burke. The Treasurer's report indicated assets of $4,321.51, and Secretary Smith reported a membership of 1,197.

The Delaware Valley Section members formally accepted their Charter on January 25, 1967. Members of the Kanawha Valley and North East Penn Sections received Charters in 1967.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 28, 1968, with President Burke presiding. Formal ratification by the Society for presentation of the Section Charters were as follows:

- Charter #1 – Harrisburg .......................... 05/08/61
- Charter #2 – Clearfield ............................ 06/15/61
- Charter #3 – Franklin ............................... 09/01/62
- Charter #4 – Altoona ............................... 10/04/62
- Charter #5 – Southwest Penn ...................... 01/25/63
- Charter #6 – Williamsport ......................... 10/21/65
- Charter #7 – East Penn ............................. 10/12/65
- Charter #8 – Indiana ............................... 05/10/66
- Charter #9 – Pittsburgh ............................ 10/19/66
- Charter #10 – Kanawha Valley ..................... 01/18/67
- Charter #11 – Delaware Valley ..................... 01/25/67
- Charter #12 – North East Penn ..................... 04/07/67

The fifth Annual Convention, a one-day affair, was held at the Pocono Manor Inn in Pennsylvania. Treasurer Ruth reported assets of $2,179, and Secretary Smith reported membership at 1,423.

The new Board of Directors met June 24, 1968, at the Holiday Inn West at the Gettysburg Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike with President C. J. Wachter, Jr. presiding. A report on the financial condition of the Society reflected total assets of $590.66, and the Secretary reported membership at 1,675.

On January 17, 1969, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met with President
C. J. Wachter presiding. Treasurer George K. Hart reported assets of $5,305, and Secretary Smith reported membership of 1,681.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met on February 21, 1969, with President Wachter presiding. The Treasurer reported a balance of $4,924.44, and the Secretary reported membership at 1,700.

On April 25, 1969, the Board of Directors met in a semi-annual session with President Wachter presiding. The Treasurer reported a balance of $6,046.27, and the Secretary reported membership at 1,709.

On May 24, 1969, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held following the Annual Business Meeting of the Annual Convention of the Society at Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania. This was the first two-day Convention of the Society. President Wachter presided at the meeting. The Treasurer reported a balance of $6,916.65, and the Secretary reported a membership of 1,716.

A total of three Board of Directors Meetings and five Executive Committee Meetings were held during this fiscal year.

On June 20, 1969, the newly elected Officers and Directors held their first Board of Directors Meeting, presided over by President Robert S. Kepner, P.E. During the year three Board of Directors and five Executive Committee Meetings were held. The Society began the year with a balance of $9,469.05 and a membership of 1,726. Items of interest concerned the condition of the Franklin, Indiana and Kanawha Valley Sections.

The North East Penn Section put in a bid to host the Annual Convention in 1971. The 1970 Annual Convention was held at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA on May 8 through 10.

On May 22, 1970, the Board of Directors had their first meeting, presided over by the newly elected President Robert E. Martzall, P.E. During the year, two Board of Directors and four Executive Committee Meetings were held. The balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year was $7,588.95 and membership totaled 1,694.

Discussions were held concerning expansion of the Society into the states of Delaware and Maryland.

East Penn Section requested an Honorary Membership for former Secretary of Transportation Victor W. Anckaitis, P.E.

The 1971 Annual Convention of the American Society of Highway Engineers was held at Tamiment Resort and Country Club, Tamiment, PA from May 20 through 23.

On June 18, 1971, the newly elected Officers and Directors held their first meeting at Carlisle, PA presided over by President John H. Leapson, P.E. During the year three Board of Directors and five Executive Committee Meetings were held.

The Society had a treasury balance of $16,662.95 and membership of 1,780. The new Budget for the year was approved with some minor changes.

The publication of an annual Membership Directory was discussed.

A testimonial for retiring Secretary Smith was planned, at which time an Honorary Member-
ship and other items were to be presented to him. He will be designated as National Secretary Emeritus.

The Williamsport Section was selected to host the 1973 Convention from May 17 through 20, at the Lycoming Hotel & Motor Court in Williamsport, PA.

The 1972 Annual Convention was held at Cross Creek Motor Lodge in Titusville, PA on May 18 through 20, with President Leapson presiding. The Treasurer reported balance of $14,781 and the Secretary reported membership of 1,805.

1972-1973

On July 14, 1972, the meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors and Officers was held at the Quality Motor Court, Carlisle, PA with President Donald Rimmer presiding. During the year, three Board of Directors and four Executive Committee Meetings were held. The Treasurer reported assets of $19,674.44 and the Secretary reported membership of 1,661.

Items of discussion included Southwest Penn Section’s bid to host the 1977 Convention and the Indiana Section situation. The dissolution of the Indiana Section due to lack of participation was discussed and accepted.

The proposed budget for 1973-74 was approved as submitted. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Pittsburgh Section they were approved to host the 1974 Convention, the Delaware Valley Section to host the 1975 Convention and the Altoona Section to host the 1976 Convention.

The General Meeting of the Membership was held at the Annual Convention, May 17 through 20 at the Lycoming Hotel & Motor Lodge in Williamsport, PA. President Rimmer officially opened the meeting. Treasurer Hart reported a balance of $19,434 and Secretary Sherr reported a membership of 1,534.

1973-1974

The first meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors with President James M. Weaver presiding, was held at the Quality Motor Court, Carlisle, PA. During the year, three Board meetings and two Executive Committee meetings were held. Treasurer Hart reported a balance of $22,803 and Secretary Sherr reported a membership of 1,547 which was an increase of 112 new members during fiscal year 1972-1973.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Executive Committee was held Friday, September 23, 1973 at the Quality Motor Court, Carlisle, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Weaver.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held November 16, 1973, at the Holiday Inn, Bedford, PA. The Board approved a 15 cents per mile travel allowance as of November 16, 1973.

The January 16, 1974 meeting was held at the Philadelphia International Airport Motel, Philadelphia PA.

The Board approved increasing the nine-member Board to 12 members. This change conforms to Article III, Management, Section 3.

The dues remained the same for 1974-75 - Senior Member $7.50, Life Member $2.50, Member $5, Associate Member $5, Junior Member $4.00, and Affiliate Member $4.00. A discussion relative to the charge of $2.50 per Life Member to Sections pointed out that a Life Member has all Society privileges of paying member, including the SCANNER, and the privilege of attending the Convention.

A Board of Directors meeting was held April 17, 1974, at the Holiday Inn, Dubois, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Weaver.
Contacts have been made with representatives for Sections in West Virginia and Maryland. The Annual Business meeting and General Session of the Membership was held Friday, May 24, 1974, at the Annual Convention at Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania with President James M. Weaver presiding.

The first meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors was held June 28, 1974, at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Route 220, in Altoona, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Robert E. Yeager. The Society began the year with $28,634 and a membership of 1,669.

A letter from K. R. MacDonald, Incorporated, of Harrisburg, PA, relative to bonding of Section President and Treasurer was discussed in detail. It was decided the National Treasurer be bonded in the amount of $50,000. The bond amount for each Section is determined by the financial report, which is required for the IRS purposes.

President Yeager commented on the goals for the coming year. It is his desire to see an increase in membership and the opening of new Sections in New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland, and the reactivating of the Indiana Section. Delaware Valley Section will host the 1975 Convention at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, PA on May 15-18.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held September 20, 1974, at the Holiday Inn, Danville, PA.


A meeting of the Executive Committee was held November 8, 1974, at the Sheraton Inn – Airport in Coraopolis, PA. The Executive Committee reviewed the matter of dues assessments and after a lengthy discussion and it was decided to hold the assessments at the present level.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held January 10, 1975. The meeting was called to order by President Yeager. The Harrisburg Section was approved to host the 1979 Convention.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held Friday, April 4, 1975 at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA.

New Sections Chairman DeRoss reported a concern on the failure to activate a new Section in New Jersey.

The Annual Business Meeting and General Session of the Membership was held Saturday, May 17, 1975 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. Under new business, plans were discussed relative to expansion of the Society into other states. It was the consensus that until economic conditions are more favorable, very little can be done at this time.

On June 20, 1975, the first meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors, with President Atwood L. Welker, Jr., presiding, was held at Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, PA. Treasurer Hart reported assets of $30,974 and Secretary Sherr reported membership totaled 1,660 as of June 16, 1975.

Northeast Penn Section’s request to host the 1980 Convention and Franklin Section’s request to host the 1981 Convention were approved. President Welker said the Society must strengthen the bonds between the Sections and National. He called for better use of the SCANNER with more participation by Sections. He suggested technical information and personal items be submitted.
The matter of Life Membership was discussed at some length and with the start of this fiscal year, National will no longer assess the Sections for $2.50 for each Life Member. However, the Life Member Plate cost of $10 will still be paid by the Section.

A discussion relative to the clarification of reinstatement of inactive members followed. Members “in good standing” need only pay current year dues. However, if a member has been inactive for several years, he would be considered as a new member and a new application would be required. If a member of one Section desires to attend meetings in a Section where he is working, he could retain membership in the original Section and he could be a “dues paying member” of both Sections, with assessment billed to his home Section.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 19, 1975, at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 14, 1975, at the Host Inn, PA. A discussion was held regarding the presentation of an award to the Section having the greatest percentage increase in new members for ASHE’s fiscal year June 1 through May 31 of the next year. The award will be called the “George K. Hart Award,” and will be presented to the winning Section at the Annual Convention by Robert E. Yeager, Past National President.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was held Friday, January 16, 1976 at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA. President Welker commended the various Sections for efforts in contacting Senators and Representatives regarding activities on legislative matters pertinent to highway problems. He suggested the SCANNER be sent to each Representative, and Secretary Sherr will add their names to the master mailing list.

Robert Yeager and Gene Smith reported on the New Section Committee activities. The Franklin Section members are having their dinner meeting February 25, 1976, to which 25 prospective members of an Ohio group are invited. President Welker appointed Robert E. Yeager as Treasurer to complete the unexpired term of George K. Hart.

The sum of $150, plus the registration fee, will be allowed for each Board Member and his spouse attending the Convention, provided the member has attended at least one general meeting during the fiscal year, not counting the Convention meetings.

The Board of Directors’ next meeting was held on April 2, 1976, at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA. The final “package” for the Convention will cost, including 15 percent gratuity and 6 percent Pennsylvania sales tax $252. This is the full American plan. In the event that guests do not want the dinner Thursday night or Sunday breakfast, an allowance of $25 per couple will be made. This would bring the package down to $227. Registration fee will be $12 per member.

A meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors was held June 18, 1976, at the Pocono Manor Inn and Golf Club, PA. In the absence of Treasurer Yeager, Secretary Sherr reported assets of $33,957.00 and a membership of 1,839 as of May 31, 1975.

The next meeting of Board of Directors was held September 17, 1976, at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA. Director Smith reported a Charter was presented to Western Reserve Section in Ohio on September 14, 1976.

It was approved that any new Section Banner will be purchased by National in order to maintain a standard ASHE Banner design.

A vigorous discussion followed on a proposed name change for the Society. It was noted that it would be a costly matter to change the name of the Society. It would entail re-registration in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Charters would have to be changed, banners would be obsolete (present cost $150), as would the member pins and president pins, certificates for
new members, stationary, etc. would have to be reprinted and the IRS would require re-applying for exemption certification and reporting procedures. The motion to retain our name was approved.

The next Board of Directors’ meeting was called to order by President DeRoss January 14, 1977, at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA. President DeRoss once again reiterated his concern for the highway program and said we must all continue to be involved with further legislation to fund the program.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 14, 1977, at the Host Inn, PA. The Annual Convention will be held at the Lakeview Country Club in Morgantown, WV.

The first meeting of the newly elected Board was held in June 1977 at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA with President Poulson residing. Secretary Sherr reported a membership of 1,861.

At the April Board Meeting, Gene Smith reported another Section was formed in the Akron/Canton Ohio area, which will be known as the Cuyahoga Valley Section. The newly formed Section received it’s Charter on March 28, 1978. Each Section was requested to send information covering their Section history beginning with the date of their Charter to the present.

The Annual Business Meeting and General Session of the Membership were held May 19, 1978, at the Lakeview Country Club, Morgantown, W.VA., hosted by the Southwest Penn Section. Treasure Yeager reported assets $31,282 and Secretary Sherr reported 1,893 members as of April 21, 1978.

A new award started with this Convention with a “traveling” plaque going to the Section having the largest number of members present at the Opening Session (excluding the Host Section). This award was presented for the first time to the Pittsburgh Section. This plaque will be transferred each year to the winning Section.

The first meeting of the newly elected National Board of Directors was held June 23, 1978 at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA, with President Joseph P. Martinelli presiding. The total membership of the Society, as of June 20, 1978, was 1,843 active members with 29 percent in professional status. The total balance in the treasury was $30,443. The major item of interest at the meeting was the discussion of a replacement for long-time Secretary Bob Sherr who announced he could no longer accept the position after the end of this fiscal year.

The November 17, 1978, meeting was again held at the Host Inn in Harrisburg. It was also discussed and decided by proper motion and vote that there will be one fee for National Assessment for all grades of membership, with the amount of $9 to be assessed on each paid-up member as of March 1. The subject of engineering students being admitted to the Society under a separate classification was discussed with a suggestion of a $10 initiation fee sent to National for each Student Member.

The first quarterly meeting in the new-year was held at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, PA on January 12, 1979 with President Martinelli presiding. The membership fluctuated up and down for the year, but was now at the original 1,843 active members and the total in the treasury was down to $28,030. At this meeting, the matter of the meeting place was discussed. The meetings had recently all been at the Host Inn, but now with new Sections in Ohio and more people coming from the west, it was decided to move to a more central location. The Sheraton Inn at Milesburg, PA, Exit 23 off I-80, was selected.

The Annual Business Meeting and General Session of the Membership of the Society was called to order by President Martinelli on May 18, 1979, at the Hotel Hershey. The total
membership count was 1,873, showing a slight gain during the fiscal year, and the Treasurer's report showed a total balance of $26,083.

The Convention Committee reported the next several Annual Conventions will be hosted by the North East Penn Section at the Pocono Hershey Resort, White Haven, PA in 1980, Franklin Section in 1981 and the Williamsport Section in 1982.

A Charter was presented to the Charleston West Virginia Section on May 16, 1979.

1979-1980

A meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors was held June 29, 1979, at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. In the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, a report was presented by Warren A. Miller showing a balance of $31,123. No Secretary’s report was available.

Discussion also ensued on the use of technical items or editorials in the SCANNER to include articles on suppliers, utilities and other subjects of varied interest.

The November 2, 1979 meeting was called to order by President George J. Parrs, P.E.. The Secretary’s report showed the total membership at 1,865 and, due to the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was available.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President George J. Parrs, P.E. on January 11, 1980 at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. The Treasurer’s report showed a total balance of $32,295 and the membership at 1,907. The New Sections Committee reported a program had been presented to 32 potential members in Dayton, Ohio, and they were also pursuing a Section in Marietta, Ohio. Contacts have also been made in New Jersey for a potential new Section.

The Annual Business Meeting and General Session of the Membership was held, May 16, 1980, at Pocono Hershey, White Haven, PA, with President George J. Parrs, P.E. presiding. The Treasurer reported a balance of $32,168 in total assets. The Secretary reported a total of 1,959 members, consisting of 4% DOT, 17.4% Consultants, 24.2% Contractors and 18.4% Others, with a 31.5% Professional Status.

1980-1981

The new Officers and Directors met for the first meeting of the fiscal year June 27, 1980, at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. President Gene G. Smith, P.E., called the meeting to order. Treasurer Yeager reported assets of $31,358, and Secretary Conner reported the membership total was 1,844, a decrease since the Convention.

Williamsport Section will host the 1982 Convention.

Robert M. Sherr was nominated, elected and accepted to act as editor of the SCANNER again. Dan Bittler was appointed interim Director for the Western Reserve Section. Mike Tiani was appointed interim Director for the Pittsburgh Section. Changes in the By-Laws, as they relate to a National, State and/or Regional Organization were to be studied. In keeping with the suggestion to advertise the Society, it was approved for the Society to take out a 1/6-page ad in “Better Roads” Magazine.

The October 17, 1980 meeting was held at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. The Membership drive showed 24 new members, but the total membership dropped to 1,822. The question of a membership directory was proposed at a cost of $1,200 - $2,500 for 2,000 copies. This item was to be considered as part of the 1982 Convention Ad Booklet.

The Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA, continued to be the site of the Board of Directors Meetings. The January 16, 1981 meeting was called to order by President Smith. Treasurer Yeager reported the balance was $36,853, and the Secretary indicated the total membership at 1,869. Several issues were discussed, including a new Section organized in the Clarksburg, West Vir-
ginia area and the “SWAP” tax being introduced into the PA Legislature. An ASHE article will appear in “Rural and Urban Roads” Magazine. There was further discussion on Constitution and By-Laws revisions that would encompass a National Organization, and the amount and distribution of initiation fees to National, State and Section.

President Smith indicated Robert Sherr will handle the writing of the Society History since inception. It was reported the Society received inquiries from Wisconsin, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois and Massachusetts as a result of the ad in “Better Roads” Magazine. The SCANNER, under the editorship of Bob Sherr, and with the input of several Section “helpers”, has taken on a new look this year with several “technical” articles of interest to the Highway Industry.

The final meeting of the fiscal year prior to the Annual Convention was called to order by President Smith at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. Secretary Conner reported membership increased to 1,977, and the Franklin Section obtained 58 new members and received the $500 award in the membership campaign.

The Annual Business Meeting and General Session of the Membership was held May 15, 1981, at the Sheraton Inn Shenango, West Middlesex, PA. Treasurer Yeager reported the total assets at $33,599, and Secretary Conner reported membership at 1,977. Two new Sections were started in West Virginia and several members were approved for “At-Large” status. Warren Miller reported the By-Laws Committee had recommendations for revisions to establish Region/State Organizations.

The first meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors was held June 22, 1981 at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA with President Sincavage presiding. The Society Treasury was now at $33,098 with a total membership of 1,959.

Ron Springman reported the Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, PA, will be the site of the 1982 Convention with plans well under way. The possibility of National hosting the 1983 Convention was discussed and a delegation from the Altoona Section, headed by Past National President James Barnicle, presented a proposal to host the 1983 Convention, indicating Altoona hosted the first ASHE Convention and the Section desired to host the 25th Anniversary Convention. Following discussion and a proper motion, it was approved to have the 1983 (25th Anniversary) Convention hosted by the Altoona Section at the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, PA.

The idea of business card size ads at $25 (with Sections retaining $5) to be included in the SCANNER was properly approved by the Board. New Sections Committee will busy follow-up on inquiries received through the ad in Better Roads Magazine.

Three additional Board Meetings were held during the fiscal year in October, January and April. All were held at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA, with President Sincavage presiding. Robert M. Sherr was appointed Historian of the Society.

The Annual Business Meeting of the membership of the American Society of Highway Engineers was held May 14, 1982, at the Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, PA with call to order by President Sincavage. On reports, the Society’s assets have increased to $43,290, but the membership total was 1,978, still not reaching the 2,000 mark.

The new fiscal year began with President J. Dixon Earley, P.E. calling the meeting to order at the Sheraton Inn, Milesburg, PA. The current assets of the Society were $43,343 as reported by Treasurer Robert Yeager, and the total membership stood at 1,990, reported by Secretary Conner. Warren Miller reported Jim Barnicle will be Chairman of the 1983 (25th Anniversary) Convention Committee, hosted by the Altoona Section, and will be held at the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford Springs, PA.
Charles Luff brought up the idea of moving Board Meetings to the Holiday Inn, Brookville, PA, pointing out the possible financial benefits of the move. By proper action and vote, the decision was approved. The Board also approved paying board members’ mileage and one night room charge for those traveling 150 miles or more one way. Convention Host Sections were approved for 1984 – Pittsburgh, 1985 – Clearfield, 1986 - Delaware Valley. The Board approved the purchase and use of 25th Anniversary Seals to be used during the year on stationery. The subject of the Society name change was again briefly discussed and then dropped.

Three additional meetings were held by the Board during the year and all were held at the Holiday Inn, Brookville, PA on October 22, 1982, January 21, 1983 and April 15, 1983, with all presided over by President J. Dixon Earley, P.E.

Each edition of the SCANNER this year carried a public relations article of the up-coming 25th Anniversary Convention.

By the April 1983 meeting, Treasurer Yeager reported the Society’s assets had grown to $53,711, and Secretary Conner presented the membership report showing 2,037.

The Board approved a motion to contribute up to $2,000 for some type of 25th Anniversary Commemoration for conventioneers. It was also approved that the Altoona Section include a Society History, Directory of Members, and a Silver cover for the Convention Booklet to be at the expense of National.

The Board approved membership to Syed Mikamaluddin, P.E. of Saudi, Arabia, sponsored by Past National President George J. Parrs, P.E. He has been assigned to the Delaware Valley Section. The Board also approved Delaware Valley Section as host for the 1985 Convention.

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held June 24, 1983, at the Holiday Inn in Brookville, PA with President Warren Miller presiding. Secretary Conner presented the membership report with a total membership of 2,061. Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $49,427.

The second meeting was held on October 28, 1983, at the Sheraton Inn in Greensburg, PA, the site of the 1984 National Convention. An ASHE Master Membership file was set up by GANCOM, Incorporated.

The third meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Brookville, PA on January 20, 1994. The Board resolved that dues assessments will be included with the $10 initiation fee on new members admitted after June 1, 1984. The Board approved a commemorative token for the 25th Anniversary of the Society for each current Officer and Director.

The final Board Meeting was also held in Brookville, PA on April 13, 1984. It was noted that the Central Ohio Section would be Chartered on April 24, 1984 at Columbus, with 54 members. The Harrisburg Section was approved to host the 1988 Convention.

On June 15, 1984, the first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held at the Holiday Inn in Brookville, PA, with President Charles E. Luff presiding. Secretary Conner presented the membership report with a total membership of 2,121. Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $47,593 after expenditures of $28,466. The expenditures exceeded budget by over $6,000. Most of the overage was due to new Sections, the History Booklet and the Membership Directory.

The second meeting was held at Stouffers Hotel in Valley Forge, PA, the site of the 1985 National Convention. Director Daniel K. Bittler, P.E. presented a description of National
Directors duties which was approved by the Board. It was agreed that the SCANNER should be upgraded with more technical information.

The next meeting was held January 18, 1985 in Brookville, PA. The Board approved a dues increase of $1 that to be set aside to fund Life Memberships.

The April Board Meeting was also held in Brookville, PA. It was noted Walt Imler of the Altoona Section, was attempting to revitalize the Charleston Section. Director Mike Suich announced the Lake Erie Section in Ohio would be Chartered in June 1985.

President William H. Allen, P.E. presided over the first meeting held June 18, 1985 with the newly installed Officers and Directors. Secretary Conner presented the membership report of 2,251 members. He also presented the Treasurer’s report that showed a balance of $49,206 after expenditures of $23,569. The Board decided the Society would not accept members outside of the United States or Canada.

The second meeting was held in Richfield, Ohio, the site of the 1986 Convention. It was Chaired by First Vice President Michael Tiani in President Allen’s absence. Director Suich reported the Franklin Section is working to form a new Section in western New York. Director Lester reported that the Delaware Valley Section was holding an organization meeting in southern New Jersey.

The Board approved a new format for the SCANNER, using a two-color system. The first issue using the new format will be published January 15, 1986.

The third meeting in Brookville, PA was chaired by Michael Tiani, First Vice President, in President Allen’s absence. Paul McConnell from the Delaware Valley Section addressed the Board concerning potential new Sections in Southern New Jersey, Northern New Jersey, and Delaware. The Southern New Jersey Section has been organized and will have over 100 Charter Members. The Board approved issuance of a charter for Southern New Jersey. The Board also approved the East Penn Section to host the 1987 Convention at the Allentown Hilton in Allentown, PA.

The April meeting was held at the Quality Inn in Brookville PA. Mike Suich reported there will be an organization meeting in the Cincinnati/Dayton area of Ohio in May of 1986. The Directors were asked to take the lead in getting technical articles for the SCANNER. It was noted Southern New Jersey Section was Chartered on February 19, 1986.

President G. Michael Tiani presided over the first meeting June 13, 1986 at the Quality Inn in Brookville, PA. Secretary Conner reported the total membership was 2,444. Treasurer Yeager presented the Treasurer’s report with a balance of $51,372 after receipts of $31,504 and disbursements of $29,347.

Steve Lester presented a reorganization plan that would initiate the grouping of Sections into zones so as to limit the number of National Directors. There was a great deal of discussion but there was consensus that the National Board should be kept to an efficient and manageable size.

The October Board Meeting was held at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA. Steve Lester briefly reviewed the recommendations of the Reorganization Committee. The Board accepted the plan to move to zones and commended the Committee for their excellent research and hard work. The Ohio Valley Section in West Virginia advised the Board, in writing, that they lack sufficient interest to keep the Section active. The Board then revoked the Charter in accordance with Article XII, Section 2, of the Society By-Laws.
The next Board Meeting was held March 6, 1987, at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA. Steve Lester reported on a very successful organizational meeting in Wilmington, Delaware on March 5, 1987. They will apply for Charter as the First State Section. Kenneth C. Larson, Jr., P.E. was unanimously elected as “Man of the Year” for 1987.

Steve Lester presented a copy of the revised National Directors duties, which was approved by the Board. Southwest Penn was approved to host the 1989 Convention.

The Executive Board met in Brookville, PA, on April 15, 1987.

June 12, 1987—President Ronald E. Springman, P.E. presided over the first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA. Secretary Conner’s membership report showed a total membership of 2,526. Treasurer Yeager presented his report with a balance of $59,659 after receipts of $29,067 and disbursements of $25,833.

Mike Suich received an inquiry on reinstating the Indiana, PA Section. Tom Criswell and Chuck Luff are working on a Section in Ashland, Ohio. Steve Lester noted that he expects to organize a Section in Maryland in September 1987. The First State Section’s By Laws were approved by the Board. The Board also approved $1,944 for a frame to hold the ASHE Display Board.

The October Board Meeting was also held in Brookville, PA. President Springman spoke about the Chartering of the Mid-Allegheny Section (Indiana, PA area) on October 1, 1987. The 1988 Convention will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott on May 12 through 15.

The Board approved the Altoona Section’s request to host the 1990 Convention and the North East Penn Section to host the 1991 Convention.

At the January Board Meeting in Brookville, PA, President Springman distributed a letter to be sent to various State Senators and Representatives regarding diversion and use of highway funds.

The April 8, 1988 Board Meeting in Brookville, PA began with a moment of silence for deceased Past President Warren Miller, who died April 6, 1988. Steve Lester reported the Charter presentation for the Chesapeake Section, with 123 members, would be held April 21, 1988. The Board approved printing a combined Membership Directory, Constitution and By-Laws. Walter Imler reported the Charleston Section was floundering again and he would attempt reorganization.

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA, with President Michael J. Suich presiding. Secretary Connor presented the membership report with a total membership of 2,841. Treasurer Yeager reported a cash balance of $67,454.

The second Board Meeting was held October 28, 1988, at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, PA, the site of the 1989 Annual Convention. The Board approved the Charleston, WV Section’s request to have the Section dissolved.

Steve Lester provided information on organizing a Section in the Washington, DC area. The Board approved an additional plaque award to be presented at the Convention for the greatest numerical increase in Section membership. The Board also approved guidelines for the National Man of the Year Award. The January Board Meeting was held at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA. The Chesapeake Section received approval to host the 1993 Convention.

The April Board Meeting was also held in Brookville, PA. The “Numerical Increase in Membership” Award was named for Past President Gene G. Smith. The Board approved the Society’s

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held at the Days Inn in Brookville, PA, with President Matthew J. McTish, P.E. presiding. Secretary Connor presented the membership report with a total membership of 2,959. Treasurer Yeager reported a cash balance of $74,477.

The Triko Valley Section was Chartered on June 9, 1989 as an outgrowth of the Central Ohio Section. The name “Triko” comes from Tri-State – Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

The October Board Meeting was held at the Sheraton Inn, Altoona, PA, the site of the 1990 Convention. The Board approved the purchase of a convertible display board to be available to the Sections for local seminars/conventions in order to obtain new members for the Society.

The January Board Meeting was held at the Toll Gate Inn, Breezewood, PA. It was reported the Potomac Section (Alexandria, VA/Washington, DC area) was Chartered on November 2, 1989.

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held June 29, 1990, at the Toll Gate Inn, Breezewood, PA with President Stephen B. Lester, P.E. presiding. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 3,084, an increase of 47. Treasurer Yeager reported a balance $77,321 after receipts of $41,163 and disbursements of $38,319.

New Section formation meetings were reported for Central New Jersey, Toledo, Ohio and Richmond, VA.

The October Board Meeting was held at the Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA, the site of the 1991 Convention. Director Petrucci, chairman of the New Sections Committee, reported the Old Dominion Section (Richmond, VA) will be Chartered on October 23, 1990; the North Central New Jersey Section will be Chartered December 5, 1990, and the Toledo Section will receive their Charter in early 1991. The Board accepted the Old Dominion and North Central New Jersey By-Laws.

The January 1991 Board Meeting was held at the Knights Court in Breezewood, PA. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer for the members of the armed forces serving in the Desert Storm conflict which began two days before. Director Slovinac distributed a draft of the proposed Section Operating Manual.

On April 12, 1991, the Board met in Breezewood, PA, at the Knights Inn. Director Petrucci reported the Raleigh-Durham, NC organizational meeting would be held April 25, 1999. Director Nesslinger reported the Northwestern Ohio Section, Toledo area, would be Chartered on May 23, 1991.

The Board approved a new “Convention Attendance” Award based on the percentage of Section Membership. The award for the largest actual increase was retained. Award ribbons will be presented in lieu of a plaque.

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held at the Knight’s Court Breezewood, PA, with President Samuel H. Callisto, P.E. presiding. Secretary Conner reported a membership of 3,263. Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $81,720. It was noted that Past National Secretary Bob Sherr had died in April 1991.

The October Board Meeting was held at the Knight’s Court at Breezewood, PA. President Callisto reported he and Vice President Roland A. Nesslinger attended Pittsburgh’s Silver
Anniversary Dinner. Director Petrucci announced the Carolina Triangle Section would be Chartered on January 29, 1992. He also noted the New Sections Committee would be organizing Florida in early 1992.

The Southern New Jersey Section was authorized to host the 1994 National Convention in the Atlantic City area.

The third Board Meeting on January 17, 1992 was also in Breezewood, PA. Secretary Connor reported the Carolina Triangle Section would have 186 Charter Members. Robert Pearson, P.E. is the Section’s first President.

At the final Board Meeting on April 24, 1992, Director David Greenwood presented the revised Code of Ethics for the Society, which was adopted by the Board.

The Annual Convention was held at the Holiday Inn-Worthington in suburban Columbus, Ohio, May 14 through 17, 1992. Secretary Conner presented the membership report reflecting a total membership of 3,401 members, an increase of 243.

1992-1993

The first meeting of the newly installed Officers and Directors was held June 21, 1991 at Knight’s Court, Breezewood, PA, with President Albert W. Kozel, Jr., P.E. presiding. Secretary Conner reported a membership of 3,457. Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $86,199.

The October Board Meeting was held at Hoss’s Best Western Inn, Bedford, PA. The Board approved the Pittsburgh Section’s request to host the 1995 Convention.

The January Board Meeting was also held in Bedford, PA. It was noted Central Florida would be Chartered on January 27, 1993 with President Kozel presenting the Charter. The revised Long-Range Plan for 1993 to 1996 was approved.

1993-1994

On June 1, 1993, the newly elected Officers and Directors conducted their first Board Meeting at Hoss’s Best Western Inn in Bedford, PA, with President Roland A. Nesslinger, P.E. presiding. During the 1993-94 fiscal year four Board Meetings were held at Hoss’s Best Western Inn, Bedford, PA on June 11, 1993, October 15, 1993, January 21, 1994 and April 29, 1994.

During this fiscal year the Regionalization Committee provided numerous guidelines and revisions with final action anticipated at the June 1994 Board Meeting.

At the April 29, 1994 Board Meeting, Al Kozel’s term expired. The Board expressed gratitude for his years of service on the Board as well as acting SCANNER editor. Al reported the cost of the directory was $10,950 with $9,500 paid by advertisers. The Society paid the balance.

During this fiscal year the New Sections Committee did preliminary work in North Dakota, Atlanta, Charlotte, Lansing MI, Springfield IL, Indianapolis IN and Orlando, FL.

1994-1995

A meeting of the newly elected Officers and Directors was held at Hoss’s Best Western Inn, Bedford, PA, on June 17, 1994 with President Raymond A. Petrucci, P.E. presiding. The next two Board Meetings were held at the Green Tree Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, on October 28, 1994 and January 13, 1995. The fourth Board Meeting was held at the Knights Court Motel in New Stanton, PA on April 7, 1995. It was reported by Secretary Conner that as of April 7th total membership stood at 3,850. The Treasurer’s report at this same time showed a balance of $101,652.

Key activities for the year included: New Section organization efforts in Bismarck, ND; Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC; Lansing, MI; Springfield, IL; Indianapolis, IN; and Central, FL and continued effort to reorganize the Society to include a regional structure and drafting a position description and cost estimates for employing an Executive Director for the Society. As a
result of the organizational work, a Charter was presented October 18, 1994, at Bismarck, ND, to the Central Dacotah Section. Jon Jennings was that Section’s temporary National Director.

The first meeting of the 1995-1996 Board of Directors was held June 16, 1995 at the Knights Court Motel in New Stanton, PA. President Thomas J. Haslett, P.E. presided. All four Board of Director Meetings were held at the Knights Court Motel in New Stanton, PA. At the first meeting, Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 4,046 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $94,908. Dave Greenwood announced the Tampa Bay Section would be Chartered on July 12, 1995, the Atlanta and Charlotte Sections will likely be Chartered in late 1995 and that other Sections are being organized in Columbia, SC; Emporia, KS; Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, and Tallahassee, FL.

Sandy Ivory of the Altoona Section was welcomed as the first woman National Board member.

The Board approved a final draft of ASHE’s reorganization plan. No assessment increase was anticipated to operate on a regional basis. Following the report on profits from the 1995 Convention in Pittsburgh, the Board approved action to no longer assume financial responsibility for Conventions, beginning with the 1996 Convention.

For the National Convention in Orlando, FL, the event will be titled “Conference”.

The Carolina Piedmont Section Charter night was held in Charlotte, NC on January 11, 1996.

Mike Martin reported on and the Board approved a three-year plan to employ the services of an Executive Director. Wanner Associates is responsible for production of the SCANNER. A Long-Range Plan for 1997 to 2000 was approved.

This year began with a departure from the National Board of Directors routine schedule. The Board’s first meeting, held June 7, 1996, occurred three weeks before the National Conference. National President Thomas J. Haslett, P.E. presided over his last official Board Meeting for the 1995 to 1996 year, and then turned the meeting over to in-coming National President David A. Greenwood, P.E. to conduct the meeting beginning with new business.

The 1996-1997 ASHE year was considered a transitional year because it saw the implementation of the recently approved reorganization plan. The plan provided balanced representation for all 29 Sections through a Regional restructuring overseen by nine National Directors. Since 1988, 20 new Sections in seven States have been added. This growth, which is expected to continue, prompted the need for more effective management of the organization.

Another significant change resulted from the Board signing a two-year contract with Wanner Associates, Incorporated to provide management services beginning with publication of the SCANNER.

The first ASHE Student Chapter was formed by the Central Florida Section. The 26 members are all engineering students of the University of Central Florida.

Newly elected President Pasquale A. Dougherty called the June 20, 1997, meeting of the National Board of Directors to order at the Howard Johnson Inn, Harrisburg, PA. The treasury was $131,522. For many years the National Board debated the issue of profit from hosting the Annual National Conference - how much was reasonable and how should profit be divided. It was voted and approved that Conference profits would be distributed with the first $10,000 going to the host Section/Region and any balance over $10,000 to be split equally between the host Section/Region and National.
The National Constitution and By-Laws review was completed with revisions made and distributed to all Sections.

ASHE stepped into the modern technology arena when it established a web site for the first time. The address is www.highwayengineers.org. The National Board approved the revised Conference Guidelines, and on February 5, 1998 a Charter was presented to the Georgia Section in Atlanta.

1998-1999

President James W. Charles, P.E., at the National Board of Directors Meeting on June 12, 1998, congratulated Terence Conner, P.E. and Robert Yeager, PLS for their recent election as ASHE Honorary Members. The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, New Stanton, PA. Total membership for the year saw a net increase of 85 for a total of 4,960 members and the Budget had a balance of $166,397.

The new Gold Coast Section of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, was Chartered on July 29, 1998.

During this year the Board approved a Student Member Membership category. Requirements to be a Student Member include being a full-time student in an institution of higher learning and waiver of initiation fee but payment of normal assessment. Student Members are afforded all rights and privileges of associate membership.

The October 31, 1998 Board Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn - Sun Spree in Asheville, NC, the site of the 1999 National Conference. The January meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, New Stanton, PA. At this latter meeting the “Person of the Year” Award was renamed the “Robert E. Pearson” award in honor of ASHE’s recently deceased First Vice President. A final draft of the Section Operating Manual was completed and circulated for review.

1999-2000

President James W. Charles, P.E. presided over the meeting January 22, 1999 at the Ramada Inn in New Stanton, PA. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 4,968 and Treasurer Yeager presented his report reflecting a balance of $156,961.93.

The Nominating Committee did not present a nomination for the Person of the Year out of respect to deceased President Robert Pearson. Appropriate recognition will be provided at the 1999 Conference in naming the Person of the Year Award after Robert E. Pearson, P.E.

The National Directory will be distributed electronically with a $10.00 charge for hard copies as requested.

Board approved internet connect for Assistant Secretary, Gretchen Wood.

President James W. Charles, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn in New Stanton, PA on April 30, 1999. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 4,952 and Treasurer Yeager presented his report reflecting a balance of $166,396.90.

Approval for the Franklin Section to host the 2002 Conference June 5-9 in Erie, PA was approved.

National Directors were asked to review their Regional expenses prior to submission to National for reimbursement. The original plan was for Regions to provide their own treasury for their own expenses.

President Charles L. Flowe, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Holiday Inn - Sun Spree, Asheville, NC (site of the 1999 Conference which was the first Regional Conference) on May 30, 1999. Secretary Conner noted total membership of 4,960.

Suggestion made to start identifying potentials for future Sections to attend the Conference in North Dakota which will be held June 28 thru July 1, 2000.
Public Relation Committee updated the ASHE video and prepared a revised script.

The Section Operating Manuals were mailed to the Regional Directors for distribution to their respective Sections.

President Flowe discussed the importance of the Regions to developing accounts to fund their Regional Directors’ expenses.

A letter will be sent to all Past National Presidents soliciting their interest in participating in an active committee, chaired by the most recent Past National President, with a meeting held at each National Conference.

National Board Meetings were changed to Friday/Saturday - Friday afternoon committee meetings and Saturday morning National Board Meeting.

President Charles L. Flowe, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, ND on October 2, 1999. Current total membership was 5,000.

Sections were encouraged to create their own webpage and to link to the National website in accordance with the Operating Manual Website Guidelines.

All Regions are budgeted $500 for exposure and may make a request to National for the monies.

The ASHE paperweights, which were previously used by Sections as a token of appreciation to their guest speakers, will no longer be purchased.

President Charles L. Flowe, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Radisson Inn in Raleigh, NC on January 15, 2000. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 4,853 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $162,070.66.

A Strategic Plan Meeting was conducted prior to this meeting to develop new goals.

A formation meeting was held at Tallahassee, FL.

Revised By-Laws have been approved to-date for: Central Dacotah, Carolina Triangle, Carolina Piedmont, Delaware Valley, Pittsburgh, Georgia, Franklin and Central Florida.

Pittsburgh Section was approved to host the 2005 Conference as a Section since they had obtained letters from the other Sections within their Region indicating no desire to participate.

President Charles L. Flowe, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, ND on October 2, 1999. Current total membership was 5,000.

Greater Hampton Roads Section was chartered.

By-Laws for Central Ohio Section were approved.

A new ASHE Display Board was purchased at a cost of $1,577.28.

The Wanner contract for the SCANNER/Website was approved ($595.00/issue for SCANNER and $300.00/month for website).

President Domenic M. Piccolomini, P.L.S. called the meeting to order at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA (site of the 2001 Conference). Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,188 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $154,091.00.

Society name change was discussed and determined it would not be pursued at this time.

Correspondence was read regarding an offer from Past National President Russell Horn, P.E. to provide a $1,000.00 per year stipend in some form to the Robert E. Pearson/Person of the
Year Award. Letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Horn. The $1,000 would be given to a charity named by the person receiving the annual Robert E. Pearson/Person of the Year Award.

Greater Hampton Roads Section was chartered on April 25, 2000.

President Domenic M. Piccolomini, P.L.S. called the meeting to order at the Clarion Hotel Airport West, Cleveland, OH, on October 27, 2000. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,083 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $165,462.60.

Board approved the 2003 Conference to be held in Ohio and the 2004 Conference to be held in Florida.

A meeting was held with Wanner & Associates to discuss the enhancement of the National Website. Board approved a $2,050.00 increase to Wanner & Associates for this update.

The Strategic Plan was approved by the Board and incorporated in the Section Operating Manual.

President Domenic M. Piccolomini, P.L.S. called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn at New Stanton, PA on January 26, 2001. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,136 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $176,147.40.

Revised National Conference Guidelines were approved by the Board and incorporated into the Operating Manual.

Due to high increase in advertising, John Wanner of Wanner & Associates was asked to perform a cost analysis of the ads and SCANNER.

Board approved expenditure for IACET to re-obtain certification to award CEU’s.

Board approved a 10% late charge for Sections not paying their annual assessment by the October 1st due date each year. Information will be included on the invoices mailed to the Section.

President Domenic M. Piccolomini, P.L.S. called the meeting to order at the Sheraton Baltimore North, Towson, MD on April 27, 2001. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,330 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $174,351.41.

Charleston and Wheeling, WV are showing interest in starting new Sections.

Greater Hampton Roads By-Laws were approved.

Section/Region members, associated with the area where the National Board Meeting is being held, should be given the opportunity to attend and provide a brief report on their activities.

A ‘draft’ copy of the ASHE History Manual was distributed to the Board.

Biographies of each Board Member will be obtained and periodically published in the SCANNER.

President Cooper E. Curtis, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Avalon Hotel (site of the 2002 Conference) in Erie, PA, on November 2, 2001. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,291 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $185,628.37.

Gene G. Smith, Past National President and member of the Franklin Section, was named an Honorary Member of ASHE.

Board approved Region 7 to host the 2006 Conference.

ASHE has been reinstated by IACET to award CEU’s.

President Cooper E. Curtis, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Best Western Mt. Vernon
Inn in Winter Park, FL on January 26, 2002. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,260 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $196,723.47.

The Harrisburg Section’s revised By-Laws were approved.

Board approved the 2007 Conference to be hosted by Region 6 in Atlantic City, NJ.

President Cooper E. Curtis, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Best Western Patrick Henry Inn in Williamsburg, VA on March 22, 2002. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,430 and treasury balance of $188,666.62.

Nominating procedure guidelines will be added to the Operating Manual.

Considerable discussion ensured regarding the Society name change to American Society of Highway Engineering. The matter of name change was tabled indefinitely.

President Sandra K. Ivory called the meeting to order at the Avalon Hotel in Erie, PA, on June 9, 2002. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,559 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $169,552.94.

Wanner Associates contract for July 2002 through June 2003 showed a 5% increased ($625/SCANNER and $315/website). It was approved by the Board.

Regional Directors’ expenses are covered by the Sections until Regions have treasury to support these expenses.

Board mileage reimbursement was increased to $0.35/mile.

President Sandra K. Ivory called the meeting to order at the Hilton Hotel in Fairlawn, OH, on October 19, 2002. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,584 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $169,766.75.

National’s Attorney recommended that each Conference host obtain general liability insurance for the Conference covering participants and listing National as co-insured. Requirement will be added to the National Conference Guidelines in the Operating Manual.

President Sandra K. Ivory called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn in Altoona, PA, on April 25, 2003. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,534 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $179,354.36. The National Board began revising the Strategic Plan.

Section Start-Up Procedures and revised National Conference Guidelines were approved and will be added to the Operating Manual.

Richard Prentice will conduct CEU training sessions at the National Conferences and volunteered to track CEU records for ASHE. Sections will have to keep original documents and electronic copies provided for National’s record. Information must be maintained for seven years.

National now has liability insurance in place. (Two policies with $1,000,000 limit each for Errors and Omissions, and $1,000,000 limit for general liability for National Board and Officers with a $2,000,000/year maximum combined. The bond is a Crime Policy covering employees, secretary, and treasurer for loss of $100,000) for the National Board Members. Approval was given by the National Executive Committee. It is recommended that Regions/Sections obtain their own liability insurance to cover their Board Members.

Appointment of Shirley Stuttler as a special assistant to the National President was approved by the Board.

President David W. Jones, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Hilton Akron in Fairlawn, OH, (site of the 2003 Conference) on June 1, 2003. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,538 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $176,617.21.
Board approved Wanner contract renewal June 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 at $655/SCANNER and $330/month for the website.

President's Assistant will be installed, but not elected at the discretion of the in-coming National President.

President David W. Jones, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Hilton Hotel in Christiana, DE, on October 25, 2003. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,400. No Treasurer’s report provided.

Region 4 approved to host the 2008 Conference, which will be our 50th Anniversary.

National Website set up to link to National Conference site.

ASHE Membership Directory will be distributed in November to all Sections.

President David W. Jones, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Doubletree in Atlanta, GA on January 24, 2004. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,416 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $99,458.21.

Article, Help Start New Sections, was published in the SCANNER.

Copies of Society History are being maintained by Steve Lester and Shirley Stuttler.

President David W. Jones, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, OH, on April 24, 2004. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,539 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $204,020.70.

The Board agreed that the sooner ASHE grows into a National Organization with Sections throughout the United States, the sooner we can provide a significant positive influence in national transportation issues.

Revised Membership Application for use by all Sections was approved and will be incorporated into the Operating Manual.

Board approved Wanner contract renewal at $655/SCANNER and $400/month for the website.

Use of e-mail for Regional Director Reports for the Board Meetings was approved.

Mileage reimbursement increase to $.37/mile was approved.

President Rodney Pello, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Sawgrass Resort & Beach Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, (site of the Region 9 Conference) on June 20, 2004. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,635 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $198,719.73.

ASHE license plate frames were distributed to the Conference registration and extras distributed to Board Members for distribution to Section members.

Board approved CEU Certificates to be prepared with the ASHE logo embossed on them.

New ASHE logo crest was approved for use on pins.

Executive Board Meeting held July 29, 2004. David Jones appointed standing ASHE New Section Committee Chair and Sandra Ivory appointed standing ASHE Public Relations Committee Chair.

President Rodney Pello, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA, on October 16, 2004. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,576 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $212,542.50.

New ASHE logo will be distributed by disc to all Sections as well as letter informing the Sections to change their letterhead and envelopes accordingly (color codes included). Information will also be provided to Wanner for use on the SCANNER.
The ASHE shield only will be included on future ASHE banners.

Society Exposure Funds was increased to $1,000.00 per Region effective January 1, 2005.

New York Metro Section was chartered on September 28, 2004.

President Rodney Pello, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Courtyard Raleigh North in Raleigh, NC, January 29, 2005. Secretary Conner noted our total membership at 5,597 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $223,414.53.

Potomac Highland Section located in Burlington, WV, was chartered on January 26, 2005.

Board approved revised National Conference Guidelines which will be incorporated in the Operating Manual and posted on the National Website. The ASHE Display Booth request form was revised and included in Operating Manual.

The Fulcrum International contract, provided by Jacklyn VanderPol, was approved. This is a Career Site/Job Board that is now posted and available on our National Website.

President Rodney Pello, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Club Quarters in New York, NY, on April 30, 2005. Secretary Conner noted total membership at 5,706 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $183,328.34.

Mileage reimbursement was increased to $.40/mile.

Board approved an assessment discount from March 1 to May 31 for new members.

President Ronald L. Purvis, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Marriott Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA, (site of the 2005 Conference) on June 5, 2005. Total membership at 5,697 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $188,672.30.

Proposed revisions to the National Constitution were distributed to all ASHE members for review. National By-Laws are being reviewed in preparation for future revisions, pending Constitution revision approval.

Revised ASHE tri-fold was distributed to all Sections for their use, a supply placed in the ASHE Display Case, and copies made available to the New Section Committee.

A member of the National Conference Committee, or previous member who has experience as a Conference Chair or Co-Chair, will be assigned to future National Conference hosts as a monitor.

National History Committee, Steve Lester, Shirley Stuttler and Sandy Ivory, will prepare the ASHE History Book to be distributed to all ASHE member attendees at the 2008 ASHE 50th Anniversary National Conference.

Sections need to have their website registered through National in one billing to protect the ASHE name. The National Webmaster will oversee this endeavor.

Discussions regarding the formation of those Regions who have not yet become active resulted in the Regional Directors being asked to take action on developing their Region formation by April 2006 if it has not already been accomplished. The revised Regional Guidelines should be fully implemented within the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Student Membership Section has been added to the Operating Manual.

President Ronald L. Purvis, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Williamsburg Marriott, Virginia (future site of the 2006 Conference) on October 1, 2005. Total membership at 5,860 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $183,430.09.

Middle Tennessee Section was chartered in Nashville, TN on August 9, 2005.
National Constitution Amendments were approved by the Sections. Membership grades (Senior, Member, and Associate) no longer exist.

Two links added to National Website - Start a New Section and Become a Member.

President Richard S. Prentice called the meeting to order at the Williamsburg Marriott, Virginia. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 5,881 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $122,097.83.

Tammy Johnson named Assistant to Secretary beginning June 12, 2006, due to Gretchen Wood retiring.

Revised National By-Laws have been incorporated into the National Operating Manual. Letter to Sections/Regions By-Laws update/submission/approval process will be sent to all Sections requesting their submission to National of their revised By-Laws.

ASHE Website will be updated at a cost of $2,000.

Executive Board Meeting was held July 11, 2007. Terry Conner was made an Honorary Past National President for his 29 years service to ASHE as National Secretary.

President Richard S. Prentice called the meeting to order at the Tropicana Resort, Atlantic City, NJ on October 16, 2006. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 5,852 and treasury balance of $175,573.65.

The Derby City Section, located in Louisville, Kentucky, was chartered October 4, 2006.

An ASHE ad in Roads and Bridges will be published at a cost of $3,000.

Section winners for the Hart and Smith Awards will receive a full registration paid by National for one of their members.

Protection of Section domain names will be handled by Wanner and needs to be done every five years for all Sections.

North Florida Section noted as being in-active.

National Board Expense Policy Guidelines were approved.

Annual National Assessment increase from $10 to $20 approved.

Board approved the 2006-2009 Strategic Plan.

A scholarship foundation fund for non-profit will be established by the 2007 Conference Committee. In order to obtain this fund, a waiver from the National Board on the sharing of profits from the Conference had to be given. Approval by the Board was granted.

President Richard S. Prentice called the meeting to order at the Doubltree Guest Suites in Tampa, FL, on January 6, 2007. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 5,773 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $23,268.23 (does not include reserve fund monies).

Approved increase dues assessment of $20.00 will be effective June 1, 2007, with correspondence sent to all Section Presidents and Secretaries on January 2, 2007. Board approved that any new Section will be assessed $10.00/member to be credited to the 2007/2008 assessment year if chartered before June 1, 2007.

Legislative Committee will initiate a Legislative Network Group to include a contact from each Section who will track federal legislative activities and to notify the group of more local activities that might have broader interest.

Display photos and information will be updated as soon as the new website is completed. Graphics will be consistent with those used on the website and in the tri-fold brochure.
Innovative Consulting Group, Inc. (ICG) will handle the National Website and Wanner will handle the SCANNER. ICG will also handle the National Conference Website, beginning with the 2008 event.

Two new awards, Robert E. Yeager Award will be for Section Diversity and the Terence D. Conner Award will be for Retention of Members based on drops October 1 of the previous year, effective in 2008 and first awards presented at the 2008 Conference.

Effective with the 2007 Conference, the membership awards will be ribbons in lieu of plaques.

Southwest Penn Section will host the 2012 National Conference as a Section and have received no objections from other Sections within Region 3.

The SCANNER will be in full color for all future issues with increased advertising costs. Contract with Wanner Associates for the SCANNER was renewed until September 2007. Board approved David Jones as apprentice Treasurer and Charles Flowe as apprentice Secretary.

ASHE Membership Card disbursement by National was eliminated, however, an electronic sample card will be sent to all Sections for their use, if desired.

President Richard S. Prentice called the meeting to order at the Hilton Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati, OH, on March 10, 2007. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 5,852 and David Jones provided a treasurer’s report for Treasurer Yeager indicating a balance of $215,709.14.

The Central New York Section, located in Syracuse, NY, was chartered April 5, 2007.

Sections were requested to submit electronic copies of their approved By-Laws for archives.

National will pay for publication of the 50th Anniversary Book to be given to attendees at the 2008 Conference. Others may purchase a book at an established charge. Monies are to be taken from reserves to cover book printing costs.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, the members of the New Sections and Membership Committees were challenged to redefine the Regional boundaries to incorporate planned growth for the next 20 years. This plan should include the 48 continental states. Regions should not be so large as to not be effective, however, there also needs to be consideration of the size of the national Board of Directors (number of Regions). A transition plan/schedule to the new Regions must be part of the plan.

Board approved a new award, ASHE Member of the Year. This is different from the Robert E. Pearson Award in that this award will be given to an ASHE member that has helped the organization meet one or more of the Strategic Plan Goals. Nominations should be made by each of the Regions. The Board hopes to have the details of this award process in place for the 2009 Conference. The National Board recommends keeping the President’s Award as is and creating the new ASHE Member of the Year Award. The President’s Award is used to recognize a person that helped the outgoing National President achieve his/her goals.

Recipients of all National Conference Awards should be recognized in the first edition of the SCANNER following the National Conference.

National Conference Committee suggested conducting a National Board Meeting at the site of the future Conference that is planned for three years out, which would eliminate a special visit being made by representatives from the National Conference Committee.
President Perry M. Schweiss called the meeting to order at the Tropicana Casino and Resort, Atlantic City, NJ, (site of the 2007 Conference) on May 24, 2007. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 6,064 and Treasurer Yeager provided a report balance of $206,481.23.

Board approved the development of a Young Member Award which would recognize a young member (under age 35) that contributed significantly to ASHE and/or the highway industry. Award to be adopted and announced at the 2009 Conference.

Travel and registration costs for a representative for each Section receiving a National Award will be paid by National.

Board agreed to pay for postcard notification of undeliverable SCANNER annually starting in October 2007.

President Perry M. Schweiss called the meeting to order at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel in North Carolina on October 27, 2007. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 5,861 and Treasurer Yeager reported a balance of $284,175.21

Blue Ridge Section located in Roanoke, VA, was chartered November 7, 2007.

A model Section By-Laws document was approved to be used in contacting those Sections who have not developed their revised By-Laws and submitted them to National for approval, as requested.

ASHE ad in Roads and Bridges at a cost of $3,400.00 was approved.

Wanner contract for SCANNER was signed on September 20th with a 5% quarterly increase.

2008 Conference Registration Form will be included with the spring issue of the SCANNER and board recommended this be done for all future Conferences in addition to being posted on the National Website.

Innovative Consulting Group (ICG) contract for the National Website was renewed for another year (effective January 6, 2008).

ASHE documents that are periodically updated will be archived at the National Secretary’s Office in Word Format onto CD/DVD. Requested files can be distributed in pdf format. Documents that are kept for archival and history purposes would only be saved in pdf format.

Revised National Expense Guidelines were approved.

President Perry M. Schweiss called the meeting to order at the Caribe Royale, Orlando, FL, on January 12, 2008. Secretary Conner reported a total membership of 6,100 and David Jones provided the treasurer’s report noting a balance of $271,660.59

By-Laws were approved for Region 1, Cuyahoga Valley Section, Northeast Penn Section, Region 6, Potomac Section and Central Florida Section.

Board members were asked to review the new ASHE Website prior to this meeting and their comments/recommendations will be provided to ICG prior to posting the new site.

Western Reserve Section was dissolved and the Gold Coast Section has requested assistance from the New Sections Committee in reorganizing.
Initially, every ASHE Section was represented on the National Board of Directors by a member of their own Section. This operation functioned well for about the first 25 years. However, with the ever increasing number of Sections joining the Society, it was recognized that the Board was becoming too large to function efficiently. The cost of sending large numbers of Directors to the meetings was also a concern.

In 1986, after extensive study and debate, the Society was divided into 12 zones, each with one National Director. All the Sections in each zone were represented by one Director.

Ten years later, the continuing expansion of Sections caused unequal representation with some zones and so another realignment was studied. This time the objective was to group existing locations according to geographic location and to create Regions of nearly equal membership. The term “zone” was eliminated and the Society was divided into nine Regions.

As new Sections are formed, the geographic and size objectives will continue to guide the revision of regional boundaries.

In 2008, ASHE’s 50th Anniversary, the Regions and Sections are defined as follows, left and right.
The first formal Region 1 meeting was held on July 22, 2005, at the Foxfire Golf Club, Lockbourne, Ohio prior to the Central Ohio Section’s Annual Golf Outing. Robert Hochevar, who at the time served as the Region 1 National Director organized the meeting.

The following ASHE Members were in attendance at this initial meeting of the Region:

- Robert Hochevar, Region 1 National Director
- David Jones, Past National President/Central Ohio Section
- Frank O’Hare, Central Ohio Regional Representative
- John McGeorge, Central Ohio President
- Bonnie Teeuwn, Lake Erie President
- John Motl, Lake Erie Regional Representative
- Pat Welsh, Cuyahoga Valley/Western Reserve Regional Representative
- Pete Bick, Northwest Ohio President
- Mike Thompson, Triko Valley President
- Jim Collins, Triko Valley Past President
- Julie Burkert, Western Reserve Secretary/Treasurer
- John Coy, Western Reserve President

The following Regional Officers were elected:

- President: Frank O’Hare
- Vice President: Jim Collins
- Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Burkert
- Directors: Pat Welsh, Bonnie Teeuwen, Pete Bick
- Past President: Robert Hochevar

The following topics were discussed at the first meeting:

- Finances
- Activities
- Future Region 1 Meetings
- Candidates for National Director
- 2010 National Conference

In the fall of 2006, the Derby City Section was chartered and became part of Region 1.

Region 1 traditionally has held three meetings per year where the Regional Representatives provide input and work together on various projects including the annual Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) and the 2010 National Conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Each year the National President has met with the Regional Representatives at the OTEC luncheon providing a unique opportunity for interaction with the local Sections of Region 1.
**Charter Officers – 1994-1995**

President – Jon K. Jennings, P.E.
1st Vice President – Ray McKenzie
   Treasurer – Paul Zent
   Secretary – Jon Mill, P.E.
   Director – Duane Bentz
   Director – Joel Wilt
   Director – Terrance Zich
   Director – Steve Smith
   Director – Steve Dorval

**Charter Members**

- Ray R. Mckenzie
- Paul H. Zent*
- Marshall W. Moore
- Jon K. Jennings
- Jon Mill*
- Francis G. Ziegler*
- Dave Rostad
- Jerome L. Horner
- George L. Struchynski
- James W. Martin*
- David J. Kline
- Charles Mormon
- Mel J. Bullinger*
- Kevin G. Nelson
- Nicholas Anderson
- Mark Swenson*
- Mark S. Gaydos*
- Dale C. Heglund*
- Harvey Kadrmas*
- Steven Dorval
- Dave Leftwich*
- Clayton Schumaker
- Gary L. Arman*
- Robert J. Shannon*
- Terrance J. Zich
- Duane Bentz
- Joel A. Zeltinger
- Scott K. Olin
- Jerrel S. Krieg*
- Robert R. Walton*
- John T. Erickson
- Roger Hagen

- Charles A. Gullicks
- Kenneth E. Birst
- Max J. Tschosik
- Bruce Thompson*
- Terry Ragan
- Dave Levi
- Terrence R. Udland
- Dennis E. Jacobson
- Steven D. Cunningham
- Steven J. Miller
- Brad W. Darr
- Scott Woodham*
- Jeffery L. Monroe
- Ronny Hartl*
- Mark A. Berg
- Brad A. Ballweber*
- Cal J. Gendreau*
- Dave K. O. Leer*
- Gary L. Berreth*
- Gerald L. Dauer
- Jeff Richter
- Joel M. Wilt
- Jennifer K. Gora
- Kevin J. Levi
- Leo Fettig
- Paul M. Benning*
- Robert P. Evans*
- Steve S. Smith
- Ardin L. Striefel*

* Charter Members Still With Us To-Date
National “Man-of-the-Year”

Marshall W. Moore, a Past Charter Member of our Central Dacotah Section, was the 1997 ASHE “Man-of-the-Year”. He was appointed by Governor Ed Schafer as Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation from 1992 to 2000. His background consisted of a fighter pilot, engineer, entrepreneur, legislator, and administrator. He was elected president of the Western Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials (WASHTO), and chaired the WASHTO Standing Committee on Planning from 1994 to 1996. He served a two year term of the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). He also served a three-year term of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB).

Hosted National ASHE Conferences

The Central Dacotah Section hosted the first National Conference of the 21st Century in Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 28 – July 1, 2000. According to all the ASHE members that attended the conference, it was another outstanding event. Despite the remoteness of the conference location, the total number of attendees were 193, consisting of 46 guests, 38 spouses and children and 109 members. Along with the great technical programs presented at this conference, the highlight of the Conference was the pitchfork fondue dinner held at Ft. Abraham Lincoln west of Mandan, ND. The 2000 Conference Committee worked for two and a half years, did an excellent job, and all our efforts were rewarded with a memorable and successful conference.

$500 Scholarship

Central Dacotah Section has offered a scholarship to any member’s child, stepchild, or foster child entering college or presently enrolled. Our scholarship has been presented to Jennifer Gora and Mark Gaydos.

Past Presidents of Central Dacotah Section

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Meetings

Meetings are currently being held the third Wednesday of each month at noon at the NDDOT. We break over the summer and do not meet in June, July, and August. ASHE meetings in the past were held at noon one month and in the evening the next month. We found out that we had a better turn out at noon at the NDDOT. The past two years, we have been fortunate to use the video network system through the NDDOT to allow our eight District Offices to attend our meetings. The meetings run from noon until 1:00 p.m. We issue professional development hours (PDH) for those who attend our meetings.

Membership

Our membership has been increasing over the past few years. For the 2006-2007 year, we had 88 paid members.
Annual Highlights

2000 - 2001
National President D. Piccolomini spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Section’s State Science Day Award was presented in memory of Ted Stitt.
Spring Technical Seminar was on Construction Law.

2001 - 2002
Held first Annual Capital Improvement Program luncheon with roughly 125 attendees.
Spring Technical Seminar was on Infrastructure Funding.
May Annual Dinner - Presented Project-of-Year Award (Avery Rd. Interchange) and Meritorious Service Award (David W. Jones).
State Science Day Award was presented.

2002 - 2003
National President S. Ivory spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Held Columbus Blue Jackets Event.
Developed/staffed Technical Committee for Akron National Conference.
State Science Day Award was presented.

2003 - 2004
Held Columbus Blue Jackets Event. National President David Jones spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Spring Technical Seminar was on Techniques/Case Studies for Improving Traffic Safety & Congestion.
Project of the Year was awarded to Delaware County, Burgess & Niple, and The Ruhlin Company for the Home Road Bridge replacement project.
State Science Day Award was presented to Sarah Skiviat (first place) and Sophia Troy (second place).

2004 - 2005
National President Rodney P. Pello spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Spring Technical Seminar was on Stormwater Issues in Highway Design and Construction.
Project of the Year was awarded to The City of Columbus, ms consultants, and Savko Construction Company for the Lane Avenue widening project.
State Science Day Award was presented to Zachary Hart (first place) and Cathy George (second place).

2005 - 2006
National President Ronald L. Purvis spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Held Columbus Blue Jackets Event.
Developed/staffed Technical Committee for Akron National Conference.
State Science Day Award was presented.

2006 - 2007
National President Richard Prentice spoke at the Ohio Section’s Luncheon at OTEC.
Held Columbus Blue Jackets Hockey Event.
Spring Technical Seminar was on Bridges.
State Science Day Award was presented to Sara K. Mayo and Nolan R. Kaverman.
Project of the Year was awarded to The City of Columbus, ms consultants, and Complete General Construction Company for the Morse Road Improvements - Phase I project.
Person of the Year was awarded to Frank O’Hare.
Charter Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Section (March 28, 1978, Akron Ohio)

- Guss Arrendale, Jr.
- Wilbur Kost
- Robert Authernreith
- Richard Kreiter
- Frank Beckman
- George Lockhart
- Eugene Begue
- Charles Luff
- James Brunot
- John Mills
- Thomas Burns
- Thomas Mudd
- Thomas Butler
- Warner Ohman
- Richard Connair
- William Patterson
- Jack Cooper
- Robert Pogwizd
- Jim Coyle
- Joseph Raccuia
- Thomas Criswell
- Milton Radovic
- John Diroberto

- James Raybuck
- Terry Donovan
- John Ruhlin, Jr.
- Frederick Eisenzimmer
- Carrol Sallaz
- Charles Fairchild
- John Sanders
- David Fielder
- Paul Scala
- Jerome Gergosky
- William Scala
- William Hagenlocher
- Volney Schaefer
- John Hiller
- Nicholas Spagnuolo
- Kenneth Jennings
- Cyrus Stair
- Michael Kerr
- John Thoen
- Pawan Khaitan
- Charles Werling
- John Knapp
- John Zachary

National Presidents
Charles Luff 1984-1985

National Directors
Robert Hochevar 2000-2006
Patrick Welsh 1993-1996
Thomas Criswell 1985-1993
Chuck Luff 1980-1984

Regional Directors
Patrick Welsh 1996-Present

Hosted National ASHE Conferences
1986 – Richfield, Ohio
2003 – Fairlawn, Ohio

On March 28, 1979, the National American Society of Highway Engineers granted charter membership to the Cuyahoga Valley Section of ASHE. Joseph Martinelli, National Vice President of ASHE, presented the charter to the first elected Cuyahoga Valley Section President, Chuck Luff. The first officers for the Section were Thomas Mudd, First Vice President; Thomas Criswell, Second Vice President; Guss Arrendale, Secretary; and Chuck Werling, Treasurer. The first Board of Directors consisted of Paul Scala, David Fielder, and George Lockhart.

The first Cuyahoga Valley Section meeting was held at Henry's Lamplight Restaurant on N. Main Street in Akron, Ohio. The Section meetings were initially held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Meetings are still held monthly, and typically near the end of each month, however, the days now vary. The approach to the meeting topics has remained constant over the years. The majority of meetings present technical information regarding design and construction techniques for highway improvements. The meetings begin with a social hour, followed by dinner, and the presentation of the meeting’s topic. As our industry and the people participating in the industry have changed, we have been encouraged to make the meeting more accommodating to our memberships’ busy schedules. Luncheon meetings, joint meeting with other professional societies, and strictly social meetings have been incorporated into our meeting calendar.

The Cuyahoga Valley membership has grown over the years. The charter members of this Section represented the various groups that define the highway industry. Those original 46 members worked hard to educate potential members and grow this Section. They were successful in their goals. We have consistently maintained between 130 to 150 members on our active rooster. The membership still provides a good cross section of the people participating in the highway industry. Our rooster is currently comprised of consultants 54%, government agencies employees 29%, contractors 7%, material suppliers 5%, utility company employees 3%, and retired persons 2%.

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The Cuyahoga Valley Section is actively pursuing the diversification and growth goals we established in 2002. The majority of our regularly active members are well-established individuals within their separate organizations. We rely on these members contacting, educating, and presenting new potential members to ASHE. This strategy has been this Section’s approach for many years. It has ensured potential members who are aware of the commitments this organization seeks and members whose character can be vouched for. We also have conducted membership drives in the past where we have awarded prizes. This has been successful and we plan on conducting others in the future.

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1997/1998
President, Richard LaRocco; First Vice President, James Benekos; Second Vice President, (Vacant); Secretary, Scott Basinger; Treasurer, Robert Beasley; 1-Year Director, Patrick Welsh; 1-Year Director, George Turner, Jr.; 3-Year Director, Halle Jones; Past President, Robert Hochevar; Regional Director, Patrick Welsh

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1982/1983
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The Derby City Section started to form back in the fall of 2005. It began when a co-worker, who helped start a chapter in Nashville, Tennessee, encouraged Dave Stills, an engineer, to start a chapter in the Louisville area. Dave contacted Ed Nobles, a concrete pipe supplier and ASHE member from Ohio, who had recently relocated to Louisville. When Dave and Ed met, Ed explained all the great benefits of ASHE and the wonderful networking opportunities available through the organization. After that initial meeting, David Jones, New Sections Director, was contacted and asked to come to Louisville for a “lunch ‘n learn” to educate potential members. A date was set and a list of potential members was compiled.

Louisville, like many other urban areas, is active with other professional organizations like ASCE and NSPE. Would members of these organizations be willing to join another - especially one that most had probably never heard of? Dave began by calling and e-mailing many fellow engineers, government agencies, industry suppliers, contractors, and anyone willing to listen to a short discussion concerning ASHE. Within a couple of weeks, and with help from many others, a list of interested persons was compiled and the meeting was finally going to become a reality.

Our first meeting was held on October 4, 2005. There were 36 people in attendance. They ranged from engineers to contractors to suppliers to agency people; one of the main reasons ASHE is successful is diversity. David Jones informed the audience about the ASHE organization and helped generate great interest in a new section. Many were probably ready to join right then, but as with anything new, there needed to be more discussion and analyzing, something engineers apparently like to do too often. Several individuals at the meeting showed interest in becoming core members though, and therefore another meeting was held December 14, 2005 with Dave Stills, Kyle Chism, David Lanham, Ed Nobles, Karl Sawyer, Kenan Stratman, Jeremy Kubac, Ben

Robertson, Jeff McConahy, Shap Stiles, Tim Robinson, Greg Groves, and Paul Davis in attendance. We had a beginning of our group!

The group continued to call on other potential members and meet periodically. The core members established another membership startup meeting for the evening of February 1, 2006. Caroline Duffy, TRIKO Valley Section member, graciously traveled from Cincinnati to Louisville and helped answer many questions from the interested crowd of approximately 45 people. It seemed as though the Section was gaining ground, and after this meeting our Section had received 35 applications for membership. Membership continued to grow throughout the summer of 2006, and in an effort not to lose momentum, a luncheon was held on August 9, 2006 at Carrabba’s. Although they are normally not open for lunch, they were happy to oblige when they heard we would bring 55 attendees. Our speakers for the luncheon were Dave Hardin (Gohmann Asphalt and Construction Company) and Rob Harris (KYTC District 5). They talked about the I-64 Weekend Shutdown project in Louisville. This would be our final meeting before chartering. The great thing about the meeting, other than the wonderful turnout and great food, was that 21 of the attendees there were not members ... yet.

After the last luncheon and prior to chartering, the Derby City Section set up a booth during the KYTC/ACEC-KY/FHWA Partnering Workshop in Louisville from August 21 – 23, 2006 in an effort to attract more members and get our name out around the state. We had several folks visit our booth and request membership applications, many of which have joined. Since we were just starting up the Section, the Partnering Workshop Committee graciously allowed us a convention space at no charge.

The Derby City Section was presented our charter by National President Richard Prentice on October 4, 2006 (one year after our initial meeting). The Chartering Dinner was held at Hurstbourne Country Club with J.M. “Mac” Yowell, former Kentucky State Highway Engineer, as our guest speaker. Mac talked about the importance of ASHE and the great strides the organization has made throughout the years. Mac also talked about how the transportation system is so vital to our communities and standard of living. It was a real honor to have Mac Yowell as our guest speaker and he was presented a genuine Louisville Slugger baseball bat personalized with ASHE Derby City and his name. The Section chartered that night with 62 members. Since then we have added more and now stand at 68 members.

The Derby City Section has a long way to go to reach the membership and achievements of those other Sections that have paved the way before us. The Derby City Section is also very grateful to all the ASHE members from other Sections and Nationals who have encouraged and helped us get to where we are today.
The Lake Erie Section was founded in 1984 by charter members Richard Overmyer, George Hadden, Frank Belanger, Tom Kreczko, and Ken Carney. Pat Welsh and Chuck Love of the neighboring Cuyahoga Valley Section provided support for the newly formed chapter.

The Lake Erie Section has focused its mission on providing quality technical presentations to its members, along with networking opportunities with peers in the transportation industry. We have partnered with other local professional organizations such as the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Association of Bridge Construction and Design (ASCD), and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) to co-sponsor events. We have found that the groups have many common members and these joint meetings lead to significantly increased attendance.

In 2002, the Lake Erie Section debuted its own website, www.ashelakeerie.org. This website, along with email distribution of our meeting notices, is our Section’s approach to provide timely information to our members. In 2003, the Lake Erie Section was the co-host for the 2003 National ASHE Conference held in Akron, Ohio.

Our approach to our monthly meetings includes a great deal of variety to provide the members with flexibility for meeting attendance. We vary the location of our meetings around Cuyahoga County and schedule lunch and dinner meetings. The yearly meeting schedule typically includes one construction site visit, guest speakers outside the local chapter (this year’s opening speaker was Perry Schweiss, ASHE National President), our annual joint Christmas party with sister organizations (last year we had over 200 attendees), and technical sessions on new technology, materials, or procedures. We also host the local ODOT District in a discussion on upcoming design and construction projects in the area and the prognosis for future jobs. Our approach to the meeting content has also become more focused with the new Engineering Board requirement regarding continuing education credits. The Lake Erie Section feels that it is our responsibility to provide the members with opportunities to achieve their credit goals.

The following is a listing of the Section Presidents that have volunteered their services over the years.

- Richard Overmyer 1984-1986
- Tom Kreczko 1986-1987
- Richard Ball 1987-1988
- Ken Carney 1988-1989
- Jim Marszal 1993-1994
- Lynn Egensperger 1994-1996
- Nick DiGeronimo 1996-1998
- Don Bierut 1998-2000
- Dave Lastovka 2000-2002
- Alysia Lorincz 2002-2003
- Matt Wahl 2003-2005
- Bonnie Teeuwen 2005-2007
- Vickie Wildeman 2007-
When the Public Information Officer for ODOT District 2 replaced the Deputy Director due to a conflict he was asked why local projects go to out of town consultants when so many good firms are local.

Coming to speak at an ASHE meeting does not mean you will miss the tough question.

In recent years, our chapter has benefited from the construction of the Veterans’ Glass City Skyway. The VGCS is a segmental bridge going in to carry I-280 over the Maumee River in Toledo, replacing a lift bridge that currently carries I-280. The river serves as a port for great lakes shipping which lead to a cable stayed design to establish a landmark for the community. Since its kickoff in design in 1999, the bridge has been the subject of five different meetings.

Staff from the Project Management Consultant, HNTB, provided a background on segmental bridges in 1999 with an update on progress in 2000. In 2001, a professor at the University of Toledo spoke on his role on the project task force gathering public input and helping the design team make decisions. In 2003 the bridge designer, Figg Bridge Engineers out of Tallahassee, Florida provided a more detailed look at the design and lead the chapter’s first tour of the project. In May of 2006, ASHE NW Ohio toured the project again as it neared completion. The last segments were raised into place in December 2006 and the opening occurred in June of 2007.

ASHE NW Ohio has had the Ohio Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors in to speak. We have adapted our meetings to meet the registration criteria for Professional Development credits to provide those of our members with PDHs. Currently our meeting provide one 1 PDH per meeting.

Over the last three years, the NW Ohio Chapter has hosted a golf outing to raise money for scholarships at the University of Toledo for Civil Engineering students interested in transportation. The event has grown each year and has raised nearly $9,000 for this needed cause.

The Northwest Ohio Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers charter date was May 23, 1991. This area, centered around Toledo, Ohio is home to a number of strong consulting engineering firms that serve the region, the nation, and the world with quality professional services. Getting those people together with government leaders and contractors on a regular basis was a goal to prepare the work force for the challenges ahead.

The ODOT Director at the time encouraged ODOT District 2 Deputy Director Randy Germann to establish a chapter in NW Ohio to expand the visibility of the profession in Northwest Ohio. Mr. Germann assembled a group of engineers including Steve Colony of ODOT, Ben Dansard of Dansard Grohne Long, Jan Mannik of Mannik and Smith, Greg Bieszczad of Poggemeyer Design Group, Tom Uhler of Toledo Testing and John Mukos to organize the chapter. Mr. Colony missed the first organization meeting and was elected our first President.

Our chapter holds lunchtime meetings at the Holiday Inn Express in suburban Perrysburg, Ohio five times per year. Generally the meetings are held on the third Thursday of September, November, January, March, and May. Attendance at these meetings is usually in the range of 25-40 people depending on the topic.

Meeting topics are drawn from the various contacts of the chapter board members and the projects in the area. In addition to many consultants speaking on their specific projects, ASHE NW Ohio has hosted Directors and Deputy Directors of the Ohio Department of Transportation, Presidents of TMACOG, the Toledo MPO, and the Ohio Turnpike. It is when the representatives of the agencies speak that the most interesting questions get asked.

The Director of the Ohio Turnpike was once asked why his road is so boring to drive.
In the fall of 1988, ODOT District Deputy Director Lloyd Wallace approached some prominent members of the Cincinnati area engineering community concerning the establishment of a local chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers. He had been a member of the Central Ohio Chapter in Columbus prior to returning to Cincinnati.

During the next few months, and many telephone calls later, a group of about 50 persons had agreed to become Charter Members. Among them were Lloyd Wallace, Donald Schramm (the Hamilton County Engineer), Joseph Kearnes (the Regional Engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet), James Jurgensen Sr. (owner of the John R. Jurgensen Company), William Brewer (former owner of Brewer Cote Corporation), George Kral (owner of KZF Environmental Design Consultants), along with many others from all areas of the highway industry. These areas included local and state government, consultants, contractors, suppliers, and utility companies, to name a few.

After meetings with ASHE National and the Central Ohio Chapter to help us organize and set up the chapter structure, we officially incorporated on June 9, 1989, with a charter membership of 54 persons. Currently, our rolls have reached the 150 level.

Since inception, the chapter has met five times per year, with four luncheon meetings and one holiday evening meeting. In the beginning, we tried to hold membership meetings at various locales in the area, going for points of interest or actual field trip locations. When this proved to be too much trouble (getting everyone the correct directions), the chapter chose one location in downtown Cincinnati so as to be centrally located for the membership.

One of the most pertinent questions concerning the group was the chapter name. After much discussion, the name “TRIKO VALLEY” was chosen, being an amalgam of “Tri-State – Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio - Ohio Valley”.

Through the years, Triko Valley has kept abreast of federal, state, and local issues which affect the transportation industry and sponsored many letter writing campaigns, proposing our views of the situations.

In 1999, the Section sponsored a golf outing, which raised monies for college scholarships. In 2007, the Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing will award $2,500 in scholarships to worthy students in the final year of their transportation-related degree programs.

In 2006, the Section began awarding Professional Development Hours (CEU’s) to attendees of our luncheons, which feature a technical program for education. Our holiday dinner features entertaining speakers from other than technical backgrounds. Some notables include Joe Nuxhall (long-time Cincinnati Reds announcer) and Bill Cunningham (lawyer and radio talk show host on 700 WLW Radio).

All in all, our Section has enjoyed a very diverse and entertaining time, with our meetings being both sociable and technical.

Triko Valley has been selected as the host Section from Region 1 for the 2010 ASHE National Conference.
A Regional Board organization meeting was held on March 29, 2006, in Dubois, PA. During the organizational meeting the officers for the Region 2 Board were established as follows: President: John Hetrick (Mid-Allegheny Section); Treasurer: Tim Olson (Franklin Section); and Shane Vorce (Mid-Allegheny Section). Clearfield Section’s Ed Nasuti, as well as Shirley Stuttler and Jean Zarger from the Franklin Section, were also in attendance. The Region 2 Board’s main objective is to implement the following goals set forth by the National Board:

- To more effectively serve ASHE’s geographic interests.
- To encourage greater Section participation and communication.
- To maintain a more cost effective approach for serving ASHE membership.
- To advance the stature and growth of ASHE.

The first meeting of the Region 2 Board was held July 18, 2006, at the Dubois Office of Lee-Simpson. The meeting was attended by John Hetrick, Ed Nasuti, Tim Olson, and Shane Vorce. Ed Nasuti announced that Andrew Coval will be the new Clearfield Section Regional Director. A treasury was established with each Section contributing $1.00 for each Section member. A Region 2 bank account was established to deposit the treasury. It was determined that correspondence for ASHE Region 2 would be sent to the following address: ASHE Region 2, P.O. Box 161, Grove City, PA 16127.

On October 24, 2006, the Regional Board met and worked to develop the Region 2 By-Laws. The Region 2 By-Laws were completed by the February 2, 2007 deadline.

Hosting a Region 2 Technical Seminar was also discussed at the October 24, 2006, meeting. The Region 2 board decided that to better serve its membership it would work to develop a technical seminar that offered CEU credits. The technical seminar would also serve as a fundraiser for the Region 2 Board and enable the Region 2 Board to become fiscally independent with any profits from the seminars. In attendance at the meeting was John Blasdell, from the Penn State DuBois Campus. Possible topics for technical seminar included Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S), NPDES permitting, storm water, and Project Management. A technical seminar on Project Management was planned for the spring of 2007 at the Penn State DuBois Campus. Due to the costs of presenting the Technical Seminar the first Regional seminar was cancelled. The Region 2 board is still committed to offering a technical seminar to its membership. Topics and locations are being discussed for a Region 2 Technical Seminar to be offered in the spring of 2008. The Region 2 Board believes strongly in their commitment of offering continuing education to its membership.

Region 2 President John Hetrick currently serves on the National Board as the National Director for Region 2.

The ASHE Region 2 Board is actively seeking additional members in order to establish specific Regional Committees. Each Section is currently recruiting one member to serve on the Regional Board which would allow specific committees to be established.
Founding

Discussions on establishing a Clearfield Section began in 1959 and the first exploratory meeting was held in 1960. J. J. Kelmar, the District Engineer for the Department of Highways District 2-0, and his staff provided much of the formation leadership. Clearfield formally became the second Section to receive a charter on June 15, 1961.

Members of the Clearfield Section were very active in those early years at the National level and had a team of members who performed the installation of several Sections including Williamsport and Altoona. The installation team was made up of Donald Conrad, Robert Kepner, Raymond Hughes, Harry Evans, Tom McGovern, and Larry Opalisky. One of the early National Conventions was held at the Clearfield Country Club.

Meeting Day

In the early days, the Clearfield Section Dinner Meetings were held on the third Thursday of the month because Thursday was payday for the Pennsylvania Department of Highway employees.

Speakers & Programs

Over the years State officials Robert Bartlett, David Sims and Jake Kassab were speakers at Clearfield Section Dinner Meetings. The dinner programs were usually topics and speakers that were highway or engineering related. In the early years of ASHE many of the Clearfield programs dealt with the design or construction of I-80, the Lewistown Bypass, the Bradford Bypass, and the Curwensville flood control dam. The November meeting was usually a sports program featuring football highlights or various hunting or fishing topic speakers. Some Clearfield Section programs were field trips as part of the dinner meetings. They included:

- Lime Stone Mines in Centre County
- Narco Brick Yard Curwensville
- Curwensville Cheese Factory
- Brockway Glass Plant
- Cero Brass, Bellefonte
- Shawville Power Plant
- Penn State Computer Facilities in the Early 60's
- Penn State Weather Station
- Clearfield-Lawrence Airport
- Lee Metals Philipsburg
- Relocated S.R. 26 (Future I-99) in State College
- New Penn State Facilities
- Tour of Wal-Mart Distribution Center
- Starr Hill Winery, Curwensville

Annual Picnics

The first picnics were held at the original Elk’s Country Home. At that time state highway employees were given time off from work to prepare for the picnic and barbecue the chickens. By the time the chickens were done, enough beer had been consumed that everything tasted good. As many as 400 people attended some of those picnics. At some point in time, the building at the Elk’s Country Home was destroyed by fire and the picnic was moved to the Cooper Grove Picnic Grounds. Once during a picnic at Cooper Grove several people were struck by lightning (real lightning not the drinking kind). One year the picnic was held at the Old Town Sportsman Club. When the Elk’s Country Home property had been rebuilt, it reclaimed the annual picnic. New facilities had been built and the picnics were again held at the Elk's Country Home. It was about that time that state highway employees were no longer given time off from work to prepare for the picnic, so Central Catering of Curwensville was hired to prepare the food. During the early years of ASHE, the picnics were stag.
National Directors Meetings

The National Directors Meetings were held every three months. The National Directors, representing the Clearfield Section were Harry Evans, 1958-1968; Larry Opalisky, 1968-1973, Ed Nasuti, 1973-1978; and Region 2 Director Larry Opalisky 1978-1984. Since that time the Clearfield Section has been represented by a Regional Director from the Franklin or Altoona Section.

Presidents

Clearfield Section Presidents (list is not in any particular order):

- Berry, Duane, P.E. - Lee Simpson Consultants
- Buck, Yvonne, P.E. - PennDOT Traffic Engineer
- Conrad, Donald, P.E. - PennDOT Assistant District Engineer, National President
- Coval, A. J., P.E. - Lee Simpson Consultants
- Evans, Harry - PennDOT Assistant Design Engineer, National Director
- Franson, Don, P.E. - College Township
- Gilliland, Susan - PennDOT Designer
- Gunter, Barry - PennDOT Designer
- Harrier, Garry - PennDOT Designer
- Hess, John, P.E. - Yost, Bromfield Hess Consultants
- Hoover, John - Lee Simpson Consultants
- Hughes, Raymond - PennDOT, District Construction Engineer, National President
- Ickes, Tom P.E. - PennDOT District Engineer
- Kepner, Robert - PennDOT, District Design Engineer, National President
- Kisner, Bert P.E. - PennDOT
- Marino, John - PennDOT
- Miller, Jim, P.E.- PennDOT
- Morroni, John, P.L.S. - PennDOT Chief of Surveys
- McGovern, Tom - PennDOT Chief of Surveys
- Nasuti, Ed, P.E. - Lee Simpson Consultants, National Director
- Opalisky, Larry - PennDOT, P.E., P.L.S.
- Phileage, Robert - PennDOT, Assistant Construction Engineer
- Rhine, Scott
- Robb, Al, P.L.S. - Consultant
- Slezak, Frank - Consultant Inspector, Greenman Pederson
- Speiglemyer, Skip, P.L.S. - Lee Simpson Consultants
- Sudik, Nick, P.L.S. - PennDOT Chief of Surveys
- Tiracorda, Guy, P.E. - PennDOT
- Walker, William - Beckwith Machinery
- Waroquier, Joe - Waroquier Coal Company
3rd Section to Charter on September 1, 1962

Charter Officers – 1962-1963

President – Burger M. Brunsgaard
1st Vice President – William G. Gibb
2nd Vice President – Robert I. DeBell
Treasurer – George Corbett
Secretary – Robert T. Kyper
Director – Victor A. Ward
Director – Warren Crossley

Charter Members of the Franklin Section
Edward J. Berry
Burger M. Brunsgaard
George Corbett
Warren Crossley
Neil Culbertson
Robert I. DeBell
Albert P. Fiscus*
Robert F. Gerwick, Jr.*
William W. Gibb
Joseph R. Gilliland
William H. Greggs
John K. Hallenburg
Arthur W. Harrah
Leo H. Lauer
Raymond K. Martin
William H. McKie
Homer W. Nicklin
William J. Pope
Laurence Holt
Steven Morkesich
Donald Wilson
George C. Roth

W. Glenn Rough
Norton R. Sewell
Charles A. Smith
Robert E. Smith
James A. Snyder, Jr.
Archie E. Sterrett
Earl G. Surrena
Clarence A. Walters
Victor A. Ward
Gordan G. Wellman
Perry N. Wood
Robert T. Kyper
Christian F. Eben, Jr.
Elmer Harrah
Joseph M undo
Lewis Ankney
Michael Baker III
Samuel Kennedy
Ronald Murtha

*Served Assistant to National President
Shirley Stuttler  2003 to Present

*4th Honorary ASHE Member
Gene G. Smith  June 2001

*National “Man-of-the-Year”
B. J. Smith  1989

*Hosted National ASHE Conferences
1966 - Erie, PA
1972 - Titusville, PA
1981 - West Middlesex, PA
2002 - Erie, PA

Franklin Section Takes Pride
Gene G. Smith - National Award

In 1989, the “Gene G. Smith Award” was established and is presented to the Section with the largest number of new members within the current fiscal year.

Mr. Gene G. Smith is a Professional Engineer and a Professional Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Gene became directly involved with the transportation industry in 1963 when he began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways in Franklin, PA.

Mr. Smith joined the Franklin Section in 1964, serving in various capacities on the local Board of Directors and was elected Section President in 1975. He also served on the National Board of Directors and in 1980 was elected National President.

During his term on the National Board, Gene served as Chair of the New Sections Committee. After much consideration, the National Board created their first slide presentation to promote ASHE. New ASHE Sections were chartered; two in Ohio and two in West Virginia. Gene was awarded the President’s Award in 1978 for the establishment of these Sections.
With regard to respect from his peers, he was named the fourth ASHE Honorary Member in 2001, which clearly exemplifies the high esteem and admiration shown by the ASHE members he has been associated with.

$1,000 Scholarship

Franklin Section offers an annual scholarship to any member’s child, stepchild, or foster child entering college or presently enrolled. The student does not have to be majoring in engineering. If more than five applications are received, the Section presents two $1,000 Scholarships.

In honor of decades of tireless commitment and personal involvement in the Pennsylvania Transportation System and relentless support of the Franklin Section’s College Grant Program, the Franklin Section of ASHE named its’ scholarship fund the B. J. Smith Higher Education Grant effective November 14, 2007.

Meetings

Evening dinner meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. Member consultants and contractors host the social hour. Programs are provided by PennDOT, consultants, and contractors with a variety of transportation information being provided to attendees.

Our Section was know for their annual ‘venison’ dinner until January 2007 at which time our local Franklin Club closed their doors and we were unable to find another facility to take on this event.

A popular event is our annually steak cookout in July were folks can enjoy cooking their own steak, playing cards, shuffle board, and talking with old friends.

Membership

Our membership averages 215 which also consists of 24 ‘Life Members’ and 1 Honorary Member.

Life Members are determined yearly and must meet the following criteria: Active participation in ASHE functions, minimum of 65 years of age, and member of Franklin Section for 25 years.

Presidents of Franklin Section

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The Mid-Allegheny Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers was chartered on October 1, 1987 and was the 23rd Charter to join the National Society. When initially chartered, the Mid-Allegheny Section had 35 members. Today that number has grown to 104.

**Charter Members**

- Mark Jones
- Don Potts
- John Hetrick
- Ronald Lezanic
- Ken Lippman
- John Ralston
- John Blose
- David Edwards
- Francis Fruehstorfer
- Joseph Szczur
- Donald McNeal
- Samuel Girolami
- Joseph Mitchel
- Bruce Speegle
- Earl Neiderhiser
- Lee Goehring
- Robert Everhart
- Paul Majoris
- Michael Baglio
- Melanie Percha
- Joseph Dubovi III
- Raymond Schilling
- Peter Thomas Barilar
- Samuel Mahle
- Roger Dean
- David Brunner
- Craig Chelednik
- Edwin Leone
- Richard Hogg
- Jerry Bendo
- Andy Edwards
- Kenneth Rich
- Louis Bondi
- Dennis Semsick
- John Hunter

The Mid-Allegheny Section historically has held five dinner meetings a year. These meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in September, November, January, March, and May. During the past twenty years the Mid-Allegheny dinner meetings have utilized speakers from all aspects of the highway industry. Presentation topics have included ongoing and proposed construction projects, innovative design processes, and maintenance procedures and planning.

Since 2001 the Mid-Allegheny Dinner meetings have benefited from Sponsors designated as the “Mid-Allegheny Club”. The Mid-Allegheny Club consists of businesses that support the advancement of our Section through annual contributions. These contributions allow our Section to provide complementary beverages and hors d’oeuvres prior to our dinners. Yearly, as a thank you, to our “Club” we have provided a sponsorship board at our dinner meetings and place an advertisement in the SCANNER thanking and recognizing our sponsors.

In 2002 the Mid-Allegheny Section initiated a scholarship program to benefit and encourage students currently studying in the field of Civil/Highway Engineering. In the past five years the Mid-Allegheny Section has awarded $3,000 in scholarship money to five students.

In 2000 the Section started holding an Annual Golf Outing. The outing is held during the third week of April and has been well attended usually generating a crowd of 100 golfers.
In 1995, the ASHE National Board reorganized the structure of the National Organization into nine Regions. The local Sections were then assigned to a Region along geographic lines. Each Region was then charged by National to establish a Regional Board to govern the Region and its Sections.

Initially, Region 3 consisted of three Sections: North Central West Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Southwest Penn. An initial Regional Meeting was held with representatives from the three Sections to discuss the formation of the Regional Board. A formal Regional Organizational Meeting was subsequently held on March 14, 2002.

The Region decided that the Board would consist of three individuals from each Section; the President, the Immediate Past President, and a Regional representative determined by the Section. In addition, the Region established that the President of the Region 3 Board would also serve as the Region 3 representative to the ASHE National Board.

Subsequently, on January 26, 2005, ASHE National chartered a new Section, Potomac Highlands, and that Section was added to Region 3.

**Initial Members of the Region 3 Board**

At the formal Regional Organization Meeting, the structure of the Region 3 Board of Directors (effective June 1, 2002) was established as follows:

- President: Spencer Woodell (NCWV Regional Director)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Perry Schweiss (SWPA Regional Director)
- Directors: John Kurtz (SWPA Past President), Mark Markosky (SWPA President), Sean Henderson (PGH President), Gene Lipovich (PGH Past President), Lisle Williams (PGH Reg. Director), Spencer Woodell (NCWV President), Vince “Buddy” Lopez (NCWV Past President)

**Region 3 Board Officers**

Since the founding of Region 3, the following individuals have held officer positions on the Region 3 Board of Directors:

**Region 3 Board Presidents and ASHE National Board Representatives**

- Spencer Woodell – North Central West Virginia
- Perry Schweiss – Southwest Penn
- Kevin Duris – Pittsburgh
- Gerald Pitzer – Pittsburgh

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Region 3 is proud of the fact that two former members of the Region’s Board are serving as officers of ASHE National.

Perry Schweiss of the Southwest Penn Section is the current National President.
Kevin Duris of the Pittsburgh Section is the current National Second Vice President.
Gerald Pitzer of the Pittsburgh Section is the current Region 3 Director.

Region 3 Activities

In order to provide the Region with operating funds, each of the original three Sections contributed $500.00 to the Region as seed money. In addition, proceeds from an educational seminar previously sponsored by the Pittsburgh Section were contributed to the Region’s treasury.

From its original start, the Region 3 Board took on the task of holding an annual educational seminar and, when they became available, awarding CEUs to the participants. The seminars have been well attended with the latest one, held in March 2007, drawing over 180 attendees.

Utilizing exposure funds from National, the Regional Board took on sponsorship of the Construction Legislative Council. Among other things, this organization monitors and supports legislative activity as it relates to the construction industry, primarily in Pennsylvania. The Region sponsors up to one representative from each Section to participate in the Council’s activities.

ASHE would not be complete if it were not for social activities. Every summer, the Region sponsors a night at a Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game. The event includes a tailgate party before the game and a visit by the Pittsburgh Parrot who entertains the kids, both young and old.

In 2007, the Region tried its hand at hosting a Regional Golf Outing. Lead by the North Central West Virginia Section, 80 ASHE members and guests attended the Region’s Golf Outing, which was held at the Pete Dye Golf Course near Clarksburg, West Virginia.
The North Central West Virginia Section received its Charter in February of 1972 with 86 charter members. Charter Members represented local and state government, contractors, consultants, suppliers and highway equipment sales. Our Charter was presented by Gene Smith and Warren Crossley of the Franklin Section. Our officers at the time of Charter presentation were:

**Charter Officers (1972-1973)**
- President – Jack Moore WVDOH
- 1st Vice President – Frank “Buddy” Lopez WVDOH
- Treasurer – Alton Aurvil
- Secretary – Pasco Altovilla
- Director – J. F. Allen
- Director – Jim Mattingly
- Director – Lester “Cappy” Burnside
- Director – John Giese

**Charter Members Still With the North Central Section**
- Frank “Buddy” Lopez
- Jim Mattingly
- Lester “Cappy” Burnside
- John Giese

Frank “Buddy” Lopez has served as our member on the National Board of Directors from 1972-1981 and has served on the National Board of Directors for Region 3 from 1986-1989. At the present time we have 56 active members.

Our Section gave a $1,000.00 scholarship each year from 1974-2004. From 2004 to the present the Section has given three $1,000.00 scholarships.

The Section has held annual fundraisers to raise money for these scholarships. Our main fundraiser is the “Man of the Year.” This prestigious award is given to a person who is active in highway related infrastructure and other professional individuals who have devoted their personal time to the highway and engineering profession.

Also aiding our scholarship fund is our annual golf outing at the Pete Dye PGA Golf Course in Bridgeport, WV.

We have had some interesting monthly meetings with speakers from the WVU School of Engineering, Fairmont State University, government, and private sectors.

An annual banquet meeting is held jointly by the Professional Engineers and the American Society of Highway Engineers. This meeting has been very well attended by our members and also by the public and press.
The genesis of the Pittsburgh Section of ASHE can be traced back to the organizational meeting held at the Holiday House in Monroeville, PA on October 29, 1965. The following officers were elected at that meeting to inaugurate the Section: President George Davic; 1st Vice President John Coates; 2nd Vice President Samuel B. Kennedy, P.E.; Secretary Cecil L. Stevens, P.E., and Treasurer Angelo J. Rosati, P.E.

The Pittsburgh Section was chartered on October 19, 1966 by National President Walter H. Burke, P.E. at a ceremony at the Ankara Supper Club. The Section was 84 members strong at the charter ceremony. The speaker that evening was then Pennsylvania Department of Highways Secretary of Administration Robert Bartlett, P.E.

**National Conferences**

Pittsburgh Section has hosted five National Conferences:

- **May 23-24, 1969**
  In conjunction with the Southwest Penn Section, at the Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA (the first two day conference)

- **May 23-26, 1974**
  Once again at Seven Springs Resort

- **May 17-20, 1984**
  Sheraton Hotel in Greensburg, PA

- **May 18-21, 1995**
  Greentree Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA

- **June 2-5, 2005**
  Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA

The Pittsburgh Section has proudly supported the National Conference year after year as demonstrated by winning the Attendance Award 15 times.

**National Presidents**

Four Pittsburgh Section Members have proudly served as ASHE National President:

- James M. Weaver, Sr.  1973-74
- G. Michael Tiani  1986-87
- John F. DeRoss, P.E.  1976-77
- Albert Kozel, Jr., P.E.  1992-93

**National Board**

The following members have served on the National Board of Directors:

- James M. Weaver, Sr.
- Albert Kozel, Jr., P.E.
- John DeRoss, P.E.
- Lisle Williams, P.E.
- G. Michael Tiani
- Kevin Duris, P.E.
- Anthony Gaeta
- Gerald J. Pitzer, P.E.

**Pittsburgh Section Hall of Fame**

The following members have been named to the Pittsburgh Section Hall of Fame:

- John DeRoss, P.E.
  Past Section President, National President, and National Conference Co-Chair

- Tammy Johnson
  Served 19 years as Pittsburgh Section Secretary

- Lisle Williams, P.E.
  Past Section President, National Director, and National Conference Co-Chair

There are currently approximately 600 Pittsburgh Section Members, including 90 who have attained Life Member status, making it the largest Section in ASHE. Our Section Board, consisting of the four elected officers, twelve Directors and three support positions, chairs, staffs, and operates 26 committees.

The committees include those which are necessary for the operations of the Section and the following which are special in nature: Adopt-A-Highway (since 1993), Century Club (started in 1989 with 20 member firms), Community Outreach, Cross Section newsletter, Education, Golf, Legislative, Past Presidents Banquet, Public Relations, Student Chapter, Sunshine, Technical, Webmaster, and Young Members.

The Section is proud to sponsor an annual Student Scholarship, two annual Outstanding Highway Engineering Awards, the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, a Student Chapter for the colleges and universities in the area, presentations to local high schools promoting careers in engineering, and our Young Members group activities.
The Pittsburgh Section holds five dinner meetings each year with a wide range of speakers including local politicians, agency heads, and technical programs. In keeping with the ASHE tradition, the Section has hosted several social events over the years including annual golf outings, Pittsburgh Pirate Game Tailgate parties, Pittsburgh Penguin nights, trap shoots, smokers, project site tours, plant tours, and picnics.

Several longstanding Section activities have been converted to Region 3 activities including the annual Education Seminar, Pittsburgh Pirate outing, fall golf outing, and active participation in the Construction Legislative Council, which the Pittsburgh Section first joined in 1989.

The Annual Section Banquet, originally known as “Ladies Night”, was traditionally held in May of each year at the Holiday House in Monroeville, PA. The May date conflicted with the National Conference timeframe, so beginning in 1969, the banquet was moved to October and re-named the Past Presidents Banquet. The banquet honors the immediate Past Section President along with all of the Past Presidents. The Banquet boasts attendances of 250 people or more, including the current National ASHE President most years. The Section presents two Outstanding Highway Engineering Awards at the banquet for projects completed within the Section geographic boundaries.

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Formation of Potomac Highlands Section

After discussing formation of a local Section of ASHE with a number of Division of Highways employees and several engineering consulting firms working in the area, Gary Long contacted Ron Purvis of ASHE to inquire about starting a local Section. Gary was contacted by David Jones, Past National President, who assigned Rich Clifton, of the Greater Hampton Roads Section, and Kevin Duris, of the Pittsburgh Section, to assist in this endeavor.

Gary Long had attended meetings for many Sections in Pennsylvania, including the Franklin, Pittsburgh, Southwest Penn, and Altoona. Being familiar with the mission and operation of ASHE put him in a good position to help start a local Section.

A startup meeting was held on August 12, 2004, at the Division of Highways District Five Headquarters in Burlington. Rich Clifton gave a presentation on the ASHE organization and operation with about a dozen prospective members in attendance.

The Section held its first dinner meeting on October 27, 2004, at the Pines Restaurant in Keyser, WV, and has met five times yearly ever since.

Meetings

The Potomac Highlands Section generally holds five dinner meetings per section year, which starts in September and ends in May. Numerous golf outings have been held, usually in the spring or fall. A summer pig roast to benefit the college scholarship fund is held in the summer. Programs are provided by WVDOW, consultants, and contractors with a variety of transportation related information provided to attendees.

Scholarship

Two fund raising events have been held in the past year for the purpose of creating a College Scholarship Fund, and the Section Board of Directors is in the process of determining guidelines for that program.
The Southwest Penn Section was envisioned by Mr. Claude E. Bradley, Maintenance Superintendent for the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Fayette County in late 1962. He discussed with his co-workers and business associates within his Maintenance District the initiation of an ASHE Section comprising District 12.

ASHE Chapter #5 was issued on January 25, 1963, with Mr. Bradley as its first President; Mr. William ‘Bud’ Moyer as 1st Vice President; Mr. George Jenkins as Secretary; and Mr. James Croshure as Treasurer. The early members were primarily maintenance personnel, material vendors and road contractors performing work in District 12. Initially, they met socially on a regular basis for dinner meetings. The engineering staff in the District 12 Office and consultant engineers then learned of the Organization, and the membership base grew significantly through the late 1960’s and 1970’s. Programs at the meetings were presented by State Transportation Officials, our National Presidents, and leaders in their respective technical fields.

In 1967, a Christmas Dinner Dance was then added to the agenda that offered the ladies a special night out. A live band offered music for listening and dancing. Later this Dinner Dance was moved to celebrate Valentine’s Day, and this event has continued through the years.

A Summer Picnic was then added to the agenda in 1971 and has been held annually in August. This started as an outdoor steak fry at a park in the Laurel Highlands Mountains. In recent years, it was combined with a golf outing and held at the Colonial Golf Course, Uniontown, PA and Linden Hall in Perryopolis, PA. Golf enthusiasts would start the warm summer afternoon with a round of golf and end with a full course steak dinner, cooked by the membership, on an outdoor grill. This has become our most popular event usually drawing 120-130 members.

In 1985, an annual Golf Outing was held in May that offered our golf enthusiasts an opportunity to complete in member foursomes. A dinner follows and prizes are presented winning teams. This event has been carried through the years at Donegal Highlands Golf Course.

Some of our highlight activities are as follows:
A Past Presidents Banquet, celebrating 30 years as a Section was held in 1994. It was held at the Uniontown Country Club, Uniontown, PA and afforded the newer officers an opportunity to gain wisdom from our leaders of yesterday.

An Annual Meeting is held at the end of May at Stone Villa Winery to elect officers and to award Scholarships. Southwest Penn has been awarding an annual Scholarship to local student who is enrolled in Civil Engineering and at a junior status since 2,000.

The Section co-sponsored the 1969 National Convention with the Pittsburgh Section held in Seven Springs, PA. The Section also sponsored the 1978 National Convention held at Lakeview Country Club, Morgantown, WV, and the 1989 National Convention held at the Holiday Inn, Uniontown, PA. Most recently, the Section hosted the 2001 National Conference held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA.

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Southwest Penn

Section Presidents

1963-1964  Claude E. Bradley
1964-1965  William ‘Bud’ Moyer
1965-1966  Joseph R. Katusa
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1967-1968  George E. Ruth
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1969-1970  Joseph C. Martinelli
1970-1971  Terence D. Conner
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1972-1973  Henry J. Bunting
1973-1974  John S. Fleming
1974-1975  David E. Baker
1975-1976  Frank A. Merendino
1976-1977  George H. Jenkins
1977-1978  John ‘Jack’ McCune
1978-1979  James M. Griffin
1979-1980  Donald F. Ryan
1980-1981  Robert J. Gavlik
1981-1982  Eugene J. Galiardi
1982-1983  John Loope
1983-1984  Frank B. Petrarca
1984-1985  Arnold E. Hager
1985-1986  James M. Griffin
1986-1987  George W. Tanner
1988-1989  Dennis E. Siska
1989-1990  Ronald A. Hawkins
1990-1991  Donald L. Shirk
1991-1992  Thomas W. Brado
1992-1993  R. Larry Paul
1993-1994  Donald W. Herbert
1994-1995  Domenic M. Piccolomini
1995-1996  Clayton J. Stahl
1996-1997  Frank A. Merendino
1997-1998  P. Gregory Bednar
1998-1999  Matthew J. Skovera
1999-2001  Edward L. Myers
2001-2002  John Kurtz
2002-2003  Mark Markosky
2003-2004  Ron Deems
2004-2005  Scott Markosky
2005-2006  Brian Hart
2006-2007  Perry Schweis
2007-2008  Mike Dufalla

The following members aspired to National Office

Joseph E. Katusa  Director  1966-1969
George E. Ruth  Treasurer  1966-1967
Joseph C. Martinelli  Director  1971-1976
  1st Vice President  1977-1978
  President  1978-1979
Terence D. Conner  Director  1977-1979
  Secretary  1979-2000
David E. Baker  Director  1979-1986
John ‘Jack’ McCune  Director  1986-1992
Domenic M. Piccolomini  Director  1995-1997
  2nd Vice President  1998-1999
  1st Vice President  1999-2000
  President  2000-2001
Perry M. Schweiss  Director  2003-2005
  2nd Vice President  2005-2006
  1st Vice President  2006-2007
  President  2007-2008

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On February 29, 2004, a joint meeting was conducted between representatives from the Altoona and Harrisburg Sections to formally create a Regional Board. The first Region 4 Board was created at this meeting with the following positions and initial officers.

- **President** – Drew Bitner, P.E., P.L.S.
- **Secretary** – Steve Roman
- **Treasurer** – Tom Morisi
- **1-Year Director** – Alice Hammond, P.E.
- **2-Year Director** – Chuck Allwein
- **3-Year Director** – Bruce Schweitzer

The term and rotation of Board Members was established along with the policy for selecting the Regional Director to serve on the National Board. Both the Altoona and Harrisburg Sections donated $250 toward the Regional Treasury.

Several additional meetings were conducted throughout 2004 and into early 2005 with general discussions on future plans for the Region. As discussions progressed and as the Region was approved to host the 2008 ASHE National Conference, formal Regional Board Meetings gave way to Conference Committee Meetings.

The Region is hosting the 2008 ASHE National Conference (ASHE’s 50th Anniversary) at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania from June 11-15.
The ASHE Altoona Section was chartered October 4, 1962, by the signature of the first Altoona Section President, Evo G. Facchine. This was the fourth ASHE Section to be chartered. The first Section officers were:

President – Evo G. Facchine  
First Vice President – Clarence Deem  
Second Vice President – Robert Tomlinson  
Secretary – Leonard D. Hardy  
Director – C. Wesley Lingenfelter

Early Dinner Meetings

Although there is no record regarding the number of members at the time the Section was chartered, a log book report for the November 1962 meeting indicates there were 10 people in attendance. A final membership listing for the 1962-63 year shows a count of 84 members.

The Section was meeting monthly with both a “Stag” night and a “Ladies” night scheduled each year. The first Annual Picnic/Stag Night was held in August 1963 at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The cost per person was $1.50 for either BBQ Chicken or Seafood with a beverage tab totaling $62. According to the committee that organized the picnic, there was “a very good turnout of members...and the chicken and seafood dinners were excellent!”

Some early monthly programs included a film on the life cycle of the Mallard Duck, titled “This is the Mallard,” a presentation on “Steel and Highways”, a film on Big Game Hunting, a discussion involving the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association, a review of “Salt and Road Stabilization”, and a presentation on “Engineering Professionalism and Ethics”. Typical monthly dinner/program costs per person ranged between $1.50 and $2.50 and included the dinner (usually steak), cocktail, tax, gratuity and program.

A “Ladies Night” with all four Sections – Harrisburg, Clearfield, Franklin and Altoona – was held March 18, 1964 at the Park Hills Golf Course in Altoona. Forty-six people attended the social.

More Recent Dinner Meetings & Events

Dinner meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, September through March, and an annual banquet is scheduled for April. Until 1998-99, the dinner meetings and program events were individually sponsored by member firms. Now, The Builders Club, comprised of Consultant, Contractors, Suppliers and the PennDOT District 9 Employees, work together to sponsor events throughout the year.

In May of 2001, the Section partnered with PennDOT District 9-0 to co-sponsor a technical workshop. This event continues to grow and has become a much anticipated annual spring ASHE/PennDOT Workshop.

Beginning in 2004, the Altoona Section worked with the Harrisburg Section to create a presentation for Engineers Week. Members volunteered to present the program to local schools to educate junior and senior high school students on the opportunities and wide range of exciting careers available in the Highway Industry. This has become an annual series each February during National Engineers Week.

No dinner meetings are held during the summer months, however a summer outing is scheduled. At one time this event was for “members only,” but in recent years it has evolved into family outings. These have included a night at a Pirate affiliate Altoona Curve AA professional baseball game, a tour of the Altoona Railroaders Museum, dinner cruise on the Proud Mary Steamboat at Lake Raystown Resort, or a golf/picnic at Klein Immergrun on the former Charles Schwab estate in Loretto, PA.

The Section updated the summer outing and held a Pig Roast in August of 2003 at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg, PA. Despite the rain, over 70 ASHE members and guests attended. Competitive games, including bocce, horseshoes and golf chipping, were part of the festivities, and prizes were raffled off to many winners.

In 1999, the Altoona Section moved the annual May Golf Outing, formerly held at the Windber Country Club, to the Summit Country Club in Cresson. Later this event moved to its current location at the Ebensburg Country Club. The winning company team is presented the prestigious ASHE Builders Club Cup each year. In 2005, the Section combined the golf and picnic outings by holding the golf tournament at the Ebensburg Country Club and the picnic at Revloc Park, several miles away.

A landmark in the Section’s area, the Bedford Springs Hotel (site of the ASHE National Conventions in 1976 and 1983) was recently restored and opened as a resort. The Altoona Section members toured the hotel and grounds just before the renovations began and then again just before the resort reopened in the summer of 2007. Both tours brought out record numbers from the Altoona Section membership, as well as other Sections’ members familiar with the historic hotel.
Current Section Happenings

In 2002 the Altoona Section joined the Information Age and launched its own website. The EADS Group hosted the site for first year and the site is currently being hosted by Innovative Consulting Group. The monthly newsletters, members and membership information, career opportunities, and current Builders Club sponsors can all be viewed on the site.

During the last several years, the Section worked hard to consolidate into a single document of the annual duties and schedule of events for the Section Officers and Directors. This document was completed in the Spring of 2007 and utilized for the first time during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and has been shared with some of the newer Sections.

After serving the Section for 23 plus years as a photographer, Director, Secretary/Treasurer (over 15 years), and all around ASHE cheerleader, Larry Bilotta led the Altoona group as President for the 2007-2008 term.

Awards and Acknowledgements

Members of the Altoona Section began an annual recognition program, the Distinguished Service Award, in 1985 to honor an outstanding person who contributed to the Highway Industry or to the ASHE organization. The first award winner was Harold Jenkins, director of the Cambria County Transit Authority.

In early 2003, following the death of “Mac”, a longtime member, Section President and major contributor to the ASHE Altoona Section, the Section officers voted to rename the award in his honor, the Richard L. McEldowney Distinguished Service Award.

In 1988, the Section established the first $1,000 Scholarship Award to encourage college students to continue studies related to the Highway Industry. Recipients have included students at the Pennsylvania State University, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Lehigh University, Vanderbilt University and West Virginia University. In 2000, the Section increased the Scholarship Award amount with an option to give out more than one award. In 2008, the award amount had increased to $2,000.

Each Spring, an Awards Night Banquet is held where the Annual Scholarship and the annual Richard L. McEldowney Distinguished Service Award are presented. New Section officers are also installed during the evening’s festivities. In 2004 and 2005, the Awards Banquet included a Casino Night which attracted a large attendance.

Membership

Section officers and members began work in 1996-97 to involve college students with ASHE. In 1998, seven students from the Department of Civil Engineering Technology at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown became active members of the Section. Two of those former student members, Michele Jacoby, a 1999 scholarship winner, and Alice Hammond, a 1997 winner, went on to serve as the Section Presidents.

The Section officers, in 2002, decided to try an earlier start time for the monthly dinner meeting in order to increase attendance. This change has been a success with in increase of 10% to 15%.

The most recent membership drive was held in the fall of 2003, resulting in a 10% membership increase.

National ASHE Participation

The Altoona Section is proud to have had four members hold the position of ASHE National President. They are:
- Robert Yeager, 1974-1975 (long time National Treasurer)
- Warren Miller, 1983-1984
- Samuel Callisto, 1991-1992
- Sandy Ivory, 2002-2003 (the first woman ASHE National President)

National Conventions/Conferences

The first ASHE National Convention was held in the Altoona Section’s area, at the Elks Country Club in Bedford, for one day on May 25, 1963. The Altoona Section hosted the 1976 and 1983 Conventions at the Bedford Springs Hotel and the 1990 Convention in Altoona at the Ramada.

The 1983 Convention celebrated the Silver Anniversary of the Society. At that convention, Congressman E. G. “Bud” Shuster, who represented the Altoona area, was honored as the National Society’s first Man of the Year.

The Harrisburg and Altoona Sections worked together as a Region to coordinate and co-host the 2008 ASHE National Conference, celebrating ASHE’s 50th Anniversary.

Region 4

In 2004, the Altoona and Harrisburg Sections joined forces to create a Regional Board of Directors and to begin planning for the 2008 ASHE National Conference in Hershey PA. Region 4 hopes to coordinate a Regional dinner meeting and seminar next year.

Future Goals

Our expectations and future goals are to continue to build our student membership and to encourage more DOT, contractor and supplier memberships within a thriving Altoona Section. We also plan to expand our relationship with Harrisburg Section members and plan Region events for the betterment of the Society and our membership.
Harrisburg

105 Charter Members of National American Society of Highway Engineers

Albright, Roger L., Jr.
Alexander, William F.
Anderson, John S.
Barrick, Russell E.
Beale, Alton M.
Banks, Albert P.
Bedard, Albert J., Jr.
Bedard, Albert J., Sr.
Belknap, Robert D.
Bender, Harold G.
Benfer, Carl S.
Bingham, Charles M., Sr.
Blatt, Harry R.
Boeckel, Rodney C.
Borsa, Joseph D.
Brehm, Arnold G.
Brumbaugh, Morris S.
Burke, Walter H.
Bush, Nevin C.
Butz, Harold S.
Carley, Edward K., Jr.
Clouser, Robert M.
Cockey, James S.
Conrad, John L.
Crabb, Russell A.
Cressey, Thomas E.
Crisamore, Richard E.
Critchfield, Harold S.
Cutchall, James R.
Daumit, Michael C.
Davison, Thomas B.
Dettling, George E.
Dodge, A. S.
Drawbaugh, Robert W.
Ebersole, Roy D., Jr.
Eby, John M.
Emerick, Earl D.
Eisinger, Robert E.
Elicker, Mearl W.
Ensminger, David L.
Ferrari, O. Daniel
Fleagle, Samuel E.
Flory, Jay W.
Fox, John H.
Freed, Carl E.
Frey, George E.
Futer, Arthur A.
Giffing, Stanley E.
Gnall, Michael, Jr.
Gramling, Wade L.
Grenoble, William J., II
Grove, Ray K.
Hackman, Paul L.
Habecker, Charles G.
Hanford, Philip C., Jr.
Hanlon, Edward F., Jr.
Harper, Robert L.
Harrison, William S.
Haupt, Gene S.
Heaps, Joseph L.
Hempt, Max C.
Henson, Joseph E.
Hess, Kenneth E.
Himelsbaugh, Charles F.
Holden, Ray W.
Horn, Russell E.
Himmel, Charles, W.
Huntz, Bernard L.
Jamison, John H.
Kahler, Richard N.
Kalbach, Robert H.
Kapp, Kenneth D.
Keller, Robert L.
Kelley, Irvin C.
Kelly, Robert L.
Kinneman, John A.
Kline, Howard F.
Kling, George L.
Klucher, Robert H.
Kowal, Francis A.
Krebs, Lyndon T.
Lewis, Dallas R.
Littleton, Wade
Lobach, James F., Jr.
Long, John H., Jr.
Lorah, Dean P., Jr.
Mackison, James N.
Madden, Earl J.
Martzall, Robert E.
Maxwell, Harold A.
McArthur, Harold V.
McClung, Bryan R.
McCurdy, Kenneth E.
McDonel, Russell L.
McGrath, Francis W.
McLaughlin, Tom
McLean, John W.
Miller, B. Paul
Miller, Norman E.
Moore, William H.
Murphy, Edward G.
Muto, Frank R.
Myers, Harold E.
Nagle, John A.
Nissley, J. Richard
Olson, Harold W.
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Painter, Earl R.
Plummer, E. D., Jr.
Poulsen, Harold C.
Redlich, Donald J.
Reigel, Marilyn F.
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Rutter, John P.
Ross, Eric L.
Sanders, Robert E.
Sandvig, Leo D.
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Savage, Foster L.
Schmuck, Paul L., Jr.
Schork, Harry M.
Schroff, Alfred D.
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Seitz, John O.
Shalkop, Paul E.
Shandor, Betty Jean
Sheets, David L.
Sherrick, Robert G.
Shertzer, James A.
Slovinac, Robert M.
Smaling, Howard D.
Smith, Garfield E.
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Smith Ralph T.
Stabler, Donald B.
Stahler, Dorothy C.
Steimling, Harry E., Sr.
Stello, Dominic
Stickel, Robert J.
Stoner, Benjamin f.
Strausbaugh, Gene H.
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Sultzbach, Paul E.
Swartz, G. Edward
Swingly, Guy D.
Swope, James G.
Taylor, James H.
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Trautman, A. C.
Turgeon, Robert
Valentine, Joseph A.
Veasey, Charles A.
Wagner, Fred W.
Wagner, Harry O.
Wagner, J. Chadwick
Watters, Thomas G.
Whisler, Charles W.
Whisler, John C. 1st. Lt.
Williams, Everett W.
Wolf, Gweneth E.
Woolfolk, John
Wynn, Thomas B.
Zimmerman, John K.
Harrisburg Section 1961
At the annual meeting of the American Society of Highway Engineers held on May 8, 1961, the Harrisburg Section was officially established with the issuance of Charter #1 and Walter H. Burke, P.E. was installed as President.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 24, 1961, with President Walter H. Burke, P.E. presiding. Others present were: 1st Vice President Charles W. Whisler, P.E.; 2nd Vice President Robert Kalbach; Secretary J. Chadwick Wagner, P.E.; and Treasurer Hubert E. Thornber. Established were the Public Relations Committee, Membership and Fellowship Committee, Program Committee, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Ways and Means, and Auditing Committee.

The first meeting of the members of the Section was held on September 18, 1961, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Mechanicsburg.

J. Chadwick Wagner, P.E., hand-crafted the Section’s first banner.

Harrisburg By-Laws
The By-Laws of the Section were accepted on March 5, 1962, and mailed to the members in May 1962. In 1964 the By-Laws were revised to conform to the National documents in format and wording and were approved. On April 25, 1969, ASHE National approved the Section By-Laws, rewritten, and adopted on March 3, 1969. Again, in 1998, updating of current Section By-Laws was started.

Newsletter
The Harrisburg Section Newsletter was established on February 26, 1962, after a contest was held to determine the name. William Wescott received a $5 award after submitting the name “ASHE Gradedsheet”, which was modified by the Board to “ASHE Profile.” In 1998 a new and improved monthly newsletter was established. In 2003, the Section’s newsletter, “ASHE Profile”, became available by e-mail.

Ladies Night
The first annual dance, Ladies’ Night, was held at the Chalet Restaurant in Dillsburg on April 21, 1962. This event was held annually and eventually combined with the Awards Night which was held May 4, 1985.

Clam Bake
An annual clam bake was started on September 6, 1963, and was held at the Carlisle Fish and Game Association Grounds in Carlisle. This event was also held at Tom Hoffman’s Ranchland at Mechanicsburg. A joint clam bake was established with the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers in September 1971 and continued till September 23, 1977. For a change, a ham and oyster roast was held with ASHE-PSPE on September 28, 1978 and September 29, 1970, at the Monaghan Township Fire Hall.

The Student Paper Award
A $250 Student Paper Award was established in March 1964. In 1966, the first winner was James E. Garling with a second paper was deemed worthy of an additional award of $50 and was presented to William H. Lindeman. In 1967, the award was presented to Bernard D. Wagner. In 1968 Russell W. Grubb received this award. Again in 1969 the Student Paper Award was presented to Ronald L. Myers and a second prize of $50 was presented to J. Glenn Ebersole. In 1971, the Student Paper Award was increased to $400 as 1st Prize and $100 as 2nd Prize with the award being presented to Brian McCoola, a future Section President.

Pig and Beef Roast
A pig and beef roast was held at the Mechanicsburg Men’s Club in Mechanicsburg on May 30, 1980, and again on May 21, 1982.

Joint Gatherings - ASHE-PSPE
Several joint picnics and outings, with ASHE-PSPE, were held between September 18, 1981, and September 18, 1992, at various locations throughout the Harrisburg area. In 1993, the gathering with ASHE-PSPE began Monte Carlo Night at the picnic with all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, salads, and desserts. September 13, 2002, the annual outing with ASHE-PSPE and Altoona ASHE was held with a seafood picnic for the evening.

Past Presidents’ Picnic
The Past Presidents’ Picnic was established and held on May 30, 1983, at the Enola Sportsman’s Association and later the location of this event was moved to the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill. In 2004, the name of the Past Presidents’ Dinner was changed to “Annual ASHE Banquet” (honoring our Past Presidents). The banquet was held at Liberty Forge Golf Course from 2004 through 2006. On May 11, 2007, the event was held at the Commissioned Officers’ Club at the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg.

Engineering Student Scholarship
The Harrisburg Section ASHE Engineering Student Scholarship of $1,000 was established in 1983. In 1989, the $1000 Scholarship Award was presented along with two $200 (continued on page 66)
Scholarships. In 1990, the award was presented to Randy A. Holman along with two $250 Scholarships. The Scholarship Awards were increased in 1991 to $1,200 for 1st place and $250 awards for the next two finalists. Another change was made in 1995 to $1,400 for 1st place and to $400 each for the next two finalists. A scholarship was given. In 1999, two $1,500 Scholarships were given. In 2000, the Scholarship Awards were increased to four $1,500 Scholarships. In 2004, five $1,500 Scholarships were presented. Again in 2005, an increase was made to six $1,500 Scholarship Awards. In 2007, seven $1,500 Scholarship Awards were presented, up from the six from the previous year because one of the recipients from 2005-2006 received a scholarship from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and returned the award to the Section.

1991
The Adopt-A-Highway Committee was established to pick up litter for PennDOT.

1993
Annual Photo Contest was established.

1995
An Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Robert E. Hetherington (Frankie PHIA) for his many years of service to the highway industry.

Awards Night was changed to Past Presidents’ Dinner and was held on April 27, 1995, at the Tuesday Club in Harrisburg.

1997
The Century Club for firms who contributed $100 each to support the activities of the Harrisburg Section was established.

A Section delegation drove to Washington, DC on September 18, 1997, to visit all of the area congressional delegation concerning highway funding. The visit included Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Rick Santorum.

1998
A follow-up visit to Washington, DC was made on April 29, 1998, to discuss ISTEA with our legislators.

2000
Annual Golf Outing was established to be held in August and Section began the use of e-mail to reach out to their members.

2001
Charity of the Month Program was established.

Developed and established the Section website.

We sponsored the First Annual Charity Fund Raiser with a Monte Carlo/Auction Night on April 6, 2001, to support the United Methodist Home for Children and Family Services.

2002
We again sponsored a Charity Fund Raiser with a Monte Carlo/Auction Night on March 14, 2002, to support the United Methodist Home for Children and Family Services.

2003
We sponsored a Charity Fund Raiser with a Monte Carlo/Auction Night on March 19, 2004.

2004
A Charity Affair for the Food Bank was held in October.

We participated in the YMCA Black Achievers—Harrisburg Area Community College Outreach Program on November 1, 2003.

Section sponsored a Charity Fund Raiser with a Monte Carlo/Auction Night for the Bethesda Mission on March 19, 2004.

Annual ASHE/PENNDOT Conference
The first Annual ASHE/PENNDOT Conference was held in March 2006 and again in April 2007.

National Convention/Conference
The Harrisburg Section hosted the National ASHE Convention at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey on May 8-10, 1970. The Section again hosted the National ASHE Convention at the Hotel Hershey from May 17-20, 1979. In 1998 the Harrisburg Section hosted the ASHE’s 40th Year Convention at the Holiday Inn in Lancaster from May 14-17, 1998. Region 4 (Harrisburg and Altoona Sections) was thrilled to be able to host the 50th Year Anniversary of ASHE at the Hershey Lodge and Conference Center in Hershey from June 11-15, 2008.
Harrisburg Section Presidents

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1966-67  Harold C. Poulson, P.E.
1967-68  Robert D. Belknap
1968-69  Tom McLaughlin
1969-70  Kenneth D. Kapp, P.E.
1970-71  Donald C. Rimmer
1971-72  John V. Rignani, P.E.
1972-73  William A. O’Connor
1973-74  J. Dixon Earley, P.E.
1974-75  Albert J. Bedard, Jr. P.E.
1975-76  David C. Sims, P.E.
1976-77  John P. Rutter, P.E.
1977-78  Alfred F. Lyng, P.E.
1978-79  Robert Turgeon, P.E.
1979-80  Henry L. Heck, C.A.E.
1980-81  Albert Stallknecht, P.E.
1981-82  William Pickering, P.E.
1982-83  Frederick M. Esheleman
1983-84  Carl L. Spataro, P.E.
1984-85  Benjamin Rocuskie, P.E.
1985-86  Leonard C. Bellanca, P.E.
1986-87  Thomas R. Benyo, P.E.
1987-88  William M. Scott, P.E.
1988-89  Victor Macomber, P.E.
1989-90  David R. Zangrilli
1990-91  Robert M. Peda, P.E.
1991-92  Charles Bingham, Jr., P.E.
1992-93  Gerald F. Koons
1993-94  Brian A. McCoola, P.E.
1994-95  Brian T. Evans, P.E.
1995-96  Raymond Britcher, P.E.
1996-97  Ronald W. Young, P.E.
1997-98  John G. Divinity, P.E.
1998-99  Ronald L. Soder, P.E.
1999-00  Sandi Loy-Bell
2000-01  Michael P. Bougher, P.E.
2001-02  John A. Derr, P.E.
2002-03  W. Andrew Bitter, P.E.
2003-04  Charles W. Allwein, P.E.
2004-05  Michael Perloski, P.E.
2005-06  Douglas George, P.E.
2006-07  Kathy Weiser
2007-08  Steve Koser, P.E.

Harrisburg Section Secretaries

1961-62  J. Chadwick Wagner, P.E.
1962-63  Philip C. Hanford, P.E.
1963-64  Albert Stallknecht, P.E.
1964-65  Kurtz L. Paulson, P.E.
1965-66  Albert Stallknecht, P.E.
1966-67  William A. O’Connor

Harrisburg Section Treasurers

1961-62  Hubert E. Thornber
1962-63  Harold C. Poulson, P.E.
1963-64  Robert M. Slovinac, P.E.
1964-65  Robert M. Clouser, R.S.
1965-66  John H. Fox, P.E.
1966-67  William D. Pickering
1967-70  William A. O’Connor
1970-80  John H. Gilliland, P.E.
1980-2008  Dale B. Mellott, P.E.

Harrisburg Section Presidents

1967-69  John V. Rignani, P.E.
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1976-78  Thomas R. Benyo, P.E.
1978-80  Carl L. Spataro, P.E.
1980-82  Donald L. Sheaffer II
1982-86  Mahendra G. Patel, P.E.
1986-88  Robert M. Peda, P.E.
1988-89  John J. Rissinger IV
1989-92  Brian T. Evans, P.E.
1992-93  Steven L. Koser, P.E.
1993-95  Russell J. Micksy
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Harrisburg Man of the Year (Established in 1982) Renamed - Man or Woman of the Year (Established 1984-85) Renamed - Member of the Year (Established in 1985-86)

1982  John V. Rignani, P.E.
1983  J. Dixon Earley, P.E.
1984  David C. Sims, P.E.
1985  Ray K. Grove
1986  John P. Rutter, P.E.
1987  Henry L. Heck, C.A.E.
1988  Victor D. Macomber, P.E.
1989  Robert H. Kalbach, Sr.
1990  Albert J. Bedard, Jr., P.E.
1991  Robert M. Slovinac, P.E.
1992  Information Missing
1993  Benjamin D. Rocuskie, P.E.
1994  Charles M. Bingham, Jr., P.E.
1995  Dale B. Mellott, P.E., P.L.S.
1996  Gerald F. Koons
1997  Brian A. McCoola, P.E.
1998  John G. Divinity, P.E.
1999  Ron Geist
2000  Robert M. Peda, P.E.
2001  Henry L. Heck
2002  Sandra Loy Bell
2003  Dale B. Mellott, P.E., P.L.S.
2004  Lisa G. Evans
2005  W. Andrew Bitter, P.E., P.L.S.
2006  Gary Hoffman, P.E., P.L.S.
2007  Jenni Woodworth
Region 5 is in the process of establishing Officers and a Board of Directors.
Transportation professionals in Central New York were looking for a better forum in which to exchange ideas and meet other like-minded people; an organization which they could contribute to, and which would provide them with more involvement in the transportation industry. Early in 2006, John Franz began to explore opportunities available with the American Society of Highway Engineers’ organization. He made contact with National Members and arranged for an informational meeting to be held in April of 2006. Approximately 25 people attended that first meeting, and interest in ASHE was overwhelming. An interim board of directors was formed consisting of the following volunteers:

- President: John Franz, CDM
- Vice President: Mark Primo, OCDOT
- Secretary: Charlie Liggett, CDM
- Treasurer: Dave Facchini, Lochner
- Directors:
  - Bill Bryant: Syracuse Castings
  - Tony DeStefano: OCDOT
  - Don Blasland: PW Labs
  - Kevin Rooney: Wayne County Highway Department (Representing Rochester Area)
  - Linda Shumaker: Shumaker Engineering (Representing the Southern Tier)

In June of 2006 the first meeting of the interim board was called to plan for the establishment and chartering of the Section. Growth strategy was discussed, formal announcement of the Section was planned, and our Section name, Central New York, was selected.

During the fall of 2006 the board met several more times, a bank account was established, dues were set, and a general announcement was distributed throughout Central New York concerning formation of this new ASHE Section. Elections were held retaining the original interim board. Momentum continued to grow as we discussed plans for the Chartering Event and topics for upcoming meetings. Subcommittee meetings began to plan our first annual golf tournament to raise scholarship funds.

In October 2006, we held our CNY Section “Kick-Off” event. Our guest speaker for the evening was Michael Shamma, P.E., Chief Engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation, who discussed the future of transportation in New York State. Other distinguished guests included Dick Prentice, Al Algazi, and James Kilkenny from ASHE National. We were excited to have nearly 70 enthusiastic members of the transportation community there that evening and it proved to be a great start for our Section.

In January of 2007 we held our first general meeting in Binghamton, NY. Our guest speaker for the meeting was NYS Senator Tom Libous, Chairman of the Senate’s Transportation Committee. The Senator has oversight over the Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Thruway Authority, the Port Authority and many other transportation related agencies. He also oversees legislative initiatives involving railroads and aviation, and the $35 Billion, 5-year Highway and Bridge and Mass Transit Capital Plans. With a nearly “standing room only” crowd at this first meeting, the Senator voiced enthusiastic approval of ASHE as a strong advocate for Transportation, and solicited the transportation priorities of our Section.

Our Chartering Event Dinner was held in April 5, 2007. This was a memorable evening and our keynote speaker was Christopher Waite, Chief Engineer for the New York State Thruway Authority. Also in attendance were several ASHE National Representatives which included Dick Prentice, Al Algazi, Dave Jones, and Scott Sibley. There were 71 individuals who signed the Central New York Section Charter that evening.

In May 2007 we held a breakfast meeting with a presentation by Martin Derby, a representative of Contech Earth Stabilization Solutions, who discussed geotextile fabric applications. Also in May, John Franz, Section President, and Charlie Liggett, Section Secretary, attended the ASHE National Convention in Atlantic City. The experience proved to be excellent, and a great opportunity to interact with other transportation professionals from around the country.

Our first annual golf tournament was held in August to raise money for the scholarship fund. We had a day of fun with great community representation, and raised some $1,500 to start the scholarship fund.

In September, Terry Rice, Director of Transportation for Monroe County, NY, spoke at a breakfast meeting in Geneva. The venue was spectacular, overlooking Seneca Lake, as was Mr. Rice’s presentation on Public Funding of Transportation Projects.

After less than one year, our Section continues to grow and prosper. Many good ideas have come forth regarding future meeting topics and venues. Energy for the ASHE organization and all that it brings to Central New York remains high.
The East Penn Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers was chartered on October 12, 1965, and was the 7th Section to join the National Society with 25 Charter members.

Charter Members
- Victor William Anchaitis
- Thomas L. Blew
- Charles Bobinis
- Robert Lee Brown
- Arthur Victor Cesare
- Richard Henry Cole
- Steve Comisac
- William Gruver Edelman
- John M. Herbert
- Lynn Bernard Hirshorn
- Warren W. Kahler
- Carl R. Kresge
- Michael J. Kucey
- Harold William Lynn
- Carl George Miller
- Conrad Cope Miller Jr.
- Frank William Moyer
- Thomas Charles O’Neill
- Joseph F. Raynock
- Harry E. Sanner
- Robert Montfort Sherr
- Barton Meredith Snyder
- Michael Joseph Todd
- Brooks S. Young
- James McKinney Montgomery

The East Penn Section holds monthly meetings from September through May. A number of these meetings are held jointly with other Engineering Societies in the Lehigh Valley. Each spring our society has held a joint meeting with the Northeast Penn Section and in the last several years this joint meeting has expanded to include all the Section in Region 5. One meeting is reserved each year for the State of the District Presentation - PennDOT Engineering District 5-0 – presented by the District Executive.

The East Penn Section hosted the National Conference in 1967, 1977 and 1987.

Each year the East Penn Section awards a $1,000 scholarship established in honor of Robert Brown. He was a founding member of East Penn Section and was the Section president in 1969-70. In addition to honoring Robert, this Scholarship Program was started to encourage students to pursue a career in the field of Civil/Highway Engineering. This program was started in 1989 and has awarded over $20,000 to deserving high school students.

In the spring, the Section hosts an Annual Golf Outing. The proceeds of this event are used to sponsor the annual scholarship.

East Penn Section Past Presidents

| 1965/66  | C. Jack Walker     | 1986/87 | Michael Quigney     |
| 1967/68  | Stuart W. Lewis    | 1988/89 | Al Bauer            |
| 1968/69  | James M. Montgomery| 1989/90 | David Jones         |
| 1970/71  | Matthew J. McTish  | 1991/92 | Heinrich Bonstedt   |
| 1971/72  | Frederick Wolfe    | 1992/93 | Robert Abbott       |
| 1972/73  | William Boykas     | 1993/94 | Dave McTish         |
| 1973/74  | James McNelis      | 1994/95 | Michael Thom        |
| 1974/75  | F. Michael Heylman | 1995/96 | Matthew McTish      |
| 1975/76  | Carl G. Miller     | 1996/97 | Matthew Malozi      |
| 1976/77  | Leroy R. Fairinger | 1997/98 | Marie Christman     |
| 1977/78  | William F. Gilroy III | 1998/99 | Don Steel           |
| 1978/79  | Robert L. Jones    | 1999/00 | Matthew Hammond     |
| 1979/80  | Charles J. Sincavage | 2000/01 | David Heyne         |
| 1980/81  | Harry Bisco        | 2001/02 | Todd Rosenberger    |
| 1981/82  | Ronald N. Fritz    | 2002/03 | Bob Stone           |
| 1982/83  | Robert Donovan     | 2003/04 | Ken McClain         |
| 1983/84  | William L. Diehl   | 2004/05 | Matthew Hickson     |
| 1984/85  | Ronald S. Dmytrow  | 2005/06 | Mark Roth           |
| 1985/86  | Harold E. Neff     | 2006/07 | Bob Cox             |
|          |                    | 2007/08 | Don Banninger       |
The North East Penn Section of ASHE is comprised of six counties: Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming located in northeastern Pennsylvania. These are the same counties that make up the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Engineering District 4-0.

In 1966, when the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) was first being formed, a brochure explaining the goals of ASHE was brought back from Harrisburg and given to the District 4-0 Engineer, Mr. Thomas Harrington. A few months later, on December 2, 1966, Mr. Harrington held a meeting in Wilkes-Barre. At that time a committee was selected to organize a Section in our area. This committee, led by Joe Jendrajewski, included Joseph Notartomas, Ralph LaMont, and Joseph Swegal, to mention a few.

For the past 40 years, the Section has been actively meeting with the members and constituents to advance highway safety, introduce new construction products and procedures, and to promote fellowship between the designers, contractors, and suppliers. The Section has sponsored many activities including clam bakes, ladies nights and dinner dances, holiday parties, and has been host for three National Conventions. The 1971 Convention was held at the Taminent Resort with Thomas Harrington serving as Chair, the 1980 Convention was held at the Pocono Hershey Resort, and the 1991 Convention was held at the Mountain Laurel Resort in the Pocono Mountains. Mr. James Lewis served as Chair for both the 1980 and 1991 Conventions.

The North East Penn Section, aptly named since as of its inception date, it was the most northeastern Section of ASHE, is proud of the members who have contributed their time and efforts to make the Section the success it is. Two members, John Kolander and Nick Genovese have served in all four offices; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. William Lesek, formerly Section Treasurer, and Greg Wilson, formerly Section Secretary, have each served over 15 years in office. Robert Reim and Richard Cochrane have served in various offices and on the Board of Directors.
Gerald Ceccoli and David Jones are Past Section Presidents and have represented the North East Penn Section on the National Board of Directors. Robert Somers is a Past Section President and has served as our Regional representative on the National Board of Directors. George Parrs, Past Section President, served as a member of the National Board of Directors and was elected to the National Presidency for the 1979 term.

Space does not allow mentioning all those who have faithfully served in various positions and who helped to maintain the North East Penn Section so successfully.

The northeastern Pennsylvania area is a transportation hub now and in years past. The Scranton area is home to Steamtown National Park, a National Railroad Museum, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre International Airport, and to the new Electric Trolley Museum. Scranton had the first electric trolley or streetcar in the United States. It also has many miles of major highways and is considered the hub of the east where I-81 (Canada to the Gulf) crosses I-80 (New York to San Francisco).

The Section is probably remembered best for the entertainment it provided at many of the National Conventions.

In April 2005, the Section started a scholarship fund at Wilkes University in the name of the late District 4-0 Executive, Charles “Chuck” Mattei, P.E. The $2,500 scholarship provides support to two deserving students pursuing degrees in the science or engineering fields.

In May 2005, Christine Reilly was elected our Section’s first female President. Chris has been a tireless worker and fine leader in her role as Vice President before taking over the mantle as President for the year 2005-2006.
Soon after the incorporation of ASHE in Harrisburg in 1958, area people became interested in the ideals of the Society. In 1960, National records indicate interest in forming a Williamsport Section. The first official records start on February 16, 1965. There were 51 people desiring to acquaint those present with the function and ideals set forth by ASHE attended a dinner meeting. There were 10 people in attendance from National, and the Harrisburg and Clearfield Sections, to support the discussion. At the meeting temporary officers were appointed. They were President R. L. Hinaman, Vice President R. Doebler, and Secretary/Treasurer, George Hart. With a $100 advance from National and dinner profits, $117.65 was deposited into a new bank account.

In the following weeks 148 individuals were sent an announcement for a dinner meeting for April 21, 1965. There were 37 people in attendance. A slate of officers was elected which was headed by R. L. Hinaman as President. After the meeting 29 applications were forwarded to National. The following month two members of the Clearfield Section, living in the Williamsport area, transferred their membership to Williamsport.

On August 26, 1965, a picnic was held at the American Legion in Muncy. There were 49 people who attended including Past National President Russell Horn. W. Cole provided a film program on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel.

National President John P. Rutter presented the 6th Charter of the American Society of Highway Engineers to the Williamsport Section on October 21, 1965. There were 32 people in attendance. The Charter was then given to Max Frey to display in the Pennsylvania Department of Highways Office. The membership total at this time was 56.

Sites for the meetings during the 1960’s were The Republican Club, Carlton Manor, Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Tedd’s Landing, and the Hillside. Members were paying $2.25 for an evening dinner meeting. The Section dues were $10.00. One popular event in the early years was a ladies night. It was held in December and always had a large attendance. This function was dropped in the 1970’s.

In the early years one member was very active in both the National and Section activities. That was George K. Hart. Mr. Hart was head of the local concrete pipe plant. He was Secretary of the local Section from 1968 through 1971 and Director in 1972 and 1973. He was Co-Chairman of the 1973 National Convention. He was first elected to the National Board in 1965. In May of 1968, he became National Treasurer and served in that position until 1975. The Section has also been honored to have two members serve as National President. They were Atwood Welker in 1975-76 and Ronald Springman in 1987-88.

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The Section has hosted the National Convention twice. They were May 17-20, 1973 and May 13-16, 1982. Both conventions were held at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport. Charles Brown and Robert Orso Co-Chaired the 1982 Convention. The overall cost for the 1982 Convention was $18,515.70 with a Section profit of $2,475.98.

In more recent years members pay $16 to $18 for an evening dinner meeting. Locations for the meetings have been TGI Friday’s, The Villa Restaurant, Front Street Station, Watson Inn, Temperance House, Johnson’s Café, The Lodge, Watson Inn, and The Valley Inn. Membership dues are currently $30.00, which was raised from $20.00 in recent years. Generally a dinner and speaker type meeting is held in September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. In May a field trip and dinner is scheduled with 30 to 40 members generally attending. Recently, the April meetings have been conducted as a joint meeting of the three Sections (Williamsport, Northeast, and East Penn) in Region 5. The Deputy Secretary or the Secretary of Highway Administration has been the guest speaker at the joint meetings.

In August a picnic is held featuring clams, shrimp, and beer. The picnic has been held annually since 1965. In recent years the attendance is well over 200 people. This affair has been held at local hunting clubs (Sand Run and Sunbury Grouse Club), country clubs (Susquehanna Valley and Turbot Hills), Loyalsock Sportsman Club, George Logue’s Cat Farm, The Montgomery Boat Club, and most recently Kremser’s Landing. In recent years a golf tournament has been hosted earlier in the day prior to the picnic. The tournament is held at White Deer Golf Course and has a turnout of approximately 100 players.

The membership of the Section has grown to 150 members. Glenn Williams is the only current Life Member. However, there are a few members that are eligible for Life Member status. Present members cover a vast range of experience from college students to individuals with 40+ years of experience. Meeting attendance in the 1960’s and 70’s was approximately 60% PennDOT representatives. Today the majority of meeting attendees are comprised of contractors, consultants, and other public service representatives with PennDOT being 10% of the participants.

The Section has had a Scholarship Fund at two different periods. In 1970 through 1979, $200 was awarded each year. The fund was re-established in the early 1990’s. At this time, a portion of the Section dues was dedicated towards the fund. Since 1994, $500 has been awarded each year.
In 1995, the ASHE National Board restructured the organization into nine Regions to better serve its membership. Region 6 was comprised of the Delaware Valley, First State, North Central New Jersey and Southern New Jersey Sections. Each Section had elected a Director to represent them on the Region 6 Board. They were Richard Prentice from the Delaware Valley Section, Frank Bush, Jr. from the First State Section, Rodney Pello from the North Central New Jersey Section, and James Morrison from the Southern New Jersey Section.

Region 6 Presidents

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Region 6 Presidents Who Became National Presidents

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Past National Presidents Steve Lester (Delaware Valley), and Ray Petrucci (First State) along with National Board Members Pat Dougherty (Delaware Valley) and Jim Charles (Southern New Jersey) held a Region 6 Organizational meeting on November 28, 1995 in Philadelphia, PA. They met with Section Representatives Richard Prentice (Delaware Valley), Frank Bush, Jr. (First State), Robert Muir, Jr. (First State), Rodney Pello (North Central New Jersey), and Jim Morrison (Southern New Jersey). Their first order of business was to review the Regional Guidelines and to discuss the intent of the National reorganization. Next, the structure, role, and responsibilities of the Region were discussed. Everyone decided that there should be four Region 6 Board Meetings per year and that these meetings should rotate from Section to Section. The Regional Board Meeting would be held immediately prior to the Section Board Meeting. This would allow the Regional Directors to hold their meeting, and then attend the Section’s Board Meeting, giving the Section an opportunity to meet the Region 6 Directors and vice-versa. The organizational meeting ended with the initial Region 6 Board being in place.

The first Region 6 Board Meeting was held on March 6, 1996, and was hosted by the Delaware Valley Section. Three major objectives of the Region were ~ to increase membership ~ to actively encourage participation by all members ~ and to refocus on one of the primary elements of National’s statement “… to promote quality in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of safe and efficient highway…” Four Regional committees were formed as the key mechanism to achieve these objectives. The Board elected Rod Pello as the Region 6 President. As President; Rod would also sit on the National Board as the Region 6 National Director. They also elected Richard Prentice as the Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer. The next Regional Board Meeting was held that summer in order to set the Region’s goals and the four Regional Meeting dates for the 1996-97 year. Rodney Pello was the motivating force that helped the Region grew from its infancy to what it is today. The Regional Board of Directors worked well together, because of their common focus.

In June 1998, Frank Bush, Jr., stepped down as the Regional Director of the First State Section, and Robert Muir, Jr. was elected to replace him. Up to now, Rodney Pello was the Regional Director for the North Central New Jersey Section, the Region 6 President, and the National Director of Region 6. Seth Barton was elected by the North Central New Jersey Section to be their Regional Director, relieving Rodney of one of his multiple duties.

Richard Prentice thought that Region 6 needed to offer something extra to the Regional membership. His idea was a one-day technical seminar that offered CEU credits. The Board thought this was an excellent idea, so with the help of Elaine Elbich, Richard developed the seminar. The Delaware Valley Section had over 400 members, so he thought this area would be the perfect place to try it. On October 30, 1998, the first Region 6 Seminar was held. The daylong event offered three morning sessions, a hot lunch, and three afternoon sessions. Feedback from the 84

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attendees was very good, so the Region 6 Board decided to make it an annual event. In an effort to keep it regional, the Seminar would rotate to each of the four Sections.

**Region 6 Seminars**

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1 Due to Hurricane Floyd, the 1999 Regional Seminar had to be canceled at the last minute.

Up to now the costs incurred by Region 6 were being absorbed by its Sections. In an effort to become financially independent, the four Sections were given a one-time Regional Assessment of $1 per member. In May 1999, the Region 6 Board revisited their structure and named Jim Morrison as their Regional Treasurer. The money they received from the assessment coupled with the profits from the Seminar enabled Region 6 to achieve financial independence.

From its inception, the Regional Board of Directors always worked well together. Their common focus helped Region 6 grow and prosper. The Regional Board underwent many changes in June 2001. Rodney Pello had served two terms as the Region 6 President and National Director, but regulations did not allow him to run for a third term. Richard Prentice was elected to be the new Region 6 President and National Director. He vowed to continue to lead the Region in a positive direction. Elaine Elbich was elected by the Section to fill his old position as the Regional Director of the Delaware Valley Section, and Al Algazi was elected by the Southern New Jersey Section to replace Jim Morrison as their Regional Director. The Region 6 Board elected Robert Muir, Jr. as their new Regional Secretary and Al Algazi as their new Regional Treasurer. Even with all these changes, the Region 6 Board of Directors continued to operate smoothly.

In October 2001, the National Board asked Richard Prentice to develop a set of Regional Guidelines, because they viewed Region 6 as the American Society of Highway Engineers most advanced Region. Richard and the Regional Board of Directors were very pleased to hear this. He wrote the Regional Guidelines and submitted them to the National Board in January 2002. These Guidelines were approved and later added to the Section Operating Manual as the model other Regions could follow.

The Delaware Valley Section played a major part in starting the Southern New Jersey Section chartered in 1986, the First State Section chartered in 1987, and the North Central New Jersey Section chartered in 1990. Region 6 continued this trend when they gained a foothold in New York. On September 28, 2004, the New York Metro Section was chartered, becoming the fifth Section in Region 6. Mike Hershey was elected by the New York Metro Section to be their Region 6 Director. The five Sections worked well together and Region 6 continued to flourish as a result of this.

In June 2004, Richard Prentice was elected as the Second National Vice President, forcing him to step down as the Regional President and National Director of Region 6. Robert Muir, Jr. was elected by the Regional Board to be the next Region 6 President and National Director. The First
State Section elected Rob Snowden as their new Regional Director, the North Central New Jersey Section elected Joe Matthews to be their new Regional Director, and the Delaware Valley Section elected Scott Sibley to be their new Regional Director. The Region 6 Board elected Scott Sibley as their new Regional Secretary. The new Region 6 Board of Directors continued functioning trouble free.

In January 2005, the National Board of Directors selected Region 6 as the host of the 2007 National Conference. There was a lot of conference experience within the Region because the Delaware Valley Section had hosted four National Conferences and the Southern New Jersey Section had hosted one National Conference. But, it would be a little different this time, because it would be a Regional effort, not just a Section effort. The Region 6 Board created a Steering Committee to oversee the development of the 2007 National Conference. Rodney Pello was named as the Steering Committee’s Executive Chair, Richard Prentice volunteered to be the Steering Committee Secretary, and the five Region 6 Directors were named as Steering Committee Conference Leaders. As Conference Leaders, they would be liaison to the Conference Committee Chairs. The Steering Committee immediately began to look for a location to hold the conference, as well as developing the conference theme and logo. Over the next three years the Steering Committee and the Conference Committee Chairs developed and refined the 2007 National Conference. One of their efforts was to attempt to get a New Jersey State tax exemption. Rob Snowden, Steering Committee Legal Council, felt that this may be possible for the Region because of the technical sessions that we would provide to the Conference attendees, in addition to our annual Region 6 Seminars. His first step was to set up the Region 6 Education & Scholarship Corporation. All profits realized by the Corporation would fund scholarships that would be awarded to engineering students in Region 6. The next step was to request a tax identification number from the federal government. Once they got the FIN, an application was submitted to the State of New Jersey for tax exemption. After months of waiting, New Jersey approved their request for State Tax exemption. This is a simplistic description of the complex efforts that were needed to obtain exemption status.

In addition to being away from many business and job responsibilities over the next three years, the Steering Committee and the Conference Committee Chairs sacrificed a lot of their personal time too. This dedication paid off, because the Conference was a fantastic success and set an all-time record. Nearly 700 people attended the 2007 National Conference held in the Tropicana Resort Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. One of the highlights of our technical sessions was the full-scale crash test hosted by the Quixote Corporation. This spectacular 60 mph crash was witnessed by (200) conference attendees at the Baiter Field Runway. This dramatic event was covered by WMGM-TV reporters and appeared on the NBC News Channel 40 that evening.

In June 2007, the Region 6 Board of Directors underwent another major change. Robert Muir, Jr. was stepping down as the Region 6 President and National Director. So... the Regional Board elected Al Algazi to be the Region’s President and National Director. The Southern New Jersey Section elected Sam Mody to be their Regional Director and the Regional Board elected Sam to be the Region 6 Treasurer. Robert Muir, Jr. would become the immediate Past President with Richard Prentice and Rodney Pello being ex officio Past Presidents. As expected, the Region 6 Board of Directors continued to perform as if no changes had occurred. The 2007 Regional Seminar was not offered in October because of the Technical Sessions that were offered at their 2007 National Conference. The consultants and contractors in Region 6 heavily sponsored the conference. The Regional Board of Directors felt that it would be in poor taste to ask these same companies for another sponsorship so soon. They plan to resume their annual Region 6 Seminar in October 2008.

In the 12 years since its inception, Region 6 has been an active, vibrant, professional organization dedicated to promoting and improving our highway industry. Region 6 effectively serves the American Society of Highway Engineers geographic interests. We look forward to meeting the challenges that await the highway industry in the 21st Century!
Our organizational meeting was held on April 20, 1966, at the Treadway Inn in St. Davids, PA. The meeting ended with the founding officers in place: President Paul L. Thomas, Vice President John DiRenzo, and Secretary Howard G Minckler. The founding Directors were Louis Einhorn, Robert Hottle, Stephen McGlynn, Warren Riggen, Robert Rowland, Robert Shaw, Richard Windish, and William Allen. After meeting two more times the founding officers submitted their request to be chartered. On January 25, 1967, the ASHE National President, Walter H. Burke, formally chartered the Delaware Valley Section. Sixty-nine members signed our Section Charter and we were the 10th ASHE Section to be chartered.

Delaware Valley Section Presidents

1966-67    Paul L. Thomas, Jr., P.E. Deceased
1967-68    John H. Leapson, P.E.
1968-69    Harold A. Humbert, P.E. Deceased
1969-70    John M. Townes, III
1971-72    Howard H. Minckler, P.E.
1972-73    Robert L. Rowland, P.E. Deceased
1973-74    Robert A. Shaw
1974-75    Russell C. Lyons
1975-76    Matthew F. Mazza, P.E.
1976-77    Joseph H. Puchalski, P.E. Deceased
1977-78    Harry D. Talley, P.E. Deceased
1978-79    R. Paul McConnell
1979-80    Paul C. Peterson, Jr., P.E.
1980-81    Frank J. Depman, Jr., P.E
1981-82    Harold J. Kepler, P.E.
1982-83    Stephen B. Lester, P.E.

1983-84    Michael Gigliotti, P.E.
1984-85    Frank M. Vibbert, P.E.
1985-86    Pasquale A. Dougherty, P.E.
1986-87    Wallace A. Rutecki, P.E.
1987-88    Leo Leonetti, P.E.
1988-89    Frank R. Panzullo
1989-90    John B. Seber, P.E.
1990-91    Richard S. Prentice
1991-92    Phillip A. Mandato
1992-93    Edward M. D’Alba, P.E.
1993-94    Jeffery W. Wendel, P.E.
1994-95    Joseph B. Haines, P.E.
1995-96    James J. Pease
1996-97    Elaine Elbich
1997-98    Scott W. Sibley, P.E.
1998-99    Herman W. Lloyd
1999-00    John J. Peirce, P.E.
2000-01    Brian A. Stover, P.E.
2001-02    Kevin L. Johnson, P.E.
2002-03    Esther M. McGinnis
2003-04    Alan Pizzi, P.E.
2004-05    John Zarski, P.E.
2005-06    Peter W. Berthold, P.E.
2006-07    Jeffery C. Obrech, P.E.
2007-08    Robert L. Milliken

In 1968, the Delaware Valley Section’s membership had grown to 235 members. It was a big year for the Section because they hosted their first National Convention at the Bellevue Strafford Hotel on May 23-26, 1968. By 1972, Section membership had grown to 271 members and they began to promote transportation and highway engineering by offering a scholarship to college students. The Delaware Valley Section gave its first scholarship to a Drexel University student in the amount of $500. Some meeting program highlights of the Section were: in 1973 ~ PennDOT’s District 6 Bridge Engineer, Paul Peterson spoke about the redecking of the University Avenue Bridge. It was a fascinating presentation because it was the first time that hot dipped galvanized reinforcement bars were used in Pennsylvania; and in 1974 ~ Brazil’s Rio Niterio Crossing. Robert Swanson spoke about building Rio de Janeiro’s 14 km long Niterio Bridge. The Section hosted its second National Convention on May 15-18, 1975 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, PA.
Eagles Head Coach, Mike McCormick was the featured speaker. More meeting program highlights of the Section were: in 1976 ~ the Blue Route Now! Little did we know that it would be 15 more years till the grand opening of the Blue Route; and in 1977 ~ Precision Application of Explosives and Structural Demolition. CDI President, John Loizeaux presented a fascinating video showing the many buildings, chimneys, towers, bridges and other structures his company has imploded.

In February 1978, President Harry Talley presided over a dinner dance at the Chateau Granieri, and Frank Vibbert hosted a great after dance party. Later that year, John Butera spoke about the Need to Improve PennDOT. The Delaware Valley Section continued to have worthwhile meeting programs: in 1979 ~ the I-95 Sound Barriers. Harvey Knauer gave a slide presentation about the interstate’s sound mitigation; then in 1980 we had our first non-highway related program ~ the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. Dinner was at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant, followed by a guided tour of this $1 billion electric generating facility. It was a different but very interesting evening. In 1981 the Section held its second non-highway program ~ EPCOT. Bob Buckley gave a fascinating slide presentation about the construction of Disney World’s new theme park. This $1.4 billion project took 3-years to build; and in 1982 the FHWA presented ~ the Ft. McHenry Tunnel Project. Their computerized sound and light show about the construction of the I-95 tunnel under the Baltimore Harbor dazzled all the attendees.

In 1983 the Delaware Valley Section held a dinner meeting to honor the Section’s Past Presidents. Over 130 members attended this special evening. The Section President, Steve Lester recalled the highlights, programs, clam bakes, picnics, and accomplishments to the dinner audience. In 1984 the Section held their third non-highway related program ~ the Statue of Liberty Rehabilitation. This fascinating slide presentation by the prime contractor gave everyone an inside view of the $20 million rehabilitation project.

Throughout the years, the Delaware Valley Section continued its commitment to promoting the highway engineering profession. In 1985, the Section began sponsoring the Engineering & Technology Conference in Philadelphia during the annual Delaware Valley Engineers Week. The Conference is no longer offered, but the Section continues to support and sponsor the Delaware Valley Engineers Week activities. On May 16-19, 1985, the Delaware Valley Section hosted its third National Convention at the Sheraton Hotel in Valley Forge, PA. The conventioneers experienced a Philadelphia Block Party with Philly’s famous cheese steaks and soft pretzels. What would a block party be without one of Philly’s Mummers String Bands. So... the Quaker City String Band was also there in full regalia, and those who knew how were doing the mummers strut.

The Delaware Valley Section helped form two new Sections: the Southern New Jersey Section chartered on February 19, 1986, and the First State Section chartered on May 6, 1987. The Delaware Valley Section became the first Section to have over 400 members. That happened in 1988 and they have continued to maintain that level of membership since then. In 1989, the Delaware Valley Section began a program to encourage high school students to become Civil Engineers. Members visited the area high schools, speaking to students and school counselors, a program that is an important part of the Section’s mission. The Delaware Valley Section continued its efforts to help form new Sections, which resulted in the formation of the North Central New Jersey Section, chartered on December 5, 1990. In 1991, the Delaware Valley Section received a Blue Ribbon at the National Convention. This ribbon was for having the most attendees at the Convention.

The Delaware Valley Science Fair was designed as a vehicle for stimulating interest in science and technology among students in middle and high schools in the tri-state area. It is now one of the largest Science Fairs in the country, with over 1000 student participants annually. In 1993, the Delaware Valley Section began presenting a Special Award at the Science Fair. The ASHE Award, along with a $100 US Savings Bond, is presented to the student with the most outstanding transportation related project. The Delaware Valley Section feels that this is an excellent way to reach out to students interested in highway engineering. Therefore, they continue giving this award each year. To further promote highway engineering among college students, the Delaware Valley Section actively promotes the addition of student members to the Section. They started a Student Chapter at Drexel University, but it continues to struggle. Our Section received a Red Ribbon at the 1994 National Conference Atlantic City, NJ and a Red-White-Blue Ribbon at the 1995 National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. The ribbon color has changed over the years, but all of these Ribbons were for having the greatest number of Section members at the National Conference.

A big change also occurred in 1995. The ASHE National Board restructured the Organization into 9 Regions to (continued on page 80)
better serve its membership. The Delaware Valley Section was assigned to Region 6, along with the First State Section, the Northcentral New Jersey Section, and Southern New Jersey Section. Dick Prentice was elected to be the Region 6 Director for the Delaware Valley Section. For more regional information, see the Region 6 History write-up.

The Delaware Valley Section didn’t realize that 1996 would be a noteworthy year for them. We started an annual Golf Outing to support the Section’s Scholarship Program. This Outing promoted fellowship among the members as well as raising money that would be given to outstanding highway engineering students in local colleges and universities. The first year, the Golf Outing raised a total of $2,400 for three scholarship recipients. By the third year of the outing the fund had increased to $6,500 for five recipients. A significant event happened in 1996 when three women were sworn in as Section Presidents. Prior to then no female had ever held that office, so this was a first for the ASHE Organization. All three women were sworn in for the 1996-97 term. The Delaware Valley Section is proud to say that Elaine Elbich was one of these three women. The 1996 National Conference was in Orlando, FL and our Section received a Red-White-Blue Ribbon for having the greatest number of Section members at the Conference.

On May 14-18, 1997, the Delaware Valley Section hosted their fourth National Conference in the Valley Forge Radisson, outside of Philadelphia. The Icebreaker featured the Quaker City String Band. This Philadelphia Mummers String Band was so well taken at the 1985 Convention that the Section invited them back. Wearing their colorful sequined and plummed costumes, the String Band had the locals doing the mummers strut. This was the first Conference to offer Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) those who attended the technical programs. It was also the first time Conference information was presented on PennDOT’s Internet web page. The Delaware Valley Section wanted to continue to offer something of value to its membership, so they hosted the first Region 6 Seminar in 1998. The one-day Seminar awarded CEU’s to the 80 engineers who attended the Seminar. This worthwhile endeavor continues to this day. Our Section got off to a good start in the 21st Century, because we received another Red-White-Blue Ribbon at the 2000 National Conference in Bismarck, ND. That makes five awards to our Section for the greatest member attendance at the ASHE National Conferences. The Delaware Valley Section continued to have interesting meeting programs. Some program highlights were: in 2000 ~ the Moving of the historic King of Prussia Inn. The International Chimney Corporation’s slide presentation about moving this well-known stone masonry building from the US-202 median was very interesting. As an added bonus, we were treated to slides of their move of the historic Cape Hatteras Light House. The membership was treated to more non-highway programs in 2001 ~ the Construction of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts; and in 2002 the construction of the new Eagles Football Stadium. September 11, 2002, marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic 9-11 events, so our September program was about the rebuilding of the Pentagon. Paul Francchina’s slide presentation ~ American Pride On Display was a very stirring program.

More meeting program highlights were: in 2003 ~ the construction of the new Phillies Baseball Stadium; also in 2003 ~ the Cable Stayed Zakam Bridge over the Charles River, part of Boston’s Big Dig Project; in 2004 the Delaware River Port Authority’s Chief Engineer, Dan Foust gave us his Vision For The Future; in 2005 ~ the Pennsylvania Turnpike/I-95 Interchange. Everyone was interested in hearing about this much needed connection; and in 2006 ~ the Construction of the PA Turnpike’s Susquehanna River Bridge. The total project cost of this 4,562 foot multi-span bridge was $95 million. The membership had the opportunity to attend a special meeting on June 7, 2006. This program was held at the new Civil Engineering Testing Laboratory at Villanova University. Dr. Jim Shuster, a Professor at Villanova and also a Delaware Valley Section member, arranged this special dinner and tour. The National Board chose Region 6 to be the host of the 2007 National Conference. As part of Region 6, the Delaware Valley Section’s experience and know-how was very helpful during the planning and development of the conference. But…. it would be a little different this time, because it would be a Regional effort, not just a Section effort. For more information about the 2007 National Conference, see the Region 6 History write-up.
Every year during Engineers Week, the Delaware Valley Engineers Council honors one engineer, regardless of their field of expertise, as the Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year. All fields of engineering are represented at the elections, which are held each November. Our Section has the distinction of having four of its members receive this prestigious award. They are Steve Lester in 1991, Pat Dougherty in 2001, Ed D’Alba in 2002, and Bob Rodgers in 2003. The Delaware Valley Engineers Council also names a Young Engineer of the Year. This honor is open to all engineers under 35 years old, regardless of their field of expertise. Again our Section has the distinction of having seven of its members receive this distinguished award. They are Susan Best in 1990, Elaine Elbich in 1998, John Zarsky in 2000, Casey Moore in 2002, Michael McAtee in 2004, and with a tie score both Thomas Brady and Jim Markham in 2005.

On November 2003, the Delaware Valley Section Scholarship, was renamed the Donna Prentice Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Dick’s wife who had died two months earlier. Even though she was not a member of ASHE, Donna always encouraged and supported his involvement. Dick Prentice is a longtime member of the American Society of Highway Engineers. He has always been willing to do whatever needs to be done, from supplying and setting up the slide projector, to dimming the lights for the speaker programs, to putting fliers on the dinner meeting tables and selling 50-50 tickets. The Section Board wanted to show Dick how much they appreciated his many years of dedication. Dick realizes that the Delaware Valley Section has honored him, by honoring her.

For several years the Delaware Valley Section has held a joint meeting with the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The joint meeting, held every January, is always well attended. The responsibility for developing the dinner program alternates between our Section and the ASCE Chapter on a yearly basis. The four Pennsylvania Chapters of ASCE had combined their efforts to produce and release the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Report Card. As a way to highlight the infrastructure needs in the Commonwealth, they scheduled a Legislative Affairs Day at our State Capital. As a result of the close relationship that was developed by our joint meetings, our Section was invited to attend Legislative Affairs Day. On May 8, 2007, over 80 engineers carried the message for more transportation funds and continued support of engineering education to the State Senators and Representatives in over 75 face-to-face meetings with them. The Delaware Valley Section was happy to support our sister society by participating at the event.

A prayer is always given at the start of the ASHE Dinner meetings, but for some unknown reason the Pledge of Allegiance was no longer being said. Thanks to Bob Milliken, the current Section President, the Pledge of Allegiance is being said again. In January 2007 the Delaware Valley Section celebrated its 40th Anniversary, but they postponed celebrating this event because they were deeply involved with helping host the 2007 National Conference. In November 2007, a Past Section Presidents Banquet was held to mark their 40th Anniversary. All of the living past Section Presidents were invited to attend. The Banquet was well attended and everyone took the opportunity to renew old friendships. The program honored each of the past Presidents, recalled events that occurred during last four decades. The person who was recognized for traveling the farthest distance was Past President Harold Kepler (1981-82). He lives in Green Valley, AZ, so he traveled over 2,400 miles to attend the Banquet.

The Delaware Valley Section has been an active, vibrant, professional organization dedicated to promoting and improving our highway industry over these last 40 years. The Section looks forward to meeting the challenges that await the highway industry in the 21st Century.
The First State Section was chartered on May 6, 1987, with 44 original members. Nine of those originals are still current members of the Section. Mr. Paul McConnell, of the Delaware Valley Section, was most instrumental in generating the interest in forming the Section and attended many of the organizational meetings that first year. DelDOT’s Gary Homewood was the initial Section President.

Current Membership totals 144, of which 51% are Consultants, 46% Contractors, 13% Government, and 12% Suppliers, Utilities, and others.

We are extremely proud to have established the Fred Mueller Memorial Golf/Scholarship event which annually raises money to support the awarding of Scholarships to deserving students dedicated to serving the Highway Industry. From one initial Scholarship of $1,000 in 1994, we have continually increased our ability to award money and in 2006, were able to grant seven Scholarships totaling $10,000. The Golf Tournament is the sole source of funding for the Scholarship effort and we thank all of the sponsors who graciously donate their time, effort and dollars to such a worthwhile cause.

Another noteworthy accomplishment is the creation of the First State Section Highway Hall of Fame. Each year since 1997, one or more deserving individuals have been elected to the Hall of Fame in recognition of significant contributions to the Delaware Highway Industry. To-date, 28 ladies and gentlemen have been rewarded with election to the Hall of Fame. These awards are given annually at our May banquet. In 2002, we expanded the Awards Banquet to also include the Pioneer Award which recognizes some of the founders of Delaware's Highway Program who “Paved the Way” for all of us who have followed in their footsteps. Thirty-one individuals have received the “Pioneer Award” to-date.

Our monthly programs include technical presentations on a wide variety of highway related topics, social gatherings at Blue Rocks Baseball Games, presentations by elected or appointed officials, occasional field trips, and joint meetings with compatible organizations.

A Charter member of our Section, Mr. Ray Petrucci, was honored to serve as the ASHE National President in 1994.

With a good mix of industry, government and suppliers in our membership, the Section is always striving to improve cooperation, communication, and a sharing of knowledge toward our common goal of establishing the best possible transportation system for the citizens of Delaware.

First State Section Presidents

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In October of 2003, Albert Algazi invited Mike Hershey from Hardesty & Hanover New York Office and Rolland Ericsson from Urban Engineers to attend a North Central New Jersey Section regular dinner meeting. The intent was to expose them to the ASHE culture and to introduce them to the goals of the organization. The ultimate goal was to entice them to initiate a new Section in New York City. Fortunately, they were interested.

A luncheon meeting was subsequently arranged in New York City with a group no bigger than 40 people that would represent public, as well as Consultant sections of our transportation industry.

The following meeting involved the preliminary selection of officers and board members that would include a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Board members to represent Membership, Programs, and others.

National President David Jones, Rod Pello, and Al Algazi attended several meetings that encouraged the formation of this new Section. Less than a year later, a new Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) was chartered. This new Section was welcomed and became part of Region 6.

The New York Metro Section held the charter ceremony dinner on September 28, 2004, in downtown New York City at the Captain’s Ketch Restaurant with over 120 guests in attendance. The attendees braved heavy rains and flooding to make it to the meeting place. The evening included a networking hour, three guest speakers, dinner, and the signing of the official charter by 80 charter members and the swearing in of the ten-member board.

Currently, the Section has over 133 active members. The Section developed a schedule of meetings and events through 2005 even before the official chartering.

A key function of ASHE New York Metro is to engage, educate, and inform members of the transportation community on issues directly touching their profession. To accomplish this task, several technical presentations are held throughout the year.

One of the first programs included Richard Schmalz, Project Manager from the New York State Department of Transportation, who presented a program on the Route 9A reconstruction project. The project is critical to the redevelopment of lower Manhattan and the reconstruction of the World Trade Center in particular and was well received by the membership.

The second technical presentation was held on November 18, 2004. It featured Mrs. Brenda Levine, Chair of the New York City 2012 Olympic Community Relations Committee. The New York Metro Section is generating a large amount of interest within Manhattan and the adjoining five boroughs of New York.

The Section has had an active Scholarship Fund with proceeds raised at their annual golf outing. They have already given approximately $10,000 to college students from the New York metropolitan area in their first three years.

There are strong indications that other Sections will sprout all over the New York metropolitan area that will likely include Long Island, Westchester, and Connecticut. The success of creating this new Section is attributed to Michael Hershey and a very committed Board. Michael was the glue that allowed the formation of the New York Metro Section. Michael is currently Region 6 Director representing the New York Metro Section. He believes that with a strong Board in place and motivated members within the Section the New York Metro Section is set to grow by leaps and bounds.

New York Metro Section Presidents

- Michael Hershey, P.E.
- Rolland Ericsson, P.E.
- Glen Kartalis, P.E.
- Thomas Tehrani, P.E.

The first Region 6 Seminar, hosted by the New York Metro Section, was successfully held in New York City at McGraw-Hill Conference Center Auditorium on October 19, 2006. The Seminar, “THE FUTURE OF OUR HIGHWAYS”, the first of its kind, was attended by more than 160 participants. Michael A. Shamma, P.E., Chief Engineer for New York State DOT, was the keynote address. Continuing education credits were arranged by Mike Hershey and received very positive comments from the attendees.

The New York Metro Section was a very active participant in the 2007 National Conference in Atlantic City. The Section provided support at many level in particular with registration, advertisement, and the preparation of the National Conference Booklet.

The New York Metro Section intends to continue being active, vibrant, and a professional organization dedicated to promoting and improving our highway industry for the next hundred years. The Section looks forward to meeting the challenges that await the highway industry in the 21st Century.
**Chartered Members (Active)**

- Michael Barrett
- Paul Nowicki
- Allan Ritchie
- Richard Spoerl
- Ali Vaezi

- Rodney Pello
- James Beattie
- Bruce Connor
- Bernadette King

**Chartered Members (Non-Active)**

- Albert Bieber
- Irving Perlman
- Derek Hyatt
- Gary Dean
- Robert Siley
- John Jennings
- Paul Ezeuka
- Martin VanRiper
- Li-Chung Kwong
- Roberto Gonzales
- Sandra Goslin
- Valerie Hillen

- David Howell
- Suzanne Catanese
- Joseph Russo
- Jacob Isler
- William DeAngelis
- Jay Troutman
- George Keller
- Mary Ellen Glass
- Philip Whiting
- Leslie Martin
- Richard Martino
- Edward Peers

The earliest communication on record was a letter dated May 21, 1990, from Edward K. Peers, P.E. His letter was an invitation to “fellow professionals” to an informational dinner meeting on June 6, 1990, at the Centerpoint Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ. At this meeting ASHE was presented and applications distributed.

It was interesting to note that the planning of a new Section was through the vision of Ed Peers and his association with the Southern New Jersey Section. The original concept was to form a new Section that would relate strongly with NJDOT and their Trenton, NJ headquarters. The “New Section” was originally named “Central Jersey Section”; however, the name was quickly changed to the current name, “North Central New Jersey Section (NCNJ)”. This new name identified with the desire to relate to those potential new members located within the North and Central geographical parts of New Jersey. NJDOT was located in Central NJ and a large number of consulting engineering offices were located in Northern NJ, close to the cities of Newark and New York.

The first organizational meeting was held on August 2, 1990, at Orth-Rogers Offices located in Bridgewater, NJ and included those persons who were willing to serve as officers of the New Section. At this meeting the following officers were elected: John Jennings, NJDOT, President; Rodney P. Pello, HNTB, Vice President; Edward Peers, Orth-Rogers, Secretary; G. Bruce Conner, Edwards & Kelcey, Treasurer; Allan R. Ritchie, Modjeski & Masters, Director; George Keller, NJDOT, Director; Martin Van Riper, NJDOT, Director.

On September 19, 1990, a General Membership Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Jamesburg, NJ. Invitations were extended to all potential new members and the meeting included a strong pitch for membership. Joan Cornell of Transpo Industries, Incorporated was the guest speaker and presented information on “Energy Absorption Systems”.

On December 5, 1990, the Section was chartered by the National Society with approximately 50 members. Then in 1991 we hit a bump in the road. Our secretary had some personal problems that required him to withdraw. It took a while for the Board to pick up the slack and move ahead again. We lost about a year, but then with the strong leadership of Rod Pello, Bruce Connor, and other members of the Board, the Section grew rapidly in strength and numbers.

Current membership totals are 140, of which 85% are Consultant, 3% Contractors, 10% Governments, and 2% Suppliers, Utilities, and others.

**National ASHE Conferences Hosted**

- 1994 – South Jersey Section
- 2007 – Region 6
**Founding Fathers Ceremony**

In 2005 the NCNJ Section started the recognition of members that were responsible for laying the foundation for our current success. During the December 2005 ceremony we honored John Swindelhurst with the Lifetime Membership Award. John is a retired engineer with over 25 years of service to our Section. Next we honored Rod Pello, Bruce Connors, and Allan Ritchie as founding fathers. We continued this celebration in 2006 and are planning to hold the same event in 2007.

**Past National Presidents**

Rod Pello, P.E. 2004-2005 - The NCNJ Section is proud of Rod’s accomplishments and dedication at the Section, Region and National levels. Rod also served as the 2007 National Conference Steering Committee Chair.

**Scholarships**

The NCNJ Section has continuously offered annual scholarships to any engineering student within the local universities/colleges. The amount has steadily increased over the years. Last year we awarded two $2,500 Scholarships. These are presented annually at our Project of the Year Ceremony Meeting held in May. The recipients along with their families and school representatives are invited to the dinner ceremony as our guests. The annual Golf Tournament is the sole source of funding for the Scholarship Program. In 2007-2008, we are planning on awarding one (possibly two) $5,000 Scholarship.

**Meetings**

Evening dinner meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month. Our Section Board Meeting and a social hour precede the presentation and dinner. Programs are presented by DOT commissioners/technical staff; Turnpike Directors/Engineering staff; County Engineers; Member Firms; and Educators, Suppliers and specialized personnel on topics all related to the transportation industry. Annual Technical Seminars are also presented on a rotation basis between the Region 6 Sections. These seminars are an all day event with numerous speakers presenting on a variety of topics from funding, safety, and engineering issues.

Due to the presence and membership competition of other professional organizations in the area, we hold joint meetings with the local ASCE Chapter on local topics of interest. In order to promote and stimulate interest in our organization and address issues concerning the industry state/region wide, we also hold joint meetings with our fellow members in the South Jersey and Metro NY Sections. Another noteworthy event held every year is the firm appreciation night. This is where member firms display their recent projects within their organization and have an opportunity to share stories, concerns, and just have a good time with fellow colleagues.

**The Mile Post**

Our monthly newsletter, which is issued via email to save on traditional mailing expenses, informs our membership on current events such as funding of the transportation trust fund, recent news affecting our industry, and proposed events/activities within our Section.

**Important Section Dates**

- **June 1990** The first informational, general meeting to solicit interested members was held at the Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ
- **August 1990** The first organizational meeting with election of officers was held at Orth-Rogers & Assoc., Bridgewater, NJ. First President elected was John Jennings, of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- **December 1990** Charter date of the Section as established by the National Society (ASHE).

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**The Early Years**

On November 6, 1985, the first organizational meeting of the Southern New Jersey Section of ASHE was held at the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Mt. Laurel, NJ. Over 20 prospective members attended this information gathering and it was apparent that there was sufficient interest to proceed with the formation of a new ASHE Section in southern New Jersey. Interim officers and directors were selected, committees were formed, and activities were underway.

A general membership meeting was held on January 15, 1986, to discuss the benefits of networking exchange between NJDOT personnel and representatives from the consultant, contracting, and material suppliers/service community. A goal was established by the Section to attract 100 members to attend the upcoming Charter ceremony.

On February 19, 1986, the Southern New Jersey Section was chartered by the National Society at Luciens Restaurant in Berlin, NJ. There were 109 members present to sign the Charter that evening as Southern NJ became the 18th ASHE Section to be added to this growing organization.

Special recognition goes out to Steve Lester, Paul McConnell, and Frank Panzullo from the Delaware Valley Section who provided their support and guidance in the formation of the Southern NJ Section and made this night a reality.

At the culmination of the Charter ceremony, the Southern NJ Section founding officers and directors were elected to their respective positions:

- **President**, Thomas Cutrona (NJDOT)
- **Vice President**, James Charles (Urban Engineers, Inc.)
- **Secretary**, Clifford Heath (NJ Asphalt Institute Pavement Association)
- **Treasurer**, James Caterina (Caterina Supply Inc.)
- **Board of Directors**: Russell King, Russell Lyons, William Reeves, and David Goddard.

**Today**

The Southern NJ Section is an active, vibrant, professional organization dedicated to promoting and improving our highway industry over these last 20 years. The Section looks forward to meeting the challenges that await the highway industry in the 21st Century. Our current membership is 230 strong comprised of 75% consultants, 22% government employees, 1% contractors, and 2% material suppliers, utilities, and others.

**ASHE National Conferences**

- **1994**: Tropicana Resort Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ - Hosted by Southern NJ Section
- **2007**: Tropicana Resort Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ - Hosted by Region 6

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Milestone Ceremonies

On January 17, 2001, The Southern NJ Section hosted a dinner meeting at Carlucchi’s (formerly The Pirates Inn) at which our Past Presidents, who served this organization with distinction for the past 15 years, were duly recognized. The Section had inadvertently overlooked honoring each President as they left office. This evening, each Past President was presented with an ASHE sterling silver pin and plaque w/gavel as a token of appreciation from the Section commemorating their time in office.

In following a tradition established by other professional engineering organizations, we have purchased a ceremonial gavel which has been passed down from the outgoing President to his successor during the annual installation ceremony.

On January 18, 2006, the Southern NJ Section hosted a Past President’s Dinner at Carlucchi’s honoring the men and women who have led our Chapter over the past 20 years. Sam Mody served as the MC for the evening and acknowledged each Past President in attendance for their contribution to the organization. Following the evenings’ festivities, the Urban Engineers team provided the audience with a presentation on the Marlton Circle Elimination project.

February 20, 2008 – Charter Member Night

Past National President—James W. Charles, P.E.  
(1998-1999)

Southern NJ is proud of Jim’s list of accomplishments and dedication at the Section, Region, and National levels. Jim also served on the 1994 ASHE National Conference Organizing Committee spearheading the solicitation of sponsorships from the highway industry.

Scholarships

The Southern NJ Section of ASHE recently hosted their 18th Annual Golf Outing on July 18, 2007. Proceeds are used to fund scholarships in order to provide financial assistance to civil engineering students and subsidize the rising cost of college tuition, while promoting students seeking a career in the Civil Engineering field. To date, our previous golf tournaments have raised approximately $80,000 for engineering scholarships in the memory of William Reeves. Mr. Reeves was a former Southern NJ Section Officer and Gloucester County Engineer who died tragically in a car accident dating back to 1988.

We have awarded over 40 scholarships to deserving recipients who are traditionally recognized with their families as our guests at the annual dinner ceremony. The Golf Tournament is the sole source of funding for the Scholarship effort and we thank all of the sponsors who graciously donate their time, effort, and dollars to such a worthwhile cause.

Dinner Meetings

The Southern NJ Section evening dinner meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of each month. Our Board of Directors Meeting and a social hour precedes the presentation and dinner. Programs are presented by DOT Commissioners/Technical Staff; Legislative Leaders; NJ Turnpike Directors/Engineering staff; County Engineers; MPO’s; Member Firms; and Educators, Suppliers and specialized personnel on relevant topics of interest to the transportation industry. Annual Technical Seminars are also presented on a rotation basis between the Region & Sections to offer something of value to its membership.

These seminars are an all day event with numerous speakers presenting on a variety of topics from funding, safety and engineering issues. They are hosted at a nominal cost and Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) are typically offered to the attendees who are maintaining out-of-state professional licensure. This worthwhile endeavor continues to this day.

Due to the presence and membership competition of other professional organizations in the area, we hold an annual joint meeting with our Southern NJ ASCE Chapter counterpart on local topics of interest. In order to promote and stimulate interest in our organization and address issues concerning the industry state/region wide, we also hold joint meetings with our fellow colleagues from the ASHE North Central Section. Over the last few years, we have been kicking off the ASHE calendar year by hosting a joint meeting with the North Central membership by inviting a high profile speaker from the industry.

Each May, we conduct a field tour of an active project under construction with detailed narration provided by the contractor, design consultant, and owner. A dinner presentation is typically conducted by the team noted above to augment the technical attributes of the field tour. The evening is culminated by the installation of officers and directors for the coming year.

This year, the Southern NJ Section will be instituting a Project of the Year Award Program which we hope will continue every year from here forward. This program will honor consulting engineering firms, contractors, and transportation officials in their efforts to provide quality roadway facilities in New Jersey. To be eligible, the project must be a transportation-related construction project located within the state of New Jersey that has demonstrated the use of some unique or innovative features concerning design elements, design delivery process, scheduling, construction techniques, equipment, and contracting methods to complete the project.

Social Night

During the early years dating back to 1986, members anxiously awaited the announcement for the Night at the Races, which was held in either March or April every year. This social event was traditionally held at the Garden State Race Track for 14 consecutive years. The evening kicked off with a cocktail hour, followed by a buffet dinner.
in the Phoenix dining room, and culminating by post-time at 7:30 p.m. This tradition continued until April 2000 after which the Racetrack was closed and scheduled for demolition. Plans for major revitalization were proposed on this track of land with the future construction of commercial and residential development.

Our annual social night tradition continued with the following venues serving host for this annual event: Murder Mystery Theater in Center City Philadelphia (2001); Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia (2002); Comedy Stop at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino (2003); Region 6 Monte Carlo Night, w/proceeds raised for 2007 National Conference (2004); Night at the Races at Carlucci’s (2005); Casino Night hosted by SNJ & North Central NJ Sections (2006); and Sunny Garden Fine Chinese Restaurant (2007). This year we are planning to attend a Trenton Thunder Minor League baseball game and enjoy dinner in the gourmet club box seats.

Baseline
The inception of the Baseline Monthly Newsletter dates back to 1997. This document is typically issued via email to save on traditional mailing expenses to inform our membership on the calendar of monthly dinner meetings as well as current events such as funding of the transportation trust fund, recent news and legislative updates affecting our industry, and proposed events/activities within our Section.

Section Presidents
1985-1987 - Thomas G. Cutrona
1988-1989 - David M. Goddard, P.E.
1989-1990 - James A. Weinheimer
1992-1993 - Walter A. Mudrowsky, P.E.
1995-1996 - Thomas M. Howell, P.E.
1996-1997 - Beth DeAngelo, P.E.
1997-1998 - Joseph Pavlik, P.E.*
1999-2000 - Christopher D. Dwyer, P.E.
2000-2001 - Bernard T. Tetreault, P.E.
2001-2002 - Sanjay Naik, P.E.
2002-2003 - Thomas W. Anella, P.E.
2003-2004 - Jeffrey A. Konrad, P.E.
2004-2005 - Edward McMahon, III, P.E.
2006-2007 - David L. Rue, P.E.
2007- - Samir D. Mody, P.E.
* Deceased

Section Secretaries
1985-1986 - Clifford J. Heath
1986-1987 - David A. Goddard, P.E.
1989-1992 - James M. Cheney
1993-1995 - Thomas M. Howell, P.E.
1995-1996 - Carl Passeri, P.E.
1996-1997 - Peter DeBarger, P.E.
1997-1998 - Sanjay Naik, P.E.
1999-2005 - Samir D. Mody, P.E.
2005-2007 - James E. Maloney, P.E.
2007- - Walter N. Hucal, P.E.
* Deceased

Section Treasurers
1985-1986 - James P. Caterina
1986-2005 - John E. McCann
2005-2007 - Jeffrey A. Konrad, P.E.
2007- - Edward McMahon, III, P.E.

Region 6 Directors
1996-2001 - James L. Morrison, P.E.
2001-2007 - Albert Algazi, P.E.*
2007- - Samir D. Mody, P.E.
* Current Region 6 President
In the Beginning...

As originally conceived by the National Board of Directors, Region 7 consisted of three Sections in the Mid-Atlantic Region: Chesapeake (Baltimore), Potomac (Northern Virginia/DC), and Old Dominion (Richmond). The Greater Hampton Roads Section was added in 2000 followed by the creation of the Blue Ridge Section in the Roanoke area in 2007.

Region 7 operated without any real structure until 2002 when the National Board selected Williamsburg, Virginia as the site of the 2006 National Conference. Long-time Region 7 Director Ron Purvis was instrumental in convincing the Board that the four Sections of Region 7 could band together to host the Conference. Richard Clifton, Past President of the Greater Hampton Roads Section, agreed to Chair the Conference Committee.

In the years leading up to the Conference, Ron Purvis became an Officer on the National Board, eventually fulfilling the role of National President in 2005-2006. Richard Clifton completed Ron Purvis’ term as Region 7 Director and was subsequently elected to a three-year term of his own.

During almost four years of planning, the 2006 Conference Executive Committee became the precursor to the Region 7 Board:

- Richard Clifton, Chairman – Region 7 Director
- Dave Greenwood, Co-Chairman – Chesapeake Section
- Leon Kriebel, Secretary – Chesapeake Section
- Shannon Lee – Greater Hampton Roads Section
- Bill Mackey – Greater Hampton Roads Section
- John Stuart – Old Dominion Section
- Paul Trapp – Old Dominion Section
- Dorothy DeFore – Potomac Section
- Theresa DeFore – Potomac Section
- Ron Purvis – ASHE National Board

Richard Clifton was nominated, elected, and installed as National 2nd Vice President during the 2006 Conference and is scheduled to be installed as National President during ASHE’s 50th Anniversary Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania in June 2008. Paul Trapp was installed in 2006 as National Region 7 Director and will complete Richard Clifton’s remaining two years on the National Board as Director.

2006 ASHE Annual Conference – Highways to Highwayes

Region 7 was proud to host the 2006 ASHE National Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia from May 31 through June 4. Approximately 550 registered attendees were able experience a little bit of history at Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg. Held on the year leading up to the 400th anniversary of this Nation’s founding, the Conference also celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the Virginia Department of Transportation and the 50th Anniversary of the interstate highway system.

Although many, many volunteers helped to make the Conference a huge success, Richard Clifton and the following Committee Chairs should be recognized for their tireless and cheerful efforts during the days, months, and years leading up to the Conference:

- Advertising: Jerry Dougherty – Chesapeake Section
- Entertainment: Paul Trapp – Old Dominion Section
- Facilities: Bill Mackey – Greater Hampton Roads Section
- Facilities: Pete Leavitt – Greater Hampton Roads Section
- Finance/Treasurer: Dave Greenwood – Chesapeake Section
On May 31, 2006, once all the preparations for the National Conference were complete, the Region 7 Board met to “officially” organize and set out a strategy for moving forward as a Region. At that meeting the following officers were appointed:

**President**  Paul Trapp  
**VP (Membership)**  Richard Clifton  
**VP (Programs)**  Frank Fabian  
**Secretary**  Leon Kriebel  
**Treasurer**  Chris Payne

Other Directors included:  
Rick Kiegel  
Dick Gilman  
John Stuart  
Charlie O’Connell

A By-Laws Committee consisting of Charlie O’Connell, Rick Kiegel, John Stuart and Doug Gilman was also appointed.

**Life After the National Conference**

The folks from Region 7 must have really enjoyed putting on a Conference because it did not take long to begin planning the next. Region 7’s first annual Technical Conference was held on April 26, 2007, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It was a resounding success with topics including: Excavation and Embankment from a Contractor’s Perspective; Drainage in Tidal and Mountainous Areas; Innovative Storm-Water Management; AASHTO’s Roadside Design Guide; Work Zone Safety and Maintenance of Traffic; Rehabilitated Pavement Structures, and Micro Station/GEOPAK 3-D.

We had a total of 76 paid registrations at $85 per person and obtained sponsorships from 15 companies/organizations at $50 each. PDH Certificates were handed out to everyone who stayed until the end and turned in a course evaluation form.

The chartering ceremony for ASHE’s new Blue Ridge Section was held on November 7, 2007, in Roanoke, Virginia. Sixty-five new members were inducted. National President Perry Schweiss, as well David Jones, Charlie Flowe, Richard Clifton, and Paul Trapp from the National Board were in attendance. During the luncheon Ken Walus, VDOT’s State Structure and Bridge Engineer, spoke about the state of bridges in Virginia.

Plans are well underway for Region 7’s second annual Technical Conference. This year’s conference will be held Thursday, March 20, 2008, at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia. A terrific agenda is being planned to include such topics as: Context-Sensitive Design; Access Management; Public/Private Partnerships; Bike and Pedestrian Programs; Tire/Highway-Surface Research; and Microscopic Traffic Simulation Models (VISSIM), as well as project-specific presentations from both Virginia and Maryland.
The beginning of the Blue Ridge Section of ASHE dates back to early 2006 when Rob Cary, P.E., P.L.S., VDOT Salem District PE Manager, inquired about starting a Section in western Virginia. Rich Clifton then really started the ball rolling from that point. Rich, Paul Trapp, and Dave Jones came to visit a few weeks later and met with a group of about 20 representatives of VDOT, consultants, and local government staff to explain the process and provide direction on how to proceed. At that point we already were a long way towards getting the minimum number of members to start a new Section.

Mike Russell volunteered to lead the effort to organize the Section. Following a second organizational meeting with Rich and Paul we had the tentative date for our introductory meeting and a planned guest speaker lined up. VDOT had just gotten a new Commissioner and he readily agreed to help us out by speaking at our kick-off meeting.

After a few months of planning, approximately 75 folks attended the kick-off meeting which was a great success in our opinion! All attendees agreed there was a great need for a professional organization such as ASHE in the area to get members of the transportation industry an opportunity to meet on a regular basis. Membership applications were distributed and within a couple of months we had 65 applications and really started the ball rolling at that point. Todd Repass jumped in and handled all of the coordination with National to get us chartered on November 7, 2007, when we officially became the Blue Ridge Section. Ken Walus, State Structure and Bridge Engineer, was our guest speaker for the meeting.
The Chesapeake Section was chartered in April 21, 1988, with 123 Charter Members, a record number for any ASHE Section chartered to that date. Maryland represented the fifth state for which an ASHE Section was created.

Paul McConnell, of the Delaware Valley Section, made first contact with a transplanted ASHE member, David Greenwood, formerly of the Delaware Valley Section also, to suggest a new Section be organized in Maryland. Paul came to the Aberdeen Sheraton Inn to make a formal introduction and presentation about ASHE. Paul was instrumental in generating interest to form the new Section. A diverse group of individuals representing the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW), Interstate Division for Baltimore City (IDBC), various consultants, and other highway industry personnel was assembled to serve in the capacity of officers or board members for the Section.

An inaugural meeting was developed for the spring of 1988 in advance of “Charter Night”. The seminar-style program was presented by SHA’s Ed Stein on Stormwater Management and Sediment & Erosion Control; the meeting was an opportunity for SHA to provide “on-the-spot” training for all attendees. The meeting was held at the Engineers Club, a facility converted from two, large historic brownstones, located in the Mount Vernon section of Baltimore in close proximity to Baltimore’s Washington Monument.

Charter Night was held on April 21, 1988. The Charter was signed by the National President, Ron Springman, and National Secretary, Terence Connor. Harry McCullough, Chief, Interstate Division for Baltimore City, was Master of Ceremonies, and a multi-media program presentation on the Fort McHenry Tunnel project was presented by Ken Merrill. A record number of Charter Members attended, a record maintained until the Carolina Triangle Section was chartered in January 1992.

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David Greenwood served as the Section’s Charter President and later served as a National Board Director and then National President in 1996/1997. The Presidents that have served the Chesapeake Section include:

- 1988-1989: David Greenwood
- 1998-1999: Dick Evans
- 1989-1990: Jacqueline Schrenker-Case
- 1999-2000: Tony Mawry
- 1990-1991: Vince Pielli
- 2000-2001: Peter Kleskovic
- 2001-2002: Bo Ward
- 1992-1993: Dick Trainor
- 2002-2003: Leon Kriebel
- 1993-1994: Vince Pielli
- 2003-2004: Chris Brooks
- 2004-2005: Rick Kiegel
- 1995-1996: Paula Smith
- 2005-2006: Gerry Dougherty
- 1996-1997: Dick Evans
- 2006-2007: Chris McGuire
- 1997-1998: Dick Evans
- 2007-2008: Tony Frascarella

Soon after the chartering of the Section, approval to host the 1993 Annual Conference was requested and approved. The Conference was held at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor with a program emphasis on highway impacts to the environment and the associated mitigation design. Activities included a tour of the Engineers Club, as part of the icebreaker, a project tour of the new Maryland Route 100, and a special Saturday session on TravTech vehicles, the first generation of cars to include a navigation system; a TravTech vehicle was brought on site for navigation system capability viewing. Other activities included a Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game and a tour of Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Proceeds from the Conference were used to initiate a scholarship program for college engineering students. The program was named for John Bruck, an SHA employee, who labored tirelessly during the Conference to ensure all activity-related transportation needs were met. John was a man of vision and held the highway industry dear to his heart. The amount of $1,500 is currently awarded to one individual selected from the engineering schools at Johns Hopkins University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland. The scholarship program also is supported by an annual golf outing.

The Chesapeake Section co-sponsored the 2006 National Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia; that Conference emphasized the past, present and future of the highway industry and included activities such as a visit to historic Jamestown and guided tours of historic Williamsburg.

Members of the Chesapeake Section have been involved with the New Sections Committee in the past helping to form new sections in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, and North Dakota. This effort was instrumental in expanding ASHE’s National exposure.

The Chesapeake Section continues to hold Section meetings at the Engineers Club. The standard meeting format is unique to ASHE and includes technical sessions in the afternoon followed by a social hour, dinner, and a speaker. This format provides for professional development hour (PDH) opportunities, while, at the same time, promoting the attendance of younger members. Each meeting’s technical program places an emphasis on a specific discipline, whether it is planning, traffic, hydrology/hydraulics, water resources, or highway construction.

As ASHE celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, the Chesapeake Section will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary this spring. We look forward to the celebration of both events and continued success in the future.
Getting Started

An organizational luncheon to discuss forming a Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers in the Tidewater region of Virginia was held on Thursday, August 19, 1999, at Magnolia’s Steak House in Norfolk, VA. The luncheon was attended by more than 20 representatives of area consulting firms, construction companies, material suppliers, local and state governments. The luncheon was also attended by Ron Purvis, then the National Director for Virginia and Maryland (Region 7), and Tracy Hill, then the Regional Director for North Carolina and Georgia (Region 8). The attendees had been identified as potential leaders for the formation of a new ASHE Section. After presentations by Mr. Purvis and Mr. Hill, the group expressed interest and decided to pursue starting a Section. An Organizing Committee was formed under the leadership of Co-Chairs Rich Clifton, Bill Nash, and Paul Burnette. Mr. Clifton was the Office Director for the Newport News Office of Kubilins Transportation Group. He had recently relocated back to the Tidewater region from Charlotte, NC where he had been involved with Mr. Hill in the formation of the Carolina Piedmont Section of ASHE. Mr. Nash was the Transportation Manager for the Chesapeake Office of Kimley Horn Associates. Mr. Nash had a long history in the region and was well known in the industry throughout Virginia. Mr. Burnette was the Manager of Operations and Maintenance at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and had many contacts with contractors and suppliers as well as VDOT. The Organizing Committee included a total of 15 people with various levels of experience representing a mix of disciplines from within the highway industry.

The Organizing Committee Co-Chairs scheduled to meet on September 15, 1999 to develop a strategy to get the Section started. Unfortunately, Hurricane Floyd hit Hampton Roads that morning with more than a foot of rain and winds too strong for Rich and Bill to go out on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel where the meeting had been planned. The storm did not cause significant damage and the meeting was held a couple of weeks later but the storm appears to have been an omen as to how weather would affect the development of the Greater Hampton Roads Section.

After several meetings of the Organizing Committee, a kick-off reception was held at the Holiday Inn on Greenwich Road in Virginia Beach on the evening of Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Word spread quickly and it appeared that attendance might exceed expectations. Unfortunately, Hampton Roads was hit with an ice storm that afternoon that left most of the interstates clogged with crashes and slick bridges. Despite the poor weather and terrible road conditions about 60 people still managed to make it to this event. We shared good food and drink and had plenty to talk about with the storm outside (and many of us wondering if we should get a room rather than try to drive home on the ice). ASHE National President Charlie Flowe gave a brief presentation about the organization including the benefits of being a member but we mostly relied on having the Organizing
Committee do a lot of one-on-one conversations about ASHE. Ron Purvis and Tracy Hill also attended, showing strong support from the National Board of Directors for starting a Section in Hampton Roads. The event turned out to be very successful despite the weather. Most of the people that came filled out an application and the Greater Hampton Roads Section was well on its way to becoming a reality. In hindsight, it turns out that the foul weather may have helped us because we had severely underestimated the amount of food we needed for the crowd we hoped to have. Had many more people showed up we would have run out of food and may have left a bad impression with attendees instead of getting them excited about ASHE.

While the kick-off generated enough applicants to start a Section we knew that there were still a lot of people interested that did not make it to the kick-off reception so we planned another introductory event. We did not want to go out seeking sponsorships again so soon so we decided that this would just be a “typical” dinner meeting and that attendees will pay to attend. This first “meeting” of the Greater Hampton Roads Section was held at the Grate Steak Restaurant in Chesapeake on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, with more than 60 “members” in attendance. This restaurant provided an excellent setting for an ASHE meeting and would become the meeting location for the Section for the next several years. The unique feature of this restaurant was the large grill where customers can gather to cook their own steaks like they are in their own backyard. This was great for our event because it basically allowed us to extend our social hour into the dinner hour while all stood around the grill enjoying a beverage and preparing our dinners just the way we wanted them. The restaurant provided us with a large meeting room with our own grill and salad bar. Paul Burnette gave an excellent presentation and video on the construction of the parallel bridges for the widening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. We also had another very brief presentation about ASHE but, again, relied mostly on one-on-one conversations during the social.

The Organizing Committee continued to work at getting more applications. The chartering meeting was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at the Grate Steak. National President Charlie Flowe made a second trip to Hampton Roads to welcome us into the organization and Virginia Delegate Leo Wardrup (Virginia Beach) gave us a presentation on the Virginia Transportation Act of 2000. The Greater Hampton Roads Section became official that evening with 108 new members of ASHE. The Section was diverse with good representation from the public and private sectors and financially strong with more than 20 firms in the Century Club.

On May 23, 2000, the Section held its first business meeting. Mr. William A. Nash was inducted as the first President of ASHE Greater Hampton Roads.

Growing Strong

The ASHE Greater Hampton Roads Section thrived under the leadership of Mr. Nash and the other officers. The Section produced a bi-monthly newsletter called the “Hampton Roads Interchange”, which featured technical articles, announcements, comments from the President, member news, and profiles of the Century Club Members. The Section Constitution and By-Laws were prepared and subsequently approved by National in January 2001. The Technical Committee lined up interesting speakers for the membership meetings and the Social Committee developed several events, including a summer outing at a Norfolk Tides Baseball Game and the first annual “Teed Off Golf & Tennis Invitational” (later renamed the “Columbus Day Classic” Golf Outing), which brought nearly a full field of golfers out to support the new Greater Hampton Roads Scholarship Program. In January 2001, the Section held a membership social that was intended to draw in more members as well as provide a fun event for current members. The event, held at the Greenbrier Country Club in Chesapeake, was another reception similar to the initial kick-off reception. At the end of the first year the Section had grown to nearly 125 members. The transportation program in Virginia was strong and the Section maintained more than 100 members. The Section was also financially sound but in December of 2001 the Board of Directors realized that they were spending money faster than it was coming in so some cuts were made. The most notable cut was changing the newsletter from a full color publication to black and white, which provided substantial savings.

In January 2002, the Board of Directors approved a Scholarship Program for non-traditional students in the engineering program at Tidewater Community College. The first $1,500 ASHE Greater Hampton Roads Scholarship was awarded to Karen Steele, a rising senior at TCC, in May 2002.
In March 2002, the National Board of Directors came to Williamsburg for their quarterly meeting. Several Section Officers and Directors welcomed the National Officers and joined them for dinner on the evening before their meeting. It was not known to us that a request had been made for Williamsburg to be the site of the 2006 National Conference and that the National Board of Directors was using this trip to evaluate the area for being the host. In June we learned that the National Board of Directors had selected Williamsburg as the site of the 2006 National Conference and in July 2002, Greater Hampton Roads Past President Rich Clifton agreed to Chair the Conference Committee.

Virginia Takes a Blow

In 2002 Virginia started to experience a significant downturn in its transportation program. A new administration was cleaning up some fiscal issues of past administrations and funding for many projects disappeared. The new administration presented a referendum for a local sales tax increase to help fund six major transportation projects in Hampton Roads. The Section worked with the “Yes Campaign” to promote the referendum which, unfortunately, was soundly defeated in the November election. Nevertheless, the Section continued a strong program with more than 100 members and more than 20 Century Club firms. In May of 2003, the Section awarded its second scholarship. Unfortunately, the bubble was about to burst. Membership renewals in the summer of 2003 were not strong; however, this was not a great concern because most members typically waited until the last minute to renew – usually doing it at the September membership meeting. Unfortunately, in September 2003 Mother Nature decided to play hardball and on September 16, 2003, the planned date of the first Greater Hampton Roads Section meeting for 2003-2004, Hampton Roads was issued an evacuation order because of Hurricane Isabel – a category 4/5 hurricane that most models predicted was heading to the Virginia coast. The meeting was canceled. The storm lost strength and was barely a hurricane when it hit the Virginia coast on September 18, but the damage was severe and widespread. Coastal flooding destroyed hundreds of homes and associated tornadoes and strong winds damaged thousands more. Recovery from the storm would take years.

For the Section the timing of the storm could not have been worse. Engineering firms were already tightening belts and Section Officers were anticipating a decline in membership; however, with everyone now focused on rebuilding after the storm, the deadline for renewals quickly passed us by. In light of the situation the National Board of Directors granted the Section a one month deferral on paying the national assessment. Despite this additional month, 2003-2004 membership in the Section plummeted to less than half the 2002-2003 level.

Transportation funding in the Commonwealth would continue to decline for the next several years and the Section would continue to struggle to maintain membership levels. In an effort to reach out to more members and due to increasing meal costs at the Grate Steak, Section Officers decided to start moving meetings to different places in the area. Finding adequate meeting spaces with economical meals proved difficult and the changing venues just seemed to cause confusion. Membership levels continued to stagnate well below our chartering level. It seems ironic that just when the spotlight of the 2006 National Conference was about to shine on us we were struggling just to keep things in order. The funding problems that were impacting the Section and the other Virginia Sections were also causing significant concerns for those planning the National Conference. Williamsburg was selected in part because it is a centrally located tourist destination. The Conference Committee felt that it was very important to put on a great show and to show our guests the utmost in southern hospitality. Doing this in a high dollar destination during the peak tourist season was not going to be easy on a restricted budget. The Conference Executive Committee was very concerned about the ability to get adequate sponsorships from local and regional firms. To combat this problem the Conference Committee embarked on a significant PR campaign to raise awareness of the National Conference destination so as to better attract sponsorships from national companies. This campaign had the added bonus of making more companies aware of ASHE itself, not just the Conference. The campaign appears to have been a success as the Conference activities received many high praises from the attendees and it was a financial success due in large part to strong sponsorships from the larger engineering firms.
Turning it Around

Shortly after the National Conference things seemed to hit rock bottom in Virginia. The Legislature held a special session in September 2006 to address the transportation problems in Virginia. Instead of the week long bi-partisan work session we were promised, the Legislature closed the session after less than two days with each side continuing to point their fingers at the other as to why they could not come to an agreement. Most insiders felt that this was the last chance at any new transportation funding for this administration which would be in place through 2009. However, in 2007 the Legislature managed to put together a bill that would restore much of the funding that had been lost over the past few years and created new Transportation Authorities to address needs in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. The new Hampton Roads Transportation Authority is extremely controversial and has yet to levy any fees or taxes but the creation of the authority has kept transportation issues in the news in the area. There is now optimism that there will soon be funding available for the six large projects that fall under the Authority and that the existence of the Authority will free up funding for other projects. Engineering firms are starting to think about the work that will be available and are positioning themselves to win some of the work. As a result there is a renewed interest in ASHE. Early in 2007, Section President Heather Ham developed an idea to hold a statewide transportation forum at the new Virginia Beach Convention Center in March instead of having a typical membership meeting. Panel members at the forum included the new Commissioner of VDOT and high ranking officials of the Virginia Port Authority, the Department of Rail and Public Transit and local and statewide politicians. The event attracted more than 250 attendees from throughout Virginia and seemed to signal a turning point for the Section.

Section Officers have recently decided to hold all meetings for 2007-2008 at Jillian’s in Norfolk’s Waterside. The game rooms and social atmosphere of this venue have helped to increase attendance at the bi-monthly meetings. The site was also selected to try to entice interest in the organization with students at nearby Old Dominion University which started a graduate program in transportation engineering in 2007. The Section is working to try to develop a Student Section at Old Dominion University through a mentoring/sponsorship program. Section Officers also recently decided to change the Section Scholarship Program to Old Dominion University as part of this new focus on bringing in student members. While renewals in 2007 were not as high as hoped the Section has received many new applications this year. The Section Officers are working hard on diversifying the Section membership by reaching out to area contractors. There is a renewed spirit on the Section Board of Directors and there are high hopes that the Section will be successful in winning one of the Membership Awards at the 2008 National Conference, when we also get to see Rich Clifton inducted as the first ASHE National President from the Greater Hampton Roads Section.

Presidents of Greater Hampton Roads

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The Old Dominion Section of ASHE was chartered in Richmond, Virginia on October 23, 1990. The Section began with 80 members; 36 employees of the Virginia Department of Transportation, and 44 consultant, contractor and local government members. Members of the National Board and Mike Martin from the Potomac Section in Northern Virginia were instrumental in getting the Old Dominion Section off the ground.

In the early years the Old Dominion Section held dinner meetings at the Engineers Club of Richmond, as well as several eateries around town such as Calabash Seafood and Julian’s Restaurant. Unfortunately the Engineers Club closed its doors in 1996. To make matters worse, due to Virginia’s Workforce Transition Act of 1995, many of VDOT’s most senior employees took early retirement, and VDOT participation in ASHE dropped to a scant 5 members by 1997. Fortunately, many of those same VDOT retirees began a second career in the consultant community and they remained loyal ASHE members.

To help turn things around, the Section started meeting bi-monthly at the VDOT Central Office Auditorium during lunch. This made it easier for local VDOT employees to attend and also allowed members from the Hampton Roads and Roanoke areas of Virginia to attend meetings without needing to spend the night. By 2003, VDOT employees once again made up approximately 50% of the Old Dominion Section membership.
Other Section Highlights Include:

Starting in 1998, we have regularly held an annual joint meeting in January with the Richmond Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In 1999 we hosted a day-long training class in Erosion & Sediment Control Design with over 70 participants.

In 2000 the Section celebrated its 10th Anniversary. We held a celebratory dinner in conjunction with VDOT's annual consultant forum. Lieutenant Governor John Hager was a guest speaker and we were able to recognize over half of our original 80 members.

Following the lead of other ASHE Sections, the Old Dominion Section started a Century Club in 2001. Thanks to the generous contributions from our consultant community, a scholarship fund was established, and in the spring of 2003 we awarded our first two $500.00 scholarships.

The Old Dominion Section of ASHE is a member of the Richmond Joint Engineers Council. Since 2002 our Section has regularly participated in career day activities sponsored by RJEC during Engineers Week. Presentations have included “Building a Road”, traffic simulations and surveying demonstrations.

Also starting in 2002, we have held our annual holiday social at VDOT. The Section provides a buffet lunch and in return, guests provide an unwrapped toy gift that we donate to ASK – the Association for the Support of Children with Cancer.

In March 2003 Old Dominion Section President and VDOT Engineer Bob Donovan was called to active duty as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On April 27, Bob was seriously wounded in an ambush attack in Baghdad. He spent some time at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC and was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart. He has since returned to Virginia (and VDOT).

From 2002 through 2006, several Old Dominion Section members participated on the planning committee for the 2006 ASHE National Conference held in Williamsburg. Many more members volunteered and attended this fantastic conference, held on the eve of the 400th Anniversary of this Nation's founding at Jamestown.

The success of the Old Dominion Section helped to generate interest for other Sections in Virginia. In 2000 the Greater Hampton Roads Section was chartered, followed in 2007 by the creation of the Blue Ridge Section in the Roanoke area.

Presidents of the Old Dominion Section

1990-1991 Craig Eddy
1991-1993 Brad Meador
1993-1994 Woody Price
1994-1996 Robert Gallagher
1996-1997 James T. Simpson
1999-2002 John A. Stuart
2002-2003 Robert A. Donovan
2004-2005 Suzanne Lucas
2005-2007 Douglas C. Gilman
2007-2008 Susan With
The Potomac Section was chartered October 25, 1989. The area of the Potomac Section represents the Washington Metropolitan area.

For the first two years, business meetings were at local restaurants then the Section settled in to the practice of regularly scheduled dinner/business meetings at a local restaurant, P.J. Skiddos. The typical meeting includes a social preliminary time before the meal and following the meal invited speakers discuss matters of interest to the members. Featured speakers have frequently included key officials of the Virginia Department of Transportation, such as the Commissioner, the Chief Engineer, and Location and Design Engineer. Speakers have also highlighted projects of national and regional interest including the “Big Dig” and expansion of the Washington Area Airports.

A typical year for the Potomac Section would be to hold elections for new officers in June. The newly elected board meets during the months of July and August with the first business meeting in September. Another regular meeting is held in October then in early December the Section holds a holiday party. Regular meetings are held January through April. May is typically a field trip to a site of interest of a unique construction project such as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge or the I-95/395/495 Springfield Interchange.

The Potomac Section, during the holiday party, has been extremely generous in their support of the Marines in their TOYS FOR TOTS campaign.

In the late 1990’s the Potomac Section started a sponsorship program in which the “Gold Sponsors”, enable the Section to provide a scholarship of $2,500 to students in the civil engineering or Transportation related studies. Some of these students have returned to become members in our organization.

Potomac Section’s Mr. Ronald Purvis, P.E., served as National President for the term of 2005-2006.

Region 7 hosted the National Conference in Williamsburg in 2006. The event was deemed very successful and the Potomac Section members contributed to this success.

At the time of this writing, the Potomac Section membership is approximately 140. Our Section Presidents are noted below and approximately 60% continue to be long term active members.

**Potomac Section Presidents**

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ASHE implemented a regional structure for the national organization during the 1996-1997 operational year. This was the culmination of years of planning and discussion and required membership approval.

Region 8 initially represented two Sections – Carolina Triangle (Raleigh, NC) and Carolina Piedmont (Charlotte, NC). The Georgia Section (Atlanta, GA) was added to the Region after chartering in February of 1998. The most recent addition, Middle Tennessee (Nashville, TN), chartered in August of 2005.

Region 8 was the first Region to collectively sponsor a National Conference. In May of 1999, Region 8 hosted the highly successful conference in Asheville, North Carolina. All three of the Sections that made up Region 8 at that time cooperated in hosting the Conference.

The National Directors for Region 8 since the formation of the Regional structure have been:


Region 8 operated without a formal regional structure until Calvin Leggett organized the Region, established a treasury, and in 2006 initiated regular Regional meetings with representatives of each Section. Regional guidelines were adopted on June 3, 2006.
The Carolina Piedmont Section was chartered May 16, 1996 with 145 Charter members.

1996-1997 Charter Officers
President - Tracy Hill, P.E.
1st Vice President - Timothy Boland, P.E.
2nd Vice President - Jesse Hite, Jr., P.E.
Secretary - Richard Clifton, P.E.
Treasurer - Scott Chinery, P.E.

Average Membership
Section maintains government, contractor, vendor, and consultant membership with an average of 80.

Programs Implemented
Century Club, Scholarship Program, Middle School Honors Sponsorship, and Annual Golf Scholarship Tournament.

Accomplishments
The Carolina Piedmont Section was one of first Sections to implement a Scholarship Program and Section Website, ashecps.org.

1997 - 1998 Officers
President - Timothy Boland, P.E.
1st Vice President - Jesse Hite, Jr., P.E.
2nd Vice President - Ted Geddis
Secretary - Richard Clifton, P.E.
Treasurer - Scott Chinery, P.E.

1998 – 1999 Officers
President - Jesse Hite, Jr., P.E.
1st Vice President - Ted Geddis
2nd Vice President - Larry Gordon, P.E.
Secretary - Richard Clifton, P.E.
Treasurer - Scott Chinery, P.E.

1999 – 2000 Officers
President - Ted Geddis
1st Vice President - Larry Gordon, P.E.
2nd Vice President - Tim Greene, P.E.
Secretary - Richard Clifton, P.E.
Treasurer - Scott Chinery, P.E.

2000 – 2001 Officers
President - Larry Gordon, P.E.
1st Vice President - Tom Greene, P.E.
2nd Vice President - Scott Chinery, P.E.
Secretary - Candice Crago, E.I.
Treasurer - Jimmy Dennis, P.E., R.L.S.

2001 – 2002 Officers
President - Tim Greene, P.E.
1st Vice President - Scott Chinery, P.E.
2nd Vice President - David Grey, P.E.
Secretary - Candice Crago, E.I.
Treasurer - Jimmy Dennis, P.E., R.L.S.

2002 – 2003 Officers
President - Scott Chinery, P.E.
1st Vice President - David Grey, P.E.
2nd Vice President - Dieter Crago
Secretary - Jerry McCauley, P.E.
Treasurer - Jimmy Dennis, P.E., R.L.S.

2003 – 2004 Officers
President - David Grey, P.E.
1st Vice President - Dieter Crago
2nd Vice President - Max Buchanan, P.E.
Secretary - Jerry McCauley, P.E.
Treasurer - Jimmy Dennis, P.E., R.L.S.

2004 – 2005 Officers
President - Dieter Crago
1st Vice President - Max Buchanan, P.E.
2nd Vice President - Candice Crago, E.I.
Secretary - Jerry McCauley, P.E.
Treasurer - Jason Breda, P.E.

2005 – 2006 Officers
President - Max Buchanan, P.E.
1st Vice President - Candice Crago, E.I.
2nd Vice President - Brian Webb
Secretary - Jerry McCauley, P.E.
Treasurer - Jason Breda, P.E.

2006 – 2007 Officers
President - Candice Crago, E.I.
1st Vice President - Brian Webb
2nd Vice President - Gary Eudy
Secretary - N/A
Treasurer - Andy Babson, E.I.

2007 – 2008 Officers
President - Brian Webb
1st Vice President - Gary Eudy
2nd Vice President - Vince Howard
Secretary - Scott Chinery, P.E.
Treasurer - Andy Babson, E.I.
North Carolina was the 12th state to organize an ASHE Section. North Carolina was introduced to the National Organization in April 1991. The Triangle Region is composed of the three cities of Chapel Hill (home of the University of North Carolina), Durham (home of Duke University), and Raleigh (home of North Carolina State University) in the north central part of North Carolina. These three cities all lie within 30 miles of each other and on a map form a triangular shape, centered by the Research Triangle Park. On August 29, 1991, the Carolina Triangle Section was formed by a steering committee of individuals from the Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Department of Transportation, local municipalities, private engineering firms, and the highway construction industry. On January 23, 1992, the Carolina Triangle Section marked a historic milestone when it was chartered with a record 186 members. The Carolina Triangle Section currently has over 230 members from the public and private sector of the transportation industry. Dinner meetings are usually held at the NCSU University Club in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In May 1993, the Carolina Triangle Section began a scholarship program to support students interested in studying highway-related topics. Over the years, the Carolina Triangle Section has provided over 40 students with scholarships. The top scholarship, the Bob Pearson Scholarship, is named after the late Bob Pearson, the founding Section President and the first member recognized as the Carolina Triangle Section Man of The Year. Since 1994, funding for the scholarship has been largely sponsored by profits from the Section’s annual golf tournament.

During Section meetings, golf tournaments, and social events, members and their guests enjoy the opportunity to network with other professionals in the highway industry and share information, experiences, and friendships. The general section meeting features keynote speakers discussing current highway-related issues and projects. The section also sponsors technical training sessions to keep members current on the latest highway subjects. Our section’s Century Club is comprised of companies who have donated $100 or more during the current year to subsidize cost associated with general meetings and social events.

In conjunction with the Carolina Piedmont and Georgia Regional Section, the Carolina Triangle Section sponsored the 1999 National ASHE Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. The Conference was called ASHEville ‘99. The Conference was held in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains during the Memorial Day weekend.

North Carolina ASHE continues to be a viable educational and networking tool for highway-related professionals in the state. The membership continues to grow annually.

The Carolina Triangle Section maintains a website at www.carolinatriangle.org

**Carolina Triangle Presidents**

- Robert Pearson, P.E.
- Robert Pearson, P.E.
- David Cochran, P.E.
- William Gilmore, P.E.
- Ronald Fitzula, P.E.
- Charlie Flowe, P.E.
- Calvin Leggett, P.E.
- Doug Saunders, P.E.
- Harry Thompson, P.E.
- Scott Boyles, P.E.
- Debbie Barbour, P.E.
- Tim Reid, P.E.
- Art McMillan, P.E.
- Tom Goodwin, P.E.
- Dewayne Sykes, P.E.
- Jeff Moore, P.E.
- Brenda Moore, P.E.
Formation of ASHE Georgia

The Georgia Section began in 1996 through the efforts of Frances Gallagher. Frances had been a member of ASHE in Florida, and believed the organization to be a perfect fit for Georgia’s emerging and rapidly growing highway design and construction family. She recruited a core group of colleagues as an organizing committee to help promote the idea of a Georgia Section, and ASHE Georgia was off and running. The organizing committee represented a broad spectrum of the highway construction industry, including the Georgia Department of Transportation, private consultants, roadway contractors, and others. The first meeting of the prospective Section was held on March 26, 1997, to test interest and was an overwhelming success. On February 5, 1998, the Georgia Section was officially Chartered, represented by some 80 Charter Members and 33 Charter Firms with Frances Gallagher serving as the first Georgia Section President.

An initial organizational meeting was held on December 18, 1996, at HNTB Corporate Office. Frances Gallagher chaired the meeting. Participants were Frances Gallagher, Tom Morton, Carol Bowler, Dominic Saulino, Tom Ziegler and Frank Danchez.

The Section was chartered on February 5, 1998. The Charter meeting was held at Cross Creek Cafe in Atlanta, Georgia. The program included a social hour, invocation, dinner, introduction of guests, remarks from ASHE National, the installation of the Charter Officers, installation of the Charter Members, the signing of the Charter, and adjournment. Approximately 110 people attended the charter meeting.

Jim McGee Scholarship

The Georgia Section of ASHE awards two scholarships to collegiate undergrads from local engineering schools each year. The scholarship was christened the Jim McGee Scholarship by the ASHE Board in 2004, after the passing of Jim McGee.

Jim McGee was known for his wisdom, judgment, professionalism, and integrity. During his 45 years in the transportation industry, Mr. McGee contributed to countless projects that were vital to the success of Georgia’s infrastructure. From 1951 to 1955, Mr. McGee served in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator. After his service in the armed forces, Jim received Bachelors (continued on page 106)
and Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech. While working on his Masters, he began a career of 32 years with the Georgia Department of Transportation. While at the Department, his responsibilities included Senior Materials Test Engineer, State Highway Maintenance Engineer, Director of Administration in the Office of State Aid, Director of Planning and Programming, and Deputy Commissioner. Following his distinguished career in the public sector, Mr. McGee entered the consulting engineering practice, where he was essential to the growth and success of the transportation department at Jordan, Jones, and Goulding. In 2002, he co-founded McGee Partners, where he served as Chairman and CEO. Jim McGee was a skillful engineer, a good businessman, a devoted family man, and a true friend to many.

The ASHE Georgia Section hosts an annual golf tournament each May. The proceeds from this golf tournament fund the Jim McGee Scholarship Fund.

Section Awards

2006 & 2007 - Gene G. Smith Award for the largest increase in membership for two years in a row.

Individual Awards Won by Section Members

Wayne Shackelford - Person of the Year/Robert E. Pearson Award

Meetings

The ASHE Georgia Section meets the third Friday of the month for lunch. The meeting agenda consists of registration and networking, lunch, Section news announced by the President, a fifteen minute technical speaker, a five minute schmooze session where members pass out business cards to each other, and then a guest speaker.

Typically the 15-minute technical speaker is someone from GDOT. Past speakers have included John Hart from the Office of Environment and Location, Lisa Meyers GDOT’s VE Coordinator, and other representatives from GDOT.

Past speakers have included Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl, Head of Consultant Design, Mr. Babs Abubakari, and Dr. Mike Meyers - Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Georgia Tech.

ASHE Georgia’s “Typical” Annual Calendar

January - Business Meeting
February - Winter Poker Tournament
March - Technical Session
April - Field Trip
May - Spring Golf Tournament
June - Monthly Meeting
July - Poker Tournament
August - Bowling Tournament
September - Monthly Meeting
October - Monthly Meeting
November - Joint Meeting/Transportation Summit
December - GPTQ

Membership

Our membership has increased 200% in the past three years, going from 240 members in 2004 to 476 members for 2007. Of the 476 members in the Georgia Section, 91% work in the private sector, 8% work in the public sector, such as GDOT and local County Governments, and 1% are retired.

Georgia Section Presidents

1989-1999 Frances Gallagher
1999-2000 Thomas Ziegler
2000-2001 Bruce Schmidt
2001-2002 Bob Goehring
2002-2003 Alan Hunley
2003-2004 Amy Etheridge
2004-2005 Michael Haithcock
2005-2006 Michael Haithcock
2006-2007 Rhonda Davis
2007-2008 Nikki Reutlinger

Georgia Section Secretaries

1989-2003 Tom Morton
2003-2008 Richard Meehan

Georgia Section Treasurers

1989-2002 Dom Saulino
2002-2008 Michael Bywaletz

Georgia Section Regional Representatives

1999-2000 Frances Gallagher
2000-2008 Thomas Ziegler
ASHE in Middle Tennessee began with an organizational meeting on January 20, 2005. We were fortunate to have a wide spectrum of backgrounds represented at the meeting including the Tennessee Department of Transportation, utility companies, consulting engineers, contractors, and materials providers. Since our primary goal for starting an ASHE Section was to promote dialogue between professionals working in the highway business, we considered this a promising start.

David Jones and Tom Zeigler of the Central Ohio and Georgia Sections attended and provided advice for what it takes to start a Section. Our first step towards this end was to elect officers. We also formed our first committees: Program and Membership. Both committees remain instrumental to our success to-date.

Our primary success in Middle Tennessee was the recognition that there was a need for monthly lunch technical meetings concerning issues relevant to people in the highway industry. We have been fortunate to have strong involvement from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to provide members and speakers. In addition to the monthly meetings, we also provide an annual all-day technical seminar to provide information of current trends and activities in the highway industry. The Technical Seminar is also an inexpensive way to earn Professional Development Hours. We have also had social gatherings and member appreciation meetings.

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Middle Tennessee’s Charter Membership in 2005 totaled 96 and has grown annually. We have had considerable support from local firms and agencies for our Century Club. The Century Club provides an opportunity for firms or agencies to become a sponsor of Middle Tennessee ASHE and insures our continued growth and influence. We provide recognition of all Century Club sponsors at meetings. We have consistently had approximately 20 Century Club sponsors each year.

Milestones of Middle Tennessee ASHE are provided below. We look forward to having many more in the future.

Technical Meetings
- Charter Meeting
- TDOT’s Migration to Microstation V8
- TDOT’s SmartFix Program
- Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance
- TDOT’s 25 Year Long Range
- Transportation Plan

2006-2007
We had 148 members in 2006-2007

Officers
President: Larry Ridlen, P.E.
Vice President: Mark Holloran, P.E.
2nd Vice President: Brad Winkler, P.E.
Secretary: Jon Storey, P.E.
Treasurer: Mike Sewell P.E./Matt Goette P.E.

Technical Meetings
- All Day Technical Seminar (6 PDH’s)
- City of Franklin Ongoing and Future Transportation Projects
- TDOT’s Traffic Noise Policy and Type II Abatement Program
- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Design Build Project Delivery
- Laser Scanning Technology and Application (Surveying)
- TDOT’s New Local Programs Process
- Tour of TDOT’s Traffic Management Center
- Public Private Initiatives

Awards
ASHE’s George Hart Award for highest membership percentage increase

2007-2008
We are in the process of renewing our membership for 2007-2008

Officers
President: Mark Holloran, P.E.
Vice President: Brad Winkler, P.E.
2nd Vice President: Greg Duncan, P.E.
Secretary: Jon Storey, P.E.
Treasurer: Matt Goette, P.E.

Technical Meetings
All Day Technical Seminar (6 PDH’s)
Region 9, which covers the entire State of Florida, was formed by ASHE National in 1992. Over the years this Region has grown to five Sections (Central Florida, Gold Coast, North Florida, Northeast Florida, and Tampa Bay). However, the North Florida Section (Tallahassee, Florida and the Panhandle area) recently relinquished its charter in 2007 due to a lack of membership participation.

On January 27, 1993, the Central Florida Section, which covers the Orlando area, was the first Section chartered in Region 9. Today, this Section maintains a current membership of approximately 150 members. In 1995, ASHE National Board of Directors awarded this Section with the Gene G. Smith Award for the largest percentage increase in new members. Two of the biggest highlights, however, for this Section occurred in 1996. During this year, the Central Florida Section created a Student Chapter at the University of Central Florida. Also, the National Conference was hosted by this Section. Net proceeds from the National Conference allowed the Central Florida Section to establish a student scholarship fund for ASHE Student Members at the University of Central Florida.

The Gold Coast Section, which covers Ft. Lauderdale and Miami, Florida, was chartered on July 29, 1998 with 36 members. Today, the current membership stands at approximately 55 members. This Section took pride in assisting with the 2004 National Conference held in the Jacksonville, Florida area.

The Northeast Florida Section of Region 9 was chartered on October 15, 1996 and currently maintains a membership enrollment of approximately 300 members. This Section of Region 9 has been very active over the years. Some highlights include the establishment of a perpetual endowment scholarship at the University of North Florida, as well as the development of an ASHE Student Chapter at this University in 2004. Also, in 2004 the National Conference was hosted by Region 9 in Ponte Vedra, Florida, where this Section played a significant role in organizing the event. Some other achievements for this Section include the Gene G. Smith Award in years 2004 and 2005 and the George K. Hart Award (for the largest percent increase in membership) in years 2002 and 2005.

July 12, 1995, the Tampa Bay Section was chartered with 113 original members. Today, this Section, which covers Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg, Florida, maintains a membership from both the public and private sectors of approximately 100 people. In 1996, this Section received the George K. Hart Award from ASHE National. Another major highlight for this Section is the establishment of a perpetual endowment scholarship fund for a deserving undergraduate engineering student from the University of South Florida (USF). In June 2007 a $25,000 check was presented to USF in front of its members at a dinner meeting.

All Sections within Region 9 hold monthly meetings in which interesting guest speakers provide insight on important transportation projects in the area or share knowledge pertaining to new technological advances in our industry. Furthermore, each Section continues to strive for excellence in promoting our industry to college students in order to spark interest in the transportation engineering and highway construction field.

Since the inception of Region 9, there have been six Regional Directors that have participated on the National Board. Those members from past to present include: Cooper Curtis, P.E. (deceased), John McDowell, P.E., Vince Howard, P.E., Leila Nodarse, P.E., Steve Tidwell (deceased), and Nancy Buchanan, P.E. It should be noted the Cooper Curtis was instrumental in organizing the first Section in Region 9 (i.e., the Central Florida Section in Orlando). Furthermore, Mr. Curtis was the first representative from Region 9 to hold the title of ASHE National President. He served in that capacity during 2001 until his illness resulted in his resigning from the position.

Our current Regional Director, Nancy Buchanan, P.E., will complete her three year term in May 2008. But before departing her position, she will be instrumental in forming a Region 9 Board of Directors, as well as establishing a set of By-Laws for our Region, as requested by the National Board of Directors. Those people assisting her in this endeavor are Sectional Directors Jacklyn VanderPol (Central Florida Section), Kumar Allady, P.E. (Gold Coast Section), Greg Dutton, P.E. (Northeast Florida Section), and Rob Fulp, P.E. (Tampa Bay Section).
On April 22, 1992, Mr. Raymond A. Petrucci, ASHE National New Section Committee Chairman, contacted the Orlando Office of HNTB to set an organizational dinner meeting on May 21, 1992. Twelve people attended this meeting, which was held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton. Following that initial meeting, it was decided to have a formation committee meeting. Letters were sent to numerous governmental agencies, consultants, and contractors to solicit interest in attending a formation meeting. Eleven individuals attended this meeting. Several more formation meetings were held resulting in the first official dinner meeting on September 30, 1992.

The formation committee selected Section Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen. A regular monthly meeting location was selected and an active recruitment of new members was undertaken. On January 27, 1993, over 120 members attended a Charter Meeting at the Homestyle Family Buffet in Orlando. Mr. Albert W. Kozel, Jr., ASHE National President, installed the first Section Officers and Directors, which included President-George Gross; President-Elect-Cooper Curtis; Vice-President-John Dittmeier; Secretary-Frank Van Pelt III; Treasurer-Bob Minsch; and Directors-Gerald Warren, Rusty Sievers, Peter Varnum, Charles Sukanek, Peter Markham, and Robert Correll.

From the beginning, one of the primary goals of the Board of Directors has been to provide interesting and informative programs, which can be enjoyed by our diverse membership. Some programs have been very technical such as metrication, maintenance of traffic, rubberized asphalt application, superpave, alternate contracting systems and design-build applications to name a few topics. Other programs were informative such as annual work programs for the FDOT and the local counties and cities; impacts of ISTEA on the local area; county problems; new signing and marking materials; and subsurface utility evaluation. To encourage many members to attend the meetings, the meal costs have been kept to a minimum.

In addition to the technical programs, the members have been encouraged to socialize before and after the program. Since 2000, at least one meeting per year has been devoted to socializing and having a festive time. Events have included a Mardi gras party, a St. Patrick’s Day Party, and themed dinner parties.

Due to the competition for member participation with other professional organizations, the Section has held several joint meetings on local topics of interest. These joint meetings have included the America Society of Civil Engineers-Transportation Group, Florida Engineering Society-Transportation Group, and the Women Transportation Society. These joint meetings have been well attended with as many 150 people in attendance.

To keep the members informed of future meetings and general happenings in the local area, a newsletter was initiated in 1994. A contest was held to name the newsletter. Cooper Curtis had the winning name, “The Roadrunner”. To help defray the cost of the newsletter, advertisements were obtained from local consultants and vendors. In 2001, the Board decided to change to an electronic newsletter for all members who had e-mail. This format allowed the Section to add color, to have a much larger newsletter, and to save about $2,000 per year in printing and mailing costs. Until 2005 approximately 15% of the membership continued to receive the newsletter by mail. However, in 2004, the Section launched a local website. Once the website was fully functional the newsletter was totally discontinued. The website has proven to be very useful providing a means to announce meetings and other activities, maintaining membership information and as a source of revenue through advertisements from local firms. All communication to the membership is through the website and e-mails.

To increase awareness of ASHE in the community it was decided in 1994 to participate in the Seminole County Adopt-a-Road Program. Six to fifteen members picked up trash on one of the

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**Central Florida**

- **Section Name:** Central Florida
- **Charter Date:** January 27, 1993
- **Charter Members:** 120
- **Location:** Orlando, FL
local roads three or four times per year. This was a very
successful program for ASHE and the community. However
in 2005, this program was dropped as participation was
very poor. It was decided to pursue other community
activities.

No ASHE Section had ever had a Student Chapter until
Central Florida started one at the University of Central
Florida (UCF) in 1996. The idea started in February 1995
at a Board Meeting. After meeting with several UCF
Professors on several different occasions, Dr. Mohammed
Aty agreed to be the university sponsor for ASHE and
continues to be the sponsor. To get the Student Chapter
started, the Section agreed to give an Annual Scholarship
to a UCF Student. The Section actively participates with
the Chapter and membership has grown to more than 100
members. The Chapter holds monthly luncheon meetings
with a program pertaining to transportation during the
regular school year. A Section Member has been assigned
as liaison to the Chapter and to provide speakers and
lunch for the students. The Section has been holding an
annual meeting with the Student Chapter since 1999 to
courage interaction with those student members who are
looking for part-time or full time employment. Many of the
students have found part-time and full-time employment
with consulting firms and agencies in the Central Florida
area. In 2007 three student chapter members each were
awarded a $1,500 scholarship.

One of the largest events for the Central Florida Section
was the 1996 National Conference held at the Orlando
Hyatt. This was a huge two-year effort for our Section.
The National Conference had two full days of technical
sessions and for the first time professional development
hours were made available to the attendees. This was
a highly successful event with over 500 members and
guests attending. Financially the National Conference was
very successful for the Section. With the profits from the
National Conference, the Section is able to annually fund
scholarships and other beneficial community activities.
Other uses for the profits has included a $5,000 donation
to the 9/11 Fund in 2001 and a $5,000 donation to the
local Safe Roads Campaign, which was sponsored by FDOT
and a local cable channel to promote safe driving through
construction zones.

Another first for the Section was in 1993, when the official
count on the number of Charter Members was determined
to be 207. This was the largest number of Charter Members
in the history of ASHE. In 1995, the Section earned the
Gene K. Smith Award for the largest percentage increase in
new members. This same award was won in 1996.

Following the National Conference, the Section Membership
has been declining. Efforts are presently underway to
actively recruit new members. Orlando has a large potential
membership base, but there is great competition for
potential transportation industry members from several
professional organizations. Due to this competition
for members the local Section lost about 100 members
between 2003 and 2006. As of June 2007 the membership
has stabilized at 152.

In 1995, the Section held its first annual golf tournament.
The purpose was two-fold; have a social event for the
membership and raise some money for a Scholarship Fund.
The first event had 50 participants. Everyone had a great
time and the Section was able to raise about $1,000 for a
Scholarship. This continues to be an annual event and in
November 2006, 121 people played golf, had a great time,
and helped to raise $6,000 for scholarships. Three $1,500
Scholarships, which are named in memory of Cooper Curtis,
were awarded to three students at the University of Central
Florida. All award recipients were members of the UCF
ASHE Student Chapter.

The Section Membership continues to be active on the
local, Region, and National level. The membership has
helped start four Sections in the State and to improve the
visibility of ASHE around the State by joint participation
with other transportation industry organizations at
statewide events. This joint participation idea has also
been used on the local level to improve the Section’s
visibility on the local level. The Central Florida Section has
been selected to hold the 2011 National Conference.
Subsequent to the inception of the ASHE Society, ASHE Regions and Sections eventually sprouted up in the northeastern United States and along the eastern seaboard. Florida was one of the more recent states to organize an ASHE Section and was introduced to the National Organization in 1992.

Eventually in July of 1998, the Gold Coast Section was chartered with 36 members. The newly formed Gold Coast Section was founded by the leadership and efforts of Mario Echagarrua, Joan Gould, and Jamie Cochran, who are known to be the founders of our Section. Most of the membership has come from the private sector, but we have had consistent support and participation from the public sector, primarily FDOT District 4, as well as Broward County Traffic Engineering, and Broward County Engineering.

Since its inception, the Gold Coast Section has held regular quarterly dinner meetings which include informative speakers and programs relevant to important highway industry issues and projects, including information on major Design Build Projects, presentations of new technologies in use by the Turnpike District, as well as presentation on future work programs and the ever changing FDOT business climate.

The Gold Coast Section has also had a long term history with the engineering magnet program at Stranahan High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This relationship has involved taking the students to multiple South Florida area major construction sites, including the Ft. Lauderdale Airport/US-1 Interchange, the Okeechobee Road/US 27 depressed roadway/underpass, the Royal Park Bridge replacement, as well as the Rinker Rock Quarry and the Broward County Traffic Engineering-FDOT joint Traffic Operations Center.

The Gold Coast Section has also published monthly newsletters at periods throughout our history.

We have awarded scholarships for engineering students at area colleges and universities.

In 2004, the Gold Coast Section actively participated in the preparation for and execution of the 2004 ASHE National Conference, held in Ponte Vedra, Florida. This was the first ASHE National Conference to be chaired by Region 9 (all of Florida) rather than an individual Florida Section. Public Relations and Advertising Committees for the Conference were chaired by Will Suero and Kumar A. Allady of our Section. Gold Coast’s involvement included creation and management of a contact database of previous National Conferences and was used by the North Florida Section for initial mailing and procuring advertisements for the program book. Layout and creation of the program book was also one of the tasks of the Public Relations and Advertising Committee.

Gold Coast Past Presidents

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The Northeast Florida Section was chartered in 1995, under the leadership of Bob Goehring, P.E.

**Section Presidents**
- John McDowell, P.E.
- Dave Metcalf, P.E.
- Vince Howard, P.E.
- Bill Warden, P.E.
- Nancy Buchanan, P.E.
- Dave Evans, P.E.
- Lisa Wolff
- Mary Holm, P.E.

In 2001, the local community’s activity in ASHE had deteriorated and the Section was on the brink of dissolving. At that time it was realized that the strength of an organization lies in the membership. Under the leadership of Bill Warden the Northeast Florida Section Board was formed. The Board met monthly, created its goals, and began to strategize as to how to achieve these goals, thus creating a strong and viable Section. To this day, the Section Board meets monthly; several members include those who served in 2001. The commitment and dedication of the 2001 Board Members has proved to be contagious throughout the local community.

The 2007/2008 Northeast Florida Section Board is comprised of 13 members and 17 Committees: Audit, Budgets, Community Outreach, Ethics/Constitution/By-Laws, Golf Tournament, Historian, Membership, Member Involvement/Committee Development, Nominating, Programs (Monthly-Technical), Public Relations (Newsletter, Sponsorships, and Website), Scholarships/Endowment, Student Chapter, and Strategic Planning.

Since 2001, the Section has increased its membership to nearly 300, with approximately one-third of the membership active in Section activities. With the addition of numerous committees and new members’ interest in serving the Section, it became clear in 2007 that we needed a single point of contact for our new members. Our Member Involvement/Committee Development serves that need.

In 2004, the Section created a Perpetual Endowment Scholarship at the University of North Florida. The Endowment, funded by the Section’s monthly 50/50 raffle and the Annual Section Golf Tournament, provides enough funds for two annual scholarships.

Scholarships are presented in February during Engineers Week. In addition to the two scholarships funded by the Endowment, the Section presents a third scholarship from additional proceeds raised though the golf tournament.

The local community’s support of ASHE is evident through the Section’s Sponsorship Opportunity Program. Without the generosity of local corporations, many Section activities would not be possible. In addition to Sponsor Recognition Boards on display at monthly programs, the Section’s Annual Corporate Sponsors are recognized through the local website and the First Coast Interchange, the Section’s quarterly newsletter.

Programs are the heart of our Section. The Programs Committee meets monthly to provide the Section with educational and informative programs throughout the entire year. They include field trips, socials, and technical programs which allow attendees to earn CEUs.

Our Student Chapter, at the University of North Florida, was established in 2004. The Chapter elects its Board annually, and continues to grow and become more organized each passing year. Student members routinely participate in the Section’s activities.

The Community Outreach Committee has coordinated Toys for Tots during the holiday season for the past three years. Most recently, the Committee spearheaded the partnering efforts with the Annie R. Morgan Elementary School to provide tutoring, mentoring, and financial support.

Northeast Florida Section continues to participate in Engineers Week. Past years activities and support include the hosting of the Awards Banquet, Casino Night, Corporate Sponsorships, and Jacksonville’s local Engineers Week publication, Engineering the First Coast.

2006 National Conference Awareness: By selling raffle tickets, the Section was able to send two its members to the 2006 ASHE National Conference held in Atlantic City, NJ. The Section’s Awareness Program was generously supported by Section members, program attendees, and corporate sponsors.

Northeast Florida Section National Awards
- **Gene G. Smith Award** (Largest Number of New Members)
  - 2004 - 34 New Members
  - 2005 - 62 New Members

- **George K. Hart** (Largest Percent Increase in Membership)
  - 2002 and 2005
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Below are the Tampa Bay Section Presidents as well as the 18 active Tampa Bay Section Charter Members who currently remain on the Section Roster. The Tampa Bay Section currently has over 120 members from the combined public and private sectors of the transportation industry, and its numbers are growing.

In April of 2000, the Board of Directors initiated a Scholarship Program in association with the Engineering Department of the University of South Florida. The goal of the program was to promote the highway industry by increasing its visibility and to assist aspiring students who wished to pursue careers in various related fields in the highway industry. The principle funding mechanism for the Tampa Bay Scholarship Fund has been the annual golf tournament. On September 7, 2005, the Tampa Bay Section awarded its first $1,000 Scholarship to Mr. Jorge Javier Fuentes. Just recently, our Section awarded its second $1,000 Scholarship to Mr. Thomas Lyle.

Since its inception, the Tampa Bay Section has held regular monthly dinner meetings which have included informative speakers and programs relevant to important highway industry issues and projects. The Tampa Bay Section has also chaired numerous Transportation Super Sessions and held joint meetings with other Tampa Bay Engineering Societies. The Section publishes a newsletter to keep the local membership informed about the Society, the Section, and its members. In addition to our monthly meetings and the annual golf tournaments, our Section holds Adopt-a-Highway clean-ups as well as social events, such as tailgate parties at professional sporting events. One of the Section’s first philanthropic projects was to help refurbish the local McCord-Bolesta Speech and Hearing Center. The Bolesta Center, located on Estrella Street in Tampa, has been dedicated to teaching deaf children to communicate using speech to help them live a more normal life in their community, and to adjust to our predominately speaking and hearing society. At all of these events, members and their guests enjoy the opportunity to network with other professionals in the highway industry, share information and experiences as well as just catch up with old friends.

Two years ago, the Tampa Bay Section co-chaired the 2004 ASHE National Conference which was held in Ponte Vedra, Florida. This was the first ASHE National Conference to be chaired by Region 9 (all of Florida) rather than an individual Florida Section.

The Tampa Bay Section continues to be an excellent platform for bringing transportation and highway-related professionals together in the Tampa Bay area to network and share innovations and technical information.

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### Active Charter Members

- Eugene Balter
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- Jim Collins
- Philip Erbland
- Andrew Fickett
- Anthony Filippelo
- Charlie Herndon
- Tracy Hood
- Louis Mahiquez
- Eugene Balter
- Richard (Larry) Buster
- John Novak
- Michael Osipov
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- Sally Prescott
- Janet Sass
- Thomas Slaughter
- David Vekasi
**Section Chartered Dates and Locations**

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The following Sections have been dissolved:
- Indiana – Indiana, Pennsylvania
- Kanawaka Valley – West Virginia
- Charlestown – West Virginia
- Ohio Valley – Ohio
- North Florida – Florida
- Western Reserve - Ohio
Model Law Changes – The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) adopted changes to the Model Law pertaining to increased educational requirements for candidates for the licensure examination. The issue was researched and feedback from the membership was solicited in order to formulate a position. ASHE prepared a letter opposing the NCEES Model Law changes and forwarded to each state’s Registration Board.

ASHE Scholarships – Region 6 secured tax-exempt status for the 2007 National Conference. This effort yielded a trust established specifically for the purpose of providing financial support for students in the transportation industry. Seeing the contribution one Region awards to young people, the Regional Directors were charged with compiling scholarship award information from all sections. The overall amount of scholarships awarded by our Sections/Regions is significant ($550,000 over the last several years). This significant contribution to the highway industry will be promoted and discussions for the future opportunities for National assistance in local scholarship programs were initiated with follow-up discussions anticipated.

By-Law Submissions by Sections and Regions – As Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee early in my National Board tenure, these rules and governing documents were amended. The process of updating the Section and Region By-Laws was also initiated with Calvin Leggett, P.E. (Carolina Triangle) completing the bulk of this effort.

Arrangements for the 50th Anniversary National Past-Presidents Luncheon – The National Conference host (Region 4) for this milestone celebration relinquished the Past President’s Luncheon event to the ASHE National Board. Special guests were invited and distinguished awards were presented.

During my term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2007-2008, I attended and participated at the following events:

- May 26, 2007: Installed as President at National Conference in Atlantic City, NJ
- July 11, 2007: Executive Board Meeting held in Hollidaysburg, PA
- August 9, 2007: Clearfield Section Picnic in Clearfield, PA
- September 13, 2007: Mid-Allegheny Section Dinner Meeting in Indiana, PA
- September 19, 2007: Lake Erie Section Luncheon in Cleveland, OH
- September 22, 2007: Pittsburgh Section’s Past Presidents’ Banquet in Pittsburgh, PA
- October 17, 2007: Altoona Section Dinner Meeting in Altoona, PA
- October 23, 2007: Joint Ohio Sections Luncheon in Columbus, OH
- October 27, 2007: National Board Meeting in Charlotte, NC
- November 7, 2007: Chartering Ceremony for the Blue Ridge Section in Roanoke, VA
- January 12, 2008: National Board Meeting in Orlando, FL
- February 20, 2008: Franklin Section Dinner Meeting in Franklin, PA
- March 12, 2008: Annual Person of the Year Award Banquet in Flatwoods, WV – North Central West Virginia – Presented Award to Mr. Jim Sothen, P.E.
- April 5, 2008: National Board Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- April 7, 2008: Harrisburg Section Dinner Meeting in Camp Hill, PA
- May 14, 2008: Joint PennDOT - Altoona Section Seminar – Installation of Officers in Hollidaysburg, PA
- May 21, 2008: First State Section Dinner Meeting in Christiana, DE
- June 14, 2008: Presidency term complete at the 50th Anniversary National Conference in Hershey, PA
Richard S. Prentice

One of the goals of our Strategic Plan is to increase our visibility. Our image needed to be overhauled and brought into the 21st Century. Sandy Ivory, our Public Relations Chair, led the charge. She updated the ASHE logo so it was uniform throughout the entire organization, she developed a colorful replacement for our old and dated trifold, and we now advertise ASHE in the national trade magazine Roads & Bridges. She was successful on all counts. She is now looking into improving our Exhibit Booth Display. The old ASHE displays are cumbersome, so she is investigating the options that are available: use our existing displays but replace the pictures and information; or replace our display with a new light weight model. Our Technical Committee Chair, Drew Bitner, has helped improve our image too. He made a significant improvement to the ASHE SCANNER by moving from black and white to full color. Our Spring issue was the first to be printed in-color, and it has certainly enhanced the look of our SCANNER magazine. And improvements to the ASHE Website are currently underway. Consistency in the appearance of the ASHE Logo, Display, SCANNER, and Website is important, because these things increase the visibility of our Organization.

Another goal of our Strategic Plan is to increase our membership. Clearly, the growth of ASHE is very important. Prior to my Presidency, I attended the Charter Ceremonies of the New York Metro Section (2004), the Potomac Highlands Section (2005), and the Middle Tennessee Section (2005) because I felt that it was important to support to these new Sections by showing a National presence. As President, I have chartered the Derby City Section in Louisville Kentucky and the Central New York in Syracuse. The efforts of our New Sections Chair, Dave Jones, have kept ASHE moving in a positive direction. Growth is not limited to new Sections; our existing Sections are growing too. The Georgia Section is a good example; they increased their Section’s membership by 129 new members in just 11 months. We now have over 6,000 members in ASHE, and we should continue growing because thanks to Dave Jones, there’s interest in: Roanoke Virginia, Buffalo New York, Portland Oregon, Dallas Texas, Detroit Michigan, and Boston Massachusetts.

The National Board became aware that the membership wanted ASHE to have a voice on highway concerns. Calvin Leggett, our Legislative Review Committee Chair, developed a Legislative Network, so our Sections and Regions can share information that affects the highway industry. As the Congressional Study Groups present their results and findings, our information exchange should increase as the reauthorization discussion begins. This will enable us to be heard at both the federal and state levels.

Both our National Constitution and National By-Laws were revised by our Constitution/By-Laws Chair, Perry Schweiss. This was a daunting task, but he got it done. Now he’s focused his attention to ensuring that the Sections and Regions revise their By-Laws so that they are in conformance with the National By-Laws. This effort is still ongoing and should be completed within the next several months.

The vision of our Strategic Plan is to become a nationally recognized forum for members and partners of the highway industry. As National President, I felt that I should lead this effort by carry the ASHE name throughout the country, to areas where we flourish and to areas where we were unknown. I have visited most of the Sections and all of the Regions spreading the need to work together in more cooperative ways and to provide a single voice for the highway industry.

During my term as the National President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, I attended and participated at the following events:

June 2006

3 ~ Attended the National Conference at the Marriott’s Kings Mill Hotel in Williamsburg Virginia from May 31 to June 4, 2006
  • June 3 ~ Received the National Gavel from Ron Purvis and then gave my
acceptance speech at the National Conference Banquet, Williamsburg, VA
- June 4 ~ Led the National Board Meeting, Williamsburg, VA
7 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Section’s special tour of Villanova University’s new Material Testing Laboratory, Villanova, PA
9 ~ Attended Villanova University’s Meritorious Service Awards Dinner, recognizing Pat Dougherty (a Past National President) for all his achievements, Villanova, PA

July 2006
21 ~ Spoke at the 75th Anniversary Ceremony of the first Pinchot Road Project, New Berry Township, PA. This was a joint effort by PennDOT’s District 8 and the Harrisburg Section
- This event was covered by WMPT Fox43, a local TV station in Harrisburg, PA. Following the ceremony, I was interviewed by the FOX43 reporter.

August 2006
2 ~ Attended the Region 6 Summer Board Meeting, West Trenton, NJ
15 ~ Met with the President and Officer Manager of Orth-Rodgers Associates about starting an ASHE Section in the Las Vegas area, Las Vegas, NV
28 ~ Led the Executive Committee Meeting, Hollidaysburg, PA

September 2006
12 ~ Attended the Northeast Penn Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Dunmore, PA
14 ~ Attended the Mid-Alleghany Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Indiana, PA
15 ~ Attended the Harrisburg Section’s joint ASHE-PSPE-ASCE Picnic Bar-B-Q, Lower Allen Township, PA
19 ~ Had dinner with the Central Dacotah Section President, Treasurer and Past President, Bismarck, ND
20 ~ Attended the Central Dacotah Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Luncheon, Bismarck, ND
22 ~ Met with the Office Managers of Urban Engineers and Gannett Fleming Engineers about starting an ASHE Section in the Phoenix area, Phoenix, AZ
27 ~ Attended the Greater Valley Forge TMA Conference, King of Prussia, PA

October 2006
3 ~ Attended a tour of the PA Turnpike’s Susquehanna River Bridge Construction Project at Steelton, PA
- This tour was arranged by the Harrisburg Section.
4 ~ Spoke at the Derby City Section Charter Ceremony Dinner and then inducted the new Derby City Section’s Board of Directors, Louisville, KY
14 ~ Spoke at the Pittsburgh Section’s Past Presidents Banquet, Pittsburgh, PA
15 ~ Attended the National Committee Meetings, Atlantic City, NJ
16 ~ Led the National Board Meeting, Atlantic City, NJ
17 ~ Spoke at the Central New York Section Pre-charter Dinner Meeting, Syracuse, NY
18 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Section Board Meeting and then their spoke at their Section Dinner, King of Prussia, PA
19 ~ Gave the welcome speech at the Region 6 Seminar, New York, NY
24 ~ Attended the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference, Columbus, OH
24 ~ Attended the Region 1 Board Meeting and then spoke at their Region 1 Luncheon, Columbus, OH

November 2006
2 ~ Attended the Carolina Triangle Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Raleigh, NC
8 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Engineer’s Week Engineer of the Year elections at the Philadelphia Engineers Club, Philadelphia, PA
14 ~ Attended the Carolina Piedmont Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Luncheon, Charlotte, NC
15 ~ Attended Delaware’s Transportation Systems Workshop, Dover, DE
16 ~ Spoke at the New York Metro Section Dinner, New York, NY
21 ~ Attended the North-Central New Jersey Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Scotch Plains, NJ
29 ~ Attended the Philadelphia Engineers Club Luncheon, Philadelphia, PA

December 2006
6 ~ Attended the Southern New Jersey Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Mount Laurel, NJ

January 2007
5 ~ Attended the National Committee Meetings, Tampa, FL
6 ~ Led the National Board Meeting, Tampa, FL
17 ~ Attended the Franklin Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Board of Directors Dinner, Franklin, PA
18 ~ Attended the First State Section’s Man of the Year Dinner, Christiana, DE

February 2007
16 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Proclamation Luncheon, Philadelphia, PA
21 ~ Attended the Altoona Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Altoona, PA
24 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Banquet, Glassboro, NJ

March 2007
9 ~ Attended the National Committee Meetings, Cincinnati, OH
10 ~ Led the National Board Meeting, Cincinnati, OH
13 ~ Spoke at the New York Metro Section - North Central New Jersey Section Joint Dinner Meeting, Hoboken, NJ
15 ~ Spoke at the First State Section’s 20th Anniversary Dinner, Christiana, DE
20 ~ Spoke at the Greater Hampton Roads Section’s Spring Meeting, Virginia Beach, VA
21 ~ Attended the Potomac Section Dinner Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, Fairfax, VA
28 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Section Board Meeting and then spoke at their Section Dinner, King of Prussia, PA

April 2007
4 ~ Attended the Delaware Valley Science Fair as a Special Judge, Valley Forge, PA

The Delaware Valley Section annually gives an ASHE award for the best highway engineering (or transportation related) entry.
5 ~ Spoke at the Central New York Section Charter Dinner and then inducted the new Central New York Section’s Board of Directors, Syracuse, NY
10 ~ Attended the New Jersey TransAction Conference at the Tropicana Resort Hotel in Atlantic City New Jersey from April 10-12, 2007
  • April 10 ~ Manned the ASHE Display Booth, Atlantic, NJ
  • April 11 ~ Manned the ASHE Display Booth, Atlantic City, NJ
  • April 12 ~ Manned the ASHE Display Booth, Atlantic City, NJ
13 ~ Spoke at the Southern New Jersey Section Dinner Meeting and then inducted the 2007-08 Section Board of Directors, Princeton, NJ
17 ~ Spoke at the Region 5 Dinner Meeting, Hazleton, PA
  • This was their 3rd Annual Regional Meeting.
During my term as the National President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, I wrote and submitted the following articles:

National Society of Professional Engineers
America’s Highways ~ Planning for the Next 50 Years
• This article was published in the November issue of PE Magazine

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
Pennsylvania’s Highways ~ Past, Present & Future
• This article was published in the December/January issue of PE Reporter

American Society of Highway Engineers
President’s Message ~ ASHE Looking Forward
• This was published in the Fall issue of the Scanner Magazine
President’s Message ~ Mass Transit and Rail
• This was published in the Winter issue of the Scanner Magazine
President’s Message ~ Mandatory CEU’s for PE License Renewal
• This was published in the Spring issue of the Scanner Magazine
America’s Interstate Highways
• This article was published in the Spring issue of the Scanner Magazine
President’s Message ~ Congestion of the Interstates
• It was published in the Summer issue of the Scanner Magazine
The 50th Anniversary of ASHE History Book

*America’s Highways ~ Looking Back & Looking Ahead*

- This article will be published as a Chapter in the ASHE History Book

McMahon Associates, Inc. Newsletter

*Leadership Through Volunteerism*

- This article salutes those on the McMahon staff who serve as leaders in professional organizations. It was published in the November issue of the *In Motion* Newsletter

*The Past, Present & Future of Pennsylvania Highways*

- This article was published in the January issue of their *In Motion* Newsletter

In closing, I feel that I have kept my promise to serve the American Society of Highway Engineers to the best of my ability. I set an ambitious course for myself, but I felt that it was important to visit as many Regions and Sections as I could because our members are the key to this great organization. I was impressed with the talent and dedication of those leading our Regions and Sections. No matter where I traveled, the membership always made me feel welcome. It was an honor to serve as you and the highway industry.

**2005-2006**

**Ronald L. Purvis, P.E.**

President Purvis assigned Rod Pello as Chair for the Strategic Plan Committee and requested they prepare the new Strategic Plan for 2006-2009, which resulted in approval on April 8, 2006.

Several revisions were made to the National Conference Guidelines which included the assigning of a National Board rep to monitor and assist future National Conference host.

The Operations Oversight Committee, Chaired by Robert Hochevar, provided verbiage and implementation changes to the Region Guidelines for Regions to become self-supported. These were distributed to all National Directors. The Directors were asked to have all Regions properly formed by April 2006, if not already accomplished.

The National Constitution Amendments were approved (June 29, 2005) which no longer included membership grades (Senior, Member, and Associate). Amendments were made to the National By-Laws and approved April 8, 2006.

A link was added to the National Website homepage entitled, “Interview with ASHE National President Ron Purvis”.

During my term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2005-2006, I attended and participated at the following events:

- July 2005 - Attended the 2006 Conference Committee Meeting in Williamsburg, VA.
- July 2005 - Presided over the National Executive Board Meeting in Hollidaysburg, PA.
- July 2005 - Provided an interview for the Potomac Section Newsletter.
- August 2005 - Attended Middle Tennessee Chartering Meeting in Nashville, TN.
- October 2005 - Attended Pittsburgh Section’s Past Presidents Banquet.
- October 2005 - Participated in the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference.
- January 2006 - Attended the annual Franklin Section venison dinner in Franklin, PA.
- April 2006 - Spoke at the Tampa Bay Section Meeting.
- April 2006 - Attended the Region 5 Board Meeting and Joint Dinner Meeting in Hazleton, PA.
- May 2006 - Attended the Southwest Penn Section Meeting at the Stone Villa Winery.
Rodney P. Pello, P.E.

Perry Schweiss, Chair of the National Constitution/By-Laws Committee, was asked to initiate revisions to be made to the National Constitution and By-Laws.

The Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Sandy Ivory, developed the new ASHE logo and letterhead format and which was distributed to all Sections for their use.

The Operations Oversight Committee, Chaired by Robert Hochevar, revised the Regional Organization Guidelines in the Section Operating Manual.

The National Board approved motion to eliminate the current no assessment payment from March 1st to May 31st of the fiscal year for new members effective June 1, 2005.

Potomac Highland Section located in Burlington, WV was chartered on January 26, 2005, with (49) chartering members.

The contract with Jackie Vanderpol, of Fulcrum International Career Site/Job, was approved with a link added to the National Website.

During my term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2004-2005, I attended and participated at the following events:

- October 2004 - Attended the Ohio ASHE Luncheon held at the OTEC Conference in Columbus, OH and attended Region 1 Meeting following the luncheon.
- November 2004 - Attended the Region 6 Seminar hosted by the Delaware Valley Section at King of Prussia, PA.
- January 2005 - Attended the Region 6 Board Meeting hosted by the New York Metro Section and attended the Section meeting after the Region 6 Meeting.
- January 2005 - Attended the annual venison dinner hosted by the Franklin Section.
- January 2005 - Chartered the Potomac Highlands Section at Martinsburg, WV. Approximately 60 new members were chartered and their first slate of Officers and Directors were installed.
- January 2005 - Attended the Carolina Triangle Section Meeting.
- March 2005 - Dave Jones substituted for Rod Pello at the North Central WV “Man of the Year” dinner.
- April 2005 - Attended the ASHE Region 5 Dinner. This was the first time all three Sections of Region 5 have combined for a dinner. Gary Hoffman, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, PennDOT, was the guest speaker.
- May 2005 - First State Section “Hall of Fame” dinner.
- May 2005 - Attended Southwest Penn Section Meeting.

David W. Jones, P.E.

The 2003-2006 Strategic Plan that was started during Sandra Ivory’s presidency was finalized and approved by the National Board of Directors on October 25, 2003.

Highway Reauthorization Bill was a disappointment. The President/House/Senate could not put together a compromise bill and the previous Appropriation was extended several times. Perry Schweiss headed up the Legislative Review Committee. On behalf of ASHE, I wrote Congressman Don Young concerning the Reauthorization legislation. In an effort to recruit more members onto committees, the Legislative Review Committee added Caroline Duffy of Triko Valley, Al Algazi of Southern New Jersey, Cecilia Henke of Franklin Section, and Calvin Leggett of Carolina Triangle, in addition to the National Board Members.
ASHE received request from FHWA for assistance in recruiting two Senior FHWA Executive positions. These were faxed to various Board Members and Section Presidents for assistance. (December 1, 2003)

Al Algazi headed the New Section Committee efforts by starting dialogue with a group in New York City. At the end of my term a chartering date in September was being proposed for New York City.

On October 17, 2003, Dick Prentice received notification that ASHE was certified as an IACET provider. This allowed all Sections to provide IACET CEU’s which provide greater portability to our members.

During my term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2003-2004, I attended and participated at the following events:

- October 21, 2003 – Region 6 Education Seminar, held at The College of New Jersey, over 300 people attended. Gave opening remarks
- October 25, 2003 – National Board Meeting, Christiana, Delaware.
- October 25, 2003 – Pittsburgh Section 37th Annual Past Presidents Banquet, Pittsburgh, PA.
- November 5, 2003 – Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference, Region 1 Luncheon – Attended and Spoke.
- December 9, 2003 – Met with the Executive Board in Hollidaysburg, PA to discuss Strategic Plan issues for the upcoming year.
- December 29, 2003 – Executive Committee Meeting, Altoona, PA
- January 14, 2004 – Attended and spoke at the Franklin Section Annual Venison Dinner
- January 24, 2004 – National Board Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- February 18, 2004 – Attended and spoke at the Potomac Section Meeting
- March 10, 2004 – Attended and presented ASHE, NCWA “Man of Year’ award at the Stonewall Resort.
- April 15, 2004 – Attended the New York City formation luncheon
- April 25, 2004 – National Board Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- May 20, 2004 – First State Awards Banquet, Dover, Del.
- May 25, 2004 – Central Ohio Awards Dinner, Columbus, Ohio
- June 3, 2004 – Due to a graduation conflict, I was not able to attend the Central Florida Section Annual Banquet. Sandy Ivory attended in my place.
- June 19, 2004 – Presidency ended at the 2004 ASHE Annual Conference in Ponte Verdra, Fla.

Other issues that were handled:

- Pennsylvania Partnership for Highway Quality (PPHQ) requested our participation in their Awards Program. Past President Domenic Piccolomini recruited the necessary ASHE members.
- New Jersey Quality Initiative requested ASHE participation in their Partnering Agreement, First Vice President, Rodney Pello attended and signed for ASHE.
Sandra Ivory

During my term as President, the Board and I looked into the future and saw a need to re-focus and redirect our energies to make ASHE the vibrant, professional National organization all of its members expect. So, we re-examined our Strategic Plan in order to give a clear and defined direction to our organization.

We identified the need to focus on establishing New Sections to grow our existing Sections with new members. The New Section Committee reworked the New Section Startup Procedures so that a clearer understanding of the guidelines is available to the New Sections committee members and potential leaders of New Sections.

Another area for our attention dealt with our image and our need to be nationally recognized and respected as a force in the highway industry. Many members expressed an interest in having ASHE’s voice heard on highway concerns at the Federal and State levels. The National Board members, with the help of Section leaders, are making contacts at all levels of government so we have our ideas, comments, and recommendations on the record.

The next four ASHE National Presidents were part of the Board when the Strategic Plan was re-visited in 2002-2003. They have pledged to continue with the focus, adding their own uniqueness to the Plan.

As I visited the numerous Section and Regional events during my term, I was so impressed with the people I met. The time, members’ free time in many cases, which is given to ASHE and ASHE functions are inspiring.

Such talented, enthusiastic, and dedicated folks we have in our organization – I am so proud to be part of ASHE and to have served as National President.

During my term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2002-2003, I attended and participated at the following events:

- June 20, 2002 – Attended and spoke at the 2002 Exploring Engineering and Technology Academy in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
- October 22, 2002 – Attended the 56th Annual Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Spoke at ASHE luncheon.
- October 23, 2002 – Attended ASHE Region 6 Seminar at Stanton, Delaware and gave welcoming remarks.
- November 2, 2002 – Attended and spoke at the ASHE Pittsburgh Section Past President’s Dinner in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.
- November 13, 2002 – Attended ASHE Region 6 and ASHE Delaware Valley Section Meeting.
- December 4, 2002 – Attended and spoke at the ASHE Southwest Penn Past President’s Dinner.
- December 6-7, 2002 – Conference site visit – Sawgrass, Jacksonville, Florida.
- December 12, 2002 – Attended ASHE/PENNDOT, District 9-0 Seminar and gave welcoming remarks.
- December 16, 2002 – Met with Dave Jones and Rod Pello on Strategic Plan/ASHE issues at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.
- January 15, 2003 – Attended ASHE Franklin Section Meeting.
- January 16-17, 2003 – Attended and spoke at Georgia Section Meeting.
- February 12, 2003 – Attended meeting at California University of Pennsylvania – beginning talks on starting up civil engineering technology curriculum at the University.
Cooper Curtis, P.E.

Cooper was active in ASHE since his introduction in May 1992. He was a leader in chartering the Central Florida Section in January 1993 and served as its second Section President. Led Central Florida’s effort in hosting a successful 1996 National Conference held in Orlando, FL.

Initiated Central Florida’s establishing ASHE’s first College Student Section in 1996 and established a permanent scholarship fund.

His interest in ASHE also led to the Tampa Bay Section being chartered in early 1994.

Joined the National Board in 1994 and was directly involved in four additional Sections being chartered.

During his term as President of the American Society of Highway Engineers, 2001-2002, illness was a hindrance for him during this time frame; however, he attended and participated at the following events:

- Attended and spoke at the Franklin Section annual venison dinner.
- Attended the ‘Man of the Year Banquet’ at the First State Section
- Spoke at and attended the ‘Engineering Week Banquet’ at Jacksonville, FL, which was hosted by ASHE.

Domenic M. Piccolomini, P.L.S.

Major Highlights

1. Robert E. Pearson Person of Year Award – Russell Horn, P.E., provided $1,000.00 stipend.
4. Established the National Operations Oversight Committee to review National operations and National structure effectiveness; and identify operational deficiencies.

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January 2001  North Florida Sections Charter Meeting  
Franklin Section Monthly Meeting  

February 2001  Board of Directors Meeting Region 6  
Annual Southwest Penn Valentines Dinner/Dance  

March 2001  Central Florida Annual Mardi Gras.  
FQI Conference Harrisburg.  

April 2001  Annual Man of Year Award Dinner North Central West Virginia and presented the award to Mr. Joe Deneault.  

May 2001  Harrisburg’s Annual Past Presidents Dinner  
First State Sections Annual Hall of Fame Banquet  

Charles Flowe, P.E.  
Activities and Accomplishments  
• 1999 National Conference was held in Asheville, North Carolina with a large attendance. The conference was given high marks by the attendees.  
• Established Past National President Advisory Committee to assist in maintaining continuity of the organization and to capture the collective wisdom and experience of the past presidents. First assignment for the committee was to review and critique the new Section Operating Manual.  
• President attended and/or spoke at the following events on behalf of the National Board:  
  – Pittsburgh Past Presidents Banquet – October 9, 1999  
  – Big Bend Section (Tallahassee, Florida) Formation Meeting – October 26, 1999  
  – S. W. Penn Dinner Meeting – October 27, 1999  
  – Delaware Valley Dinner Meeting/Region 6 Board Meeting – November 10, 1999  
  – OTEC Conference/Ohio Sections Meeting – Columbus, Ohio – November 16-17, 1999  
  – Greater Hampton Roads Section Kickoff Meeting – January 18, 2000  
  – Franklin Section Venison Dinner - Franklin, Pennsylvania – January 19, 2000  
  – Greater Hampton Roads Charter – April 25, 2000  
  – Construction Legislative Conference Banquet – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – May 12, 2000  
  – First State Hall of Fame Banquet – Wilmington, Delaware – May 18, 2000  
  – Central Florida Section Annual Banquet - Orlando, Florida – May 23, 2000  
• Greater Hampton Roads Section Chartered April 25, 2000  
• Recommended Mr. B. J. (Barney) O’Quinn, PE to serve under Secretary of the Interior Babbitt on a steering committee for the Going to the Sun Road reconstruction in Glacier National Park. Mr. O’Quinn was accepted and served on the committee.  
• Sent letter to members of Congress strongly opposing efforts to repeal $0.043 gasoline tax in response to high fuel costs nationwide.  

James W. Charles, P.E.  
Terence Conner, P.E. and Robert Yeager, P.L.S. were congratulated by newly elected President James W. Charles, P.E. at the National Board of Directors Meeting on June 12, 1998. Conner and Yeager were cited for their recent election as 2nd and 3rd ASHE Honorary Members, respectively.  

During this year the Board approved a Student Member membership category.
The “Person of the Year” Award was renamed the “Robert E. Pearson” Award in honor of ASHE’s recently deceased 1st Vice President.

1997-1998  
**Pasquale A. Dougherty, P.E.**
For many years the National Board debated the issue of profit from hosting the Annual National Conference; how much was reasonable and how should profit be divided. It was voted that Conference profits will be distributed with the first $10,000 going to the host Section/Region and any balance over $10,000 to be split equally between the host Section/Region and National.

The National Constitution and By-Laws review was completed; revisions were made, and distributed to all Sections.

ASHE stepped into the modern technology arena when it established a website www.highwayengineers.org for the first time.

The Georgia Section, Atlanta, GA, was chartered on February 5, 1998.

1996-1997  
**David A. Greenwood, P.E.**
The 1996-1997 ASHE year was considered a transitional year, first, because it saw the implementation of the recently approved reorganization plan. The plan provided a balanced representation for all 29 Sections through a Regional restructuring overseen by nine National Directors.

The first ASHE Student Chapter was formed by the Central Florida Section.

1995-1996  
**Thomas ‘Tim’ J. Haslett, P.E.**
The Tampa Bay Section was chartered on July 12, 1995 and the Carolina Piedmont Section was chartered in Charlotte, NC on January 11, 1996.

The Board approved a final draft of ASHE’s reorganization plan.

No assessment increase was anticipated to operate on a regional basis.

The National Board approved action to no longer assume financial responsibility for Conventions, beginning with the 1996 Convention.

A contract was signed with Wanner Associates to be responsible for production of the SCANNER.

A Long-Range Plan for 1997 to 2000 was approved.

1994-1995  
**Raymond A. Petrucci, P.E.**
Key activities for the year included: new Section organization efforts in Bismarck, ND; Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC; Lansin, MI; Springfield, IL; Indianapolis, IN; and Central, FL and continued effort to reorganize the Society to include a regional structure and drafting a position description and cost estimates for employing an Executive Director for the Society.

The Central Dacotah Section was chartered on September 18, 1994 in Bismarck, ND.
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| 1993-1994 | **Roland A. Nesslinger, P.E.**  
The Regionalization Committee provided numerous guidelines and revisions with final action anticipated at the June 1994 Board Meeting.  
The New Sections Committee did preliminary work in North Dakota, Atlanta, Charlotte, Lansing MI, Springfield IL, Indianapolis IN, and Orlando, FL.  
The ASHE National Directory was published at a cost of $10,950 with $9,500 paid by advertisers. |
| 1992-1993 | **Albert W. Kozel, Jr., P.E.**  
The Board approved the Pittsburgh Section’s request to host the 1995 Convention.  
The Central Florida Section was chartered on January 27, 1993.  
The revised Long-Range Plan for 1993 to 1996 was approved. |
It was noted that Past National Secretary Bob Sherr had died in April 1991. A memorial was placed in the SCANNER.  
The Carolina Triangle Section was chartered on January 23, 1992.  
The revised Code of Ethics for the Society was adopted by the Board. |
| 1990-1991 | **Stephen B. Lester, P.E.**  
The Old Dominion Section, Richmond VA, was chartered on October 23, 1990; the North Central New Jersey Section was chartered December 5, 1990; and the Northwestern Ohio Section, Toledo area, was chartered May 23, 1991.  
A draft of the Proposed Section Operating Manual was reviewed.  
The Board approved a new “Convention Attendance” Award based on the percentage of Section Membership. The award for the largest actual increase was retained. Award ribbons were presented in lieu of plaques. |
| 1989-1990 | **Matthew J. McTish, P.E.**  
The Triko Valley Section was chartered on June 9, 1989, as an outgrowth of the Central Ohio Section. The name “Triko” comes from Tri-State Indiana – Kentucky, Ohio.  
An ASHE Position Paper was presented at the U.S. Department of Transportation public hearing in Philadelphia.  
The Board approved the purchase of a convertible display board, which will be available to the Sections to provide information on the Society.  
The Potomac Section, Alexandria, VA, was chartered on November 2, 1989. |
| 1988-1989 | **Michael J. Suich**  
The Board approved the Charleston West Virginia Section’s request to have the Section dissolved.  
The Board approved an additional plaque award to be presented at the Convention - the
“Numerical Increase in Membership” Award was named for Past President Gene G. Smith.
The Board also approved guidelines for the National Man of the Year Award.
The Board approved the Society’s first Long-Range Plan and a new Mission Statement.

1987-1988
Ronald E. Springman, P.E.
An inquiry was received on reinstating the Indiana, PA Section.
The Mid-Allegheny Section, Indiana, PA, was chartered on October 1, 1987.

1986-1987
G. Michael Tiani
A reorganization plan that would initiate the grouping of Sections into zones was accepted by the Board. This would limit the number of National Directors and keep the Board more efficient and a manageable size.
The Ohio Valley Section was revoked in accordance with Article XII, Section 2, of the Society By-Laws, since their Section had lack of interest by the membership.

1985-1986
William H. Allen, P.E.
National worked on forming a new Section in western New York.
The Southern New Jersey Section was chartered on February 19, 1986.
The Board approved a new format for the SCANNER, using a two-color system. The first issue using the new format was published January 15, 1986.

1984-1985
Charles E. Luff
It was agreed that the SCANNER should be upgraded with more technical information. The Board approved a dues increase of $1 that would be sent aside to fund Life Memberships.

1983-1984
Warren A. Miller
Progress was made in organizing a new Section in the Columbus area.
An ASHE Master Membership file has been set up by GANCOM, Incorporated.
The Board resolved that dues assessments will be included with the $10 initiation fee on new members admitted after June 1, 1984.
Al Bedard was appointed by President Miller to the PHIA Executive Board as ASHE representative.

1982-1983
J. Dixon Earley, P.E.
Each edition of the SCANNER this year carried a public relations article of the up-coming 25th Anniversary Convention.
ASHE went on record to formally support the efforts of the DYNAMO organization in their efforts to have the locks and dams on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers upgraded and improved.
Gene G. Smith, P.E., R.S.  
A membership drive was the major issue for the term with prizes monies totaling $1,000.00 to be distributed on the following basis:

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As a result, membership increased to 1,977 and the Franklin Section obtained 58 new members and received the $500 award for category one in the membership campaign.

Society approved taking out a 1/6-page ad in “Better Roads” Magazine. The Society received inquiries from Wisconsin, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, and Massachusetts, as a result of our ad in “Better Roads” Magazine. An ASHE article also appeared in “Rural and Urban Roads” Magazine.

Robert Sherr handled the writing of the Society History since inception.

George J. Parrs, P.E.
New Sections Committee presented a program to 32 potential members in Dayton, Ohio, and a Section in Marietta, Ohio was pursued. Contacts were also been made in New Jersey for a potential new Section.

Joseph P. Martinelli
Secretary Bob Sherr announced that he could no longer accept the secretary position after the end of this fiscal year.

It was also discussed and decided by proper motion and vote that there would be one fee for National Assessment for all grades of membership, and the amount of $9 will be assessed on each paid up member as of March 1st.

The subject of engineering students being admitted to the Society, under a separate classification, was discussed with a suggestion of a $10 initiation fee sent to National for each Student Member.

Charter #16 was presented to the Charleston West Virginia Section with 35 Charter Members.

Harold C. Poulson, P.E.
The Cuyahoga Valley Section was chartered on March 28, 1978.

Each Section was asked to provide their history to Robert Sherr, National Historian.

A new award started with this Convention with a “Traveling” plaque going to the Section having the largest number of members present at the opening session (excluding the Host Section). This award was presented to Pittsburgh Section. This plaque will be transferred each year to the winning Section.
**1976-1977**

**John F. DeRoss**

Henry Kuczynski was appointed as National Public Relations Representative.

The Western Reserve Section in Ohio was chartered on September 14, 1976.

An “audio-visual presentation” with slides and commentary will be shown to prospective members of new Sections.

A new Section banner will be purchased, by National, in order to maintain a standard banner design.

**1975-1976**

**Atwood L. Welker, Jr., P.E.**

The matter of Life Membership was discussed at some length and with the start of this fiscal year, National would no longer assess the Sections for $2.50 for each member. However, the Life Member Plate cost of $10 would still be paid for by the Section.

An award to the Section having the greatest percentage increase in new members would be called the “George K. Hart Award,” and presented the winning Section at the Annual Convention.

**1974-1975**

**Robert E. Yeager, P.L.S.**

It was decided that the National Treasurer be bonded in the amount of $50,000. The bond amount for each Section is determined by the financial report, which is required for the IRS purposes.

The Public Relations Chairman was asked to establish a public relations policy both for National and Sections.

The Board decided that National would accept the responsibility of costs of the “Man of the Year”, as it pertains to be a guest of the Society at the Annual Convention.

**1973-1974**

**James M. Weaver, Sr.**

It was decided that future meetings of the Board would be held at different locations in order to foster more active attendance at the meetings.

The Board was increased from 9 members to 12 members.

Secretary Sherr reviewed the Convention Policies relative to the featured speaker. “In connection with the featured speaker, National is responsible for paying the speaker, not in excess of $500, less than that, if possible. It shall be the responsibility of National to carry the entire cost of the speaker (including the fee agreed upon between the Host Section and National), room, food, and transportation.” It should also be noted that, “the Host Section is responsible for the room and board for the President, the incoming President, and their respective spouses.

Contacts were made with representatives for proposed Sections in West Virginia and Maryland.

**1972-1973**

**Donald Rimmer**

The dissolution of the Indiana Section was discussed and accepted.

Notification was sent to the Pittsburgh Section that they were approved to host the 1974
Convention, the Delaware Valley Section would host the 1975 Convention, and the Altoona Section would host the 1976 Convention.

**John H. Leapson, P.E.**
1971-1972
The publication of an annual Directory was discussed.

Ralph T. Smith submitted his resignation as Secretary, effective October 15, 1971. Recommendation was made that Robert M. Sherr, P.E., of the East Penn Section, would be appointed as Secretary. The Board discussed the appointment of a Secretary to assume the duties of Ralph Smith and it was moved that Robert M. Sherr take over the duties effective October 15, 1971.

A testimonial for retiring Secretary Smith was planned, at which time an Honorary Membership and other items were to be presented to him. He would be designated as National Secretary Emeritus.

The President appointed Helen M. Sherr as assistant to the Secretary with no official status and no compensation connected with the appointment.

Robert M. Sherr would also serve as Editor of the SCANNER.

The Indiana Section presented a petition for their dissolution.

**Robert E. Martzell, P.E.**
1970-1971
Discussions were held concerning expansion of the Society into the States of Delaware and Maryland.

IRS laws were discussed as they relate to the Society.

East Penn Section requested an Honorary Membership for former Secretary of Transportation Victor W. Anckaitis, P.E.

**Robert Kepner, P.E.**
1969-1970
No information available.

**C. J. Wachter, Jr.**
1968-1969
No information available.

**James R. Barnicle, P.E.**
1967-1968
The revised Constitution and By-Laws were approved as published in the February 1968 issue of the SCANNER.

**Walter H. Burke, P.E.**
1966-1967
Attention was directed to the display of the new Society Banner.

The Delaware Valley Section members accepted their Charter on January 25, 1967 and the Kanawha Valley Section members received their Charter on January 18, 1967.

Ercol O. Acri of the Harrisburg Section was appointed as Historian for the Society.

On April 7, 1967, a Charter was presented to the East Penn Section.
1964-1966

John P. Rutter, P.E.

1964 Term—The matter of acceptance of the design and purchase of lapel buttons to be awarded to the Past National and Section Presidents was finalized. Cost of the lapel buttons for Past Section Presidents was set at $12.

1965 Term—On January 22, 1965, Volume 1 – Number 1 – January 1965 issue of the ASHE SCANNER was presented. A printed edition instead of a mimeographed copy would be made. Expansion plans for Sections in Indiana, Allentown, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were discussed.

1966 Term—It was noted there was good progress for establishing of Sections in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Scranton.

It was decided to publish the SCANNER for 1966-67 in September, November, January and May, and the Secretary be named as editor of the SCANNER.

During this fiscal year, Charters were issued to Williamsport (10/21/65) and East Penn Section (10/12/65).

1963-1964

Donald R. Conrad, P.E.

At this time the Society switched to a “fiscal year”.

The revised Constitution & By-Laws, dated March 29, 1963 and October 25, 1963, were approved by the Board of Directors.

1962-1963

Russell Horn, P.E.

The Southwest Penn Section, Uniontown, PA, was Charter and formed January 25, 1963.

1961-1962

Ray Grove

The Clearfield Section received Charter #2 on June 15, 1961.

Changes were contemplated on the Constitution & By-Laws, establishing new Sections in Franklin, Uniontown and Allentown.

Charter #3, dated September 1, 1961, for the Franklin Section and Charter #4, dated October 4, 1962, for the Altoona Section, were presented.

1960-1961

C. Edward Swartz, P.E.

The first meeting was held January 26, 1960. During the year there were 10 meetings. The last meeting was December 19, 1960. Items discussed were the publication of a magazine for the Society and organizing new Sections at Williamsport and Clearfield. The annual meeting was held May 16, 1960 and G. Edward Swartz was elected President.

1959-1960

Robert L. Keller, P.E.

A meeting was held February 9, 1959 with President R. L. Keller presiding. No other meetings for the year are indicated.
On February 28, 1958, a “round table” discussion was held on incorporating the Society on a national basis and the establishment of local Chapters. The Articles of Incorporation were presented to the Dauphin County Court, and the name of the Society had been cleared and approved. On this date the first meeting of the Board of Directors was held.

At a meeting April 28, 1958, it was decided the phrase “Incorporated 1958” be added to all correspondence under the name of American Society of Highway Engineers.

On May 12, 1958, President Keller announced the Charter had been approved by the Court but no official notice had, as yet, been received from our Attorney.

At a meeting held on May 26, 1958, a Charter Dinner was planned for the June meeting. This affair was held at the V.F.W. Hall, Mechanicsburg, PA on June 17, 1958. Mr. McLaughlin was the Master of Ceremonies and the Secretary of Highways was the guest speaker.

Meetings were held in July, October and November of 1958 regarding the matter of lapel pins, membership applications, dues, establishment of local Chapters, etc. Records indicate a membership of 65 at this time.

The first formal meeting of the Society was held April 29, 1957 in the Conference Room of the Department of Highways Building in Harrisburg, PA. The purpose of this meeting was to organize and establish a National Society of Highway Engineers. Paul Musspratt, P.D.H., was the acting chairman for that meeting.

On June 10, 1957, temporary officers were nominated and approved as follows:

President...........................................................R. L. Keller
First Vice President..............................................K. G. Kapp
Second Vice President......................................C. W. Burkett
Treasurer.........................................................J. L. Conrad
Corresponding Secretary.................................Ralph T. Smith
Recording Secretary..................................Dorothy C. Stahler

The official name of the Society was approved as “American Society of Highway Engineers”.

On August 12, 1957, the preamble to the Constitution of the Society was accepted as stated: “The purpose of this Society is to procure the latest data on the techniques and methods in design and construction of highways; to disseminate this information among the members of the Society for a greater opportunity of self education; for a good public relationship; to exercise the Code of Ethics; to foster and publicize new advanced ideas and devices developed by members after being studied by the Technical Committee; and for the general welfare of the Highway Industry.”

The last meeting of 1957 was held December 9, also in the Department of Highways building in Harrisburg, PA. The future of the Society was discussed. The next meeting was planned for January 20, 1958, at the Wayside Inn, 2203 Paxton Street, in Harrisburg, PA.
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* ASHE 25th Anniversary  ** ASHE 50th Anniversary
George K. Hart Award

This Award is presented to the Section with the largest percent increase in membership within the current fiscal year.

George K. Hart became a National Director in 1965 and assumed the duties as National Treasurer in 1967. Mr. Hart passed away October 2, 1975.

Before becoming involved in the National Society, Hart was active in the Williamsport Section from its inception.

The George K. Hart Award was started in 1975 to honor the Section that has the greatest percentage of membership increase.

George K. Hart Award Winners

2008 Carolina Piedmont
2007 Middle Tennessee
2006 New York Metro
2005 Northeast Florida
2004 Carolina Piedmont
2003 Potomac
2002 Northeast Florida
2001 Old Dominion
2000 North Central West Virginia
1999 Georgia
1998 North Central New Jersey
1997 Potomac
1996 Tampa Bay
1995 Potomac
1994 First State
1993 North Central New Jersey
1991 Potomac
1991 Potomac
1990 Triko Valley
1989 Mid Allegheny
1988 Mid Allegheny
1987 North Central West Virginia
1986 Altoona
1985 Central Ohio
1984 Cuyahoga Valley
1983 Ohio Valley
1982 Altoona
1981 North Central West Virginia
1980 Charleston
1979 Cuyahoga Valley
1978 Western Reserve
1977 Southwestern Penn
1976 Pittsburgh
In 1989, the “Gene G. Smith Award” was established and is presented to the Section with the largest number of new members within the current fiscal year.

Gene G. Smith is a Professional Engineer and a Professional Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Gene became involved with the transportation industry in 1963 when he began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways in Franklin, PA.

Gene joined the Franklin Section in 1964, serving in various capacities on the local Board of Directors, and was elected Section President in 1975. He also served on the National Board of Directors and in 1980 was elected National President.

During his term on the National Board, Gene served as Chairman of the New Sections Committee. After much consideration, the National Board created its’ first slide presentation to promote ASHE. New ASHE Sections were chartered - two in Ohio and two in West Virginia. Gene was awarded the President’s Award in 1978 for the establishment of these Sections.

He was named the fourth ASHE Honorary Member in 2001, exemplifying the high esteem and admiration shown by his peers.

Gene G. Smith Award Winners

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Robert E. Pearson  
Person of the Year Award

Robert E. (Bob) Pearson, P.E. spent his entire career in the highway industry, beginning in his home state of Alabama. He moved to North Carolina and joined the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the early 1960’s to assist in the development of North Carolina’s interstate highway system. He continued as a leader in roadway planning and design for NCDOT for 30 years. Upon retirement from NCDOT, he worked as a consulting engineer for The LPA Group for the next eight years, maintaining his focus on the advancement of highway design.

For ASHE, Bob was the chairman of the formation committee for the Carolina Triangle Section and served two terms as Section President in 1992 and 1993. He served as National Director from the Triangle Section from 1992 until the National Board was regionalized in 1996. He served as the National Director for Region 8 in 1996. In 1997 Bob was elected National Second Vice President and was entering his term as National First Vice President at the time of his death in 1998. Bob played a key role in the formation of the Carolina Triangle, Carolina Piedmont, Tampa Bay, and Georgia Sections of ASHE. He served on numerous ASHE National Committees. Bob worked tirelessly until his death to improve and promote ASHE and to increase the stature of the highway industry.

Bob’s untimely death, at age 60, robbed the highway industry of an energetic advocate and a dear friend.

Russell Horn $1,000 Grant

Mr. Horn’s interest and support of the highway industry and ASHE is notable. He is a Charter Member of the National American Society of Highway Engineers organization in 1958 and of the ASHE Harrisburg Section in 1961. He also served as ASHE National President for the 1962-63 term. Throughout his career, he has supported ASHE, attending Harrisburg and other Section meetings and the National Conventions/Conferences whenever possible. In 2001, as a way to demonstrate his strong feelings for ASHE, he wanted to donate $1,000 to the favorite charity of the recipient of the annual Robert E. Pearson/Person of the Year Award. This is now known as the Russell Horn $1,000 Grant and presented each year at the ASHE Conference during the Past Presidents’ Luncheon.

A dynamic and devoted leader, Russell E. Horn’s professional career began when he returned from World War II in 1945 and joined his boyhood friend, Clair S. Buchart, in founding the five-man architectural/engineering firm of Buchart-Engineering.

Over the years, the firm grew to a more than 570-employee operation with 32 locations throughout eastern and southeastern United States and Germany. During his more than half century career, Mr. Horn had the opportunity to organize various companies, and served as first President and Chairman of the Board for several of the firms. In 1970, in order to bring each company back under one operating force, he organized PACE Resources, Inc. as a parent holding company. Mr. Horn served as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board.
Mr. Horn received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University and completed courses from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is registered as a Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and was formerly registered in 19 additional states.

Mr. Horn served four years, 11 months in World War II as a Platoon, Company, and Battalion Commander. He rose from 1st Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel and received various medals and battle stars. He retired from the Army Reserves as a Colonel in 1963.

Volumes could be written about Russell E. Horn, Sr., as a Churchman, Humanitarian, Civic Leader and Public Official. He served in nearly every position in his local church, Calvary United Methodist. He has also been a Sunday school teacher for many years in this church.

Just a few of the many honors and achievements that he has earned are as follows:

—Elected “Engineer of the Year” by the Lincoln Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers in 1969.
—Elected as a Member of American Red Cross Chairmen’s National Centennial Club.
—Received the Washington Medal from Freedoms Foundation in 1969 for articles in Slide rule and Record published by Buchart-Horn, Inc.
—Elected as a Delegate by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church to the Jurisdictional Conference in 1976 and 1980.
—Awarded the Masonic Legion of Freedom Award in 1987.
—Named as an 1987 Outstanding Engineering Alumnus by the College of Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University
—Selected as a 1990 Alumni Fellow by The Pennsylvania State University.

Russell E. Horn, who celebrated his 95th birthday May 4, 2007, keeps in close contact with his fellow associates from each of the subsidiary firms of PACE Resources, Inc. He personally congratulates each employee when they have reached a key anniversary with the firm. At the PACE headquarters office at 40 S. Richland Avenue in York, Pennsylvania, morning rounds to greet employees are a daily occurrence.

Robert E. Pearson
Person of the Year Award Winners

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A $1,000 Grant is given to the favorite charity of the recipient of the Robert E. Pearson/Person of the Year Award. Russell E. Horn, Sr., P.E., is the Founding Father of the York, Pennsylvania Engineering Firm, Buchart Horn, Incorporated. He is a Charter Member of the First Section of ASHE in Harrisburg, PA and is the 17th name to appear on the Original ASHE National Charter.
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1993 Ellis Vieser 1982 Thomas Larson
1992 Francis François 1981 Robert Hirschman
1989 B. J. Smith 1978 Wilmer Eidermiller
1986 Warren Smith 1975 Donald Stabler
1985 David Sims 1974 Jacob Kassab
1984 Drew Lewis

President’s Award

The President’s Award is given in recognition of a person or persons who helped the National President during his/her Term achieve his/her goals.

President’s Award Winners

2007 David Jones, P.E. and Andy Stasek
2005 David Jones, P.E. and Mike Hershey
2004 Al Algazi, P.E.
2003 Diane Conner and Marianne Yeager
2002 Evelyn Curtis
2000 Patrick Dougherty, P.E.
1999 Roland Nesslinger, P.E.
1998 Lisle E. Williams, P.E.
1997 Albert W. Kozel, Jr., P.E.
1995 Michael Martin, P.E.
1994 James W. Charles, P.E.
1993 Roland Nesslinger, P.E.
1992 Robert E. Yeager, R.S.
1990 Raymond Petrucci, P.E.
1989 R. Paul McConnell
1987 Stephen B. Lester, P.E.
1986 John DeRenzo
1985 Matthew J. McTish, P.E.
1984 Terence D. Conner, P.E.
1983 Delaware Valley Section
1982 Robert Yeager, R.S.
1979 Robert Stallknecht, P.E.
1978 Gene E. Smith, P.E.
1977 Robert M. Sherr, P.E.
Terence D. Conner Award

The National Board of Directors created this award, recognizing that it is just as important to reward those Sections that work hard to keep existing members as it is to reward those that work at recruiting new members. In case of a tie for this award, the number of new members added is used as the tiebreaker; however, the Sections that win the Hart or Smith Awards will not be eligible to win this award in a tiebreaker (they are, however, eligible to win the award outright). The winning Section is presented with a ribbon which can be displayed on the Section banner.

Terence D. Conner, P.E., PLS, National Secretary 1978-2008, is a member of the Southwest Penn Section of Region 3 where he served as a two-term President. Terry has served as National Secretary for 30 years continually performing general secretary duties for ASHE.

Terry received the National President’s Award in 1984 for outstanding service as National Secretary and for efforts extended computerizing the membership file. He also received the National President’s Award in 1991 in recognition of his continued dedication as National Secretary of ASHE.

With so many years of dedicated service to the ASHE Organization, the National Board granted him an Honorary Membership on May 16, 1998.

As a result of his dedicated service to ASHE, the Executive Committee of the National Board, in July 2007, awarded him by naming him as an Honorary Past President.

Terry earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1961. He began his engineering career in the public sector by gaining employment with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Terry is a Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor in the state of Pennsylvania. He worked more than 30 years in PennDOT at various levels of design and management before retiring. Terry then moved to the private sector and began working for McTish, Kunkel & Associates, Incorporated of Rostraver, Pennsylvania. He served as Vice President of the firm for western Pennsylvania for 15 years until he retired in May 2005. He is also a member of ASCE, PSPE and NSPE.

Much of the Society’s continuity of purpose and steady growth are a tribute to his efforts.

Terence D. Conner Award Winners
(Retention of Membership)

2008 Central Florida
Robert E. Yeager Award

One distinctive character of ASHE is that all members are treated equally, no matter how he or she contributes to the highway industry. This fact is often what attracts a potential member to the organization, so maintaining a balanced and diverse membership should also help boost membership and is, therefore, worthy of recognition. The Section that is determined to have the best mix/balance of membership will receive this award. In the unlikely event of a tie, the larger Section will receive the award.

Robert E. Yeager, P.L.S., ASHE National Treasurer from 1975 to 2008, is a member of the Altoona Section in Region 4. Joining ASHE in 1963, he was a Board Member and President of the Altoona Section. Bob then served on the National Board and became National President in 1974. With many years of dedicated service to the ASHE Organization, the National Board granted him an Honorary Membership on April 17, 1998.

Bob earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1959. He later continued his education at Cornell University in Construction Engineering. Bob began his career as a field engineer with the Harrison Construction Company and then with the S. J. Groves Construction Company. Over the next 23 years, he continued to refine his construction skills with Vipond & Vipond, Incorporated, earning promotions from Supervisor to Project Manager, to Vice President of Construction. Bob went to the I. A. Construction Company where he worked for 10 years as District Manager. From 1995 to 1997, Bob was the owner of R. E. Yeager Consulting, Inc. He retired in 1997 after working more than 38 years in the construction industry. Bob has an E.I.T and is a Professional Land Surveyor in Pennsylvania.

Robert E. Yeager Award Winners
(Balance in Membership)

2008 Franklin
Miscellaneous Awards

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

1984  Don Bailey
J. Dixon Earley, P.E.
Ronald Springman, P.E.
1983  Charles Sincavage, P.E.

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD

1977  Robert M. Sherr, P.E.

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

1993  Governor Robert P. Casey
      Governor Raymond Scheaffer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1987  Robert M. Sherr, P.E.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1987  R. Paul McConnell

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

2004  Richard Prentice
1998  Cooper Curtis, P.E.
1995  Stephen B. Lester, P.E.
1991  Thomas Criswell, P.E.
1990  Roland Nesslinger, P.E.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

1994  Robert E. Hetherington
1984  Mike Gittens

SPECIAL HONORARY

1985  Pat Valentine
National Constitution, Article II, Honorary Membership

An Honorary Membership shall be chosen only from those persons who are of acknowledged eminence in some branch of the highway industry or who have singularly advanced the interests of ASHE. The National Board of Directors of ASHE must award the approval and issuance of this classification of membership, as set forth in the By-Laws.

National By-Laws, Article III, Members

Election to the grade of Honorary Member shall be as described under Article II of the National Constitution. Honorary Members shall not exceed 1% of the ASHE membership. They shall be proposed to the National Board by petition of not fewer than 10% of the ASHE membership. The Board shall elect Honorary Members. No member of the National Board shall vote on his/her own admission to Honorary Membership. A person elected to Honorary Membership shall be notified within 90 days of approval.

Honorary Members

Gene G. Smith, P.E., R.S. - 2001
Robert E. Yeager, P.L.S. - 1998
Ralph T. Smith - 1971
Victor W. Anckaitis, P.E. - 1970
Robert Bartlett - 1969
It is hard to imagine traveling throughout the United States without the benefit of the Interstate Highway System. We have Dwight D. Eisenhower to thank for kicking off this wonderful road network. Let’s see how we got to where we are today and then a take a glimpse into the future.

In the early 1900’s travel was difficult because most roads in the United States were just dirt, and when it rained the dirt became mud. After World War I, the U.S. Army realized that it had been the paved German roads that enabled the armies to move soldiers and artillery to places the trains could not. The U.S. Army strongly believed that we needed to develop a good highway system for our national defense. To dramatize the poor state of America’s roads, they proposed a motorized convoy that would travel from Washington, DC to San Francisco, California. In 1919, the young Lieutenant Colonel Eisenhower was assigned to accompany the Army convoy as an observation officer.

Thirty-nine officers in 11 automobiles led the convoy of 258 soldiers, 37 cargo trucks, 10 mid-size trucks, five ambulances, nine motorcycles, and two artillery tractors, plus four mobile kitchens and one pontoon boat on a trailer. The Army convoy experienced everything that was wrong with the nation’s highways. Almost two-thirds of the 3000-mile trip was made over dirt, mud, and sand roads. Many trucks skidded off the narrow roads or got mired in mud or quicksand. Others fell through several bridges and into rivers, because the bridges had been designed for horse and buggy traffic, not the added weight of a motorized vehicle. The convoy averaged only 58 miles a day, which translates to a little more than 7 MPH. It took nearly two months for the Army convoy to complete its transcontinental journey. And it was the roads, not the vehicles, which had limited the convoy’s progress. Lieutenant Colonel Eisenhower was deeply concerned by the problems encountered during this transcontinental journey, so much so that it influenced his opinion of the role roads play in the defense of a country.

By 1924, the Bureau of Public Roads realized that a unified system of highways was necessary. Up to then, most roads had been developed for local movement, not transcontinental travel. These roads followed existing Indian footpaths and cattle trails, as well as arbitrary lines drawn on a map. At that time there were more than 250 variously named highways each with their own colored signs, and the haphazard placement of these signs caused much confusion for non-local travelers. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1925 created the United States Highway System, which developed a national standard for America’s existing highways. Its goal was to replace all these variously named and colored highway signs with something that would be nationally recognized by the highway travelers. The Act proposed uniform sized numbers on a standardized shield; roads traversing north and south were designated with odd numbers, and roads running east and west were identified with even numbers. U.S. Route 1 runs from Maine to Florida, connecting the major cities along the east coast. U.S. Route 30 runs from New Jersey to Oregon, connecting the major cities along its coast to coast path. The Lincoln Highway, a major east-west highway in Pennsylvania, became part of U.S. Route 30, and is still known by that name today. The legendary U.S. Route 66, running between Chicago and Los Angeles, became a major path of the migrants who went west, especially during the Dust Bowl of the 1930’s. The economies of those communities along this highway prospered, due to its popularity. These and many other routes now enabled the quick, easy movement of people, farm products, and manufactured goods.

The stock market crash in 1929 and the Depression that followed spurred the federal and state governments to become even more involved in rebuilding America’s

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highways. In 1931, Pennsylvania’s Governor Pinchot began his ambitious plan to pave 20,000 miles of dirt roads, creating a countless number of road construction jobs for many of the Commonwealth’s unemployed citizens. Then in 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s National Recovery Act further stimulated the United States economy by producing innumerable road construction jobs for the vast number of the unemployed. The federal government backed up its commitment to the nation’s highways by re-writing the Federal Aid Road Act in 1938. The revised Act directed the Bureau of Public Roads to explore the feasibility of building six multiple-lane transcontinental highways; three crossing the country from east to west and three crossing from north to south.

The following year, World War II broke out. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government restricted the nation’s road building efforts to only defense-related projects. While in Europe during World War II Eisenhower, now a five star general, viewed the ease of military movement on the German autobahns. This, coupled with his harrowing transcontinental convoy experience in 1919, convinced the General that a good highway system was essential to a strong national defense. Eight years after the war, Eisenhower was elected President of the United States. Still holding his overwhelming belief that we needed good highways to ensure our national defense, President Eisenhower told Congress that our highway network was obsolete, and that we needed a safe, fast, network of highways that would connect our cities.

Congress had first approved an interregional highway system in 1944, but it was not until 1956 that a comprehensive plan was enacted to build the system. What President Eisenhower proposed to Congress was a $50 billion highway program to be completed in ten years. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 created the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways, better known as the Interstate Highway System. The Act authorized 41,000 miles of superhighways that would tie the nation together. It set the standard for the Interstate System, as we know it today. Access to all Interstates would be fully controlled. All intersecting traffic and railroad crossings would be grade separated, so there would be no intersections or traffic signals. This grade separation required the construction of more than 55,000 bridges. The Interstate highways would be divided, and have at least four 12-foot travel lanes with wide shoulders. Horizontal curves would be designed for high speeds, and vertical grades would be moderate, with truck climbing lanes where needed. Each Interstate would be designed to handle traffic volumes expected 20 years after completion. Rest areas would be conveniently spaced about every 35 miles along the Interstates as well.

The Act also required these Interstate highways to be designed for use in civil defense and military operations within the United States. Civil defense use of the Interstate Highway System would be for the emergency evacuation of cities in the event of a natural disaster or a possible nuclear war. Military use would be primarily for troop and convoy movements. Bridges would have a 16-foot minimum under-clearance, insuring that military flatbeds carrying tanks and mobile missiles would be able to safely pass under. A unique shield and numbering scheme would designate all Interstate routes. Primary Interstates would be given a one or two digit route number. Similar to the U.S. Highway System, even numbers would designate an east-west route, and odd numbers would designate a north-south route. In addition, the Act also proposed three digit routes, where a single digit is prefixed to the number of a Primary Interstate. These three digit routes would be used to designate Interstate spurs and loops. All Interstate highways would receive special 90% federal funding, but they would be designed, constructed, owned, and maintained by the state that they were located. The one exception to this is the federally owned Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95/I-495) between Maryland and Virginia.

Boston’s Central Artery/Tunnel (I-93/I-90) Project, better known as the Big Dig, was the final section needed to complete the Interstate Highway System. It was the largest and most complex highway and tunnel project in the nation’s history. The Big Dig broke ground in 1991, and is nearing comple-
tion today. The original 1990 environmental projection was that the Big Dig would improve traffic flow by 40% by 2001. Today, the project exceeds that with a 62% improvement in traffic flow. With all of the major roadway, bridge, and tunnel construction completed, the only task that remains is to create 320 acres of parkland in and around Boston. Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor was a former City dumping site. As part of the Big Dig project, the island's mountain of trash was contained and capped, to prevent further polluted erosion into the harbor.

A five foot layer of topsoil was placed above the clay cap so that 28,000 trees, shrubs, and vines could be planted. Spectacle Island was transformed into a 120-acre park with two beaches, five miles of trails, and a marina for recreational boating. The construction also included a visitors center and docking access for a public ferry. The island has changed from an environmental nightmare into an environmental jewel.

The 7.9 mile Central Artery/Tunnel Project cost $15 billion to complete. The project kept its promise to improve traffic flow through Boston, but based on traffic benefits alone it would take 80 years to break even. In order to evaluate the true benefits of the Big Dig, the economic effects on real estate must also be considered. The reclaimed land above the new Central Artery tunnels is being transformed into 45 parks and plazas. The creation of this new green space reconnected neighborhoods. The Big Dig transformed Boston's industrial wasteland choked by congestion into easily accessible high-end real estate. An estimated 16 to 21 million square feet of new commercial and residential development was created in the South Boston Seaport District alone. The swampy marsh of Boston's Back Bay has been converted into a residential and commercial gold mine. It is reasonable to say the Big Dig's true value will continue to exceed all expectations.

As I stated earlier, President Eisenhower told Congress that he believed it would take 10 years and $50 billion to build the Interstate Highway System. His estimate was a bit off, because it actually took 50 years and $450 billion to construct the Interstate's 46,837 miles of highways, 55,512 bridges, and 104 tunnels.

The Big Dig may have been the last piece of the puzzle, but modifications that fine-tune the Interstate System are underway across the United States. A good example of this fine-tuning involves I-95. Currently there is no direct link of I-95 between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Vehicles on I-95 need to travel a circuitous route along I-295 and I-195 to make the connection. Plans are underway to make a direct connection, shortening the trip from 35 miles to nine miles. Authorization for this project has been approved by federal and state legislation. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is designing this direct link. The high-speed interchange encompasses a 9-mile section of the turnpike and a 3-mile section of I-95. The new and shorter route is carried over the Delaware River on an existing cantilever truss bridge, but this six-lane structure would become a future choke point. So the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is designing a second parallel bridge and the rehabilitation of the existing 50-year-old structure as part of the direct link project. Completion of this $1.3 billion project is expected within 10-12 years.

Our Interstate Highways bring goods to the cities and our homes. Ninety-three percent of the nation's freight is hauled over America's highway network, and the Interstate Highway System is the central component of that network. Statistics show that 26 million trucks traveled 388 billion miles and carried 10.7 billion tons of freight, worth $623 billion in 2005. These 40-ton tractor-trailers have become an ever-present sight on our nation's highways. The Interstates have become a powerful economic engine for the United States. Immediately after the attacks on September 11, 2001, all air traffic was suspended. Fleets of tractor-trailers rushed to the nation's airports and the planes cargos were loaded into the trailers. Once loaded, the truck drivers hauled their cargos over the Interstates to their final destinations. This went on for several days, keeping our domestic economy flowing to every corner of our country, until the planes were allowed to fly again.

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On June 29, 2006, our Interstate Highway System marked its 50th Anniversary. But the golden anniversary needs to be more than just a celebration. Both the public and private sectors of the transportation industry need to look forward and plan for the future. Eisenhower’s Interstate Highway System has played an important role in the nation’s economy and quality of life, but the System requires renewed investment. Many portions of the Interstate network are now strained to capacity. Our economic activity is being diminished by increasing delays, but this should not be surprising, because the Interstate highways were built to accommodate 20 years of traffic growth. By 1995, ninety percent of the system was 20 years old or older.

The single goal of the highway industry has always been to provide mobility for business and pleasure. The industry’s hard work got us to where we are today. The challenge facing the highway industry now is to restore and maintain this mobility. The two major issues that need to be addressed are the aging infrastructure and the increased traffic volumes.

First, the aging infrastructure needs to be maintained. The Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) is dedicated to finding better highway materials. As traffic volumes increase wear and tear on the roads will become worse. Materials used in the construction of our roads and bridges will improve in response to traffic growth. Approximately 65% of Interstate pavements are rated from fair to poor, and more than 6% of the bridges are structurally deficient. Three-quarters of our Interstate highways are blacktop (asphalt). At the time they were built, most asphalt pavements were similar nationwide, giving little regard to weather (precipitation and temperature) or wear (traffic volume). Looking for something better, the highway industry worked closely with SHRP and the FHWA to improve the design of asphalt pavements. The new design methodology they formulated is called Superpave. Now every state can get a special mix that is best for its specific weather conditions and traffic volumes. Before Superpave, asphalt surfaces wore out in 10 years or less, but Superpave lasts 15 years or more. These unique designs of higher-quality blacktop pavements mean fewer potholes, repair crews, and traffic delays, saving more than $2.5 billion a year. The System’s aging bridges is a separate challenge. Looking for better ways to build and maintain bridges, the highway industry’s structural engineers worked closely with SHRP and the FHWA. The bridge inspection process now uses sensors to detect corrosion and to monitor load levels. Better materials, such as high-performance concrete, plastic beams, and fiber-reinforced polymer coatings have been developed. These lightweight, high strength, corrosion resistant materials give new life to the Interstate’s bridges, but we must continue to investigate ways to further extend the useful life of these structures.

The second issue that needs to be addressed is the higher traffic volumes. The Interstate Highway System was authorized when the nation’s population was less than 170 million; the population is now approaching 300 million. We drove nearly 3 trillion miles in 2005, an increase of 25% since 1995. Statistics show that there are over 200 million automobiles and 26 million trucks in America, so it is safe to say that our Interstate highways carry well beyond the limits they were designed for.

Ninety-three percent of the nation’s freight is hauled over our highway network, and our Interstate System is the central component of that network. These 40-ton tractor-trailers are an ever-present sight on our nation’s highways. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters says, “These figures underscore the importance of our efforts to fight traffic congestion. It is clear that our ability to keep things moving smoothly and safely is key to keeping our economy strong.” Every year billions of hours are wasted in traffic jams, resulting in a loss of billions of dollars in productive time.

Environmental laws will not allow endless widening of our Interstate highways, so other solutions are needed. High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes were built primarily for buses, but they also promote ridesharing through carpools and vanpools. People like to drive their cars, but statistics show that carpools and vanpools are catching on in our congested urban areas. Why? Because HOV lanes move...
higher volumes of passengers into and out of the cities, reducing traffic congestion. Another tool we have at our disposal is the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). It may not be the total solution, but it provides ways to improve the congestion problem. ITS can monitor traffic flows, alerting drivers of congested areas with variable-message signs and radio announcements. Drivers can then decide to take alternative routes to avoid the congestion.

Today's traffic is a nightmare, so what is it going to be like in 25 years? Looking into the future, platoons of smart cars will be able to travel along one or more smart highway lanes at 60 MPH with only 18-inches between their bumpers. The result is each smart lane will be able to carry the equivalent of four non-smart lanes. This very close separation of the smart cars in a platoon remains safe because the smart cars would be communicating to a central computer and to the other cars in the platoon at a rate of 50 times per second. Sound far fetched? Not really. In 1997, the U.S. Congress took automated highway technology from the drawing board and onto the highway. The test bed was a 7.6 mile section of Interstate 5 in San Diego, California. Thousands of high-strength ceramic magnets were imbedded into two lanes (one in each direction) of the highway. Computers and sensors were installed into eight full sized Buicks, modifying them into smart cars. The eight-vehicle platoon ran a total of 8,000 miles at 65 MPH, carrying 4,000 passengers and recorded no safety incidents. The test was a resounding success, but the project fell by the wayside because of the high costs involved.

The challenge facing the Federal government is how to pay for all this. Congress created the Highway Trust Fund along with the Interstate System in 1956. They have continued to support the nation’s transportation system with ISTEA in 1991, TEA-21 in 1998, and SAFETEA in 2005. Dr. William Buchner is vice president of economics and research at the American Road & Transportation Builders Association in Washington, D.C. He feels we need $20 billion a year in new Highway Trust Fund revenue just to maintain the status quo of our roads. This Trust Fund is our main money source for interstate repairs. James Berard is with the U.S. House Transportation Committee. He announced that the Trust Fund is expected to start running a deficit sometime in fiscal year 2009, which begins October 1, 2008. Money from the 18.4 cent-a-gallon fuel tax will continue to pour into the Trust, but these future tax revenues are well below what is needed to keep the nations crumbling roads and bridges safe. The simple solution is to raise the fuel tax, which has been fixed at 18.4 cent-a-gallon since 1993, just 5 cents, but with our record gas prices there is no inclination to burden consumers with higher taxes. Much of the Interstate System was built in the 1950’s and 60’s and now the aging network requires more and more attention. Many sections are nearing the end of their functional life, so we will begin to see more infrastructure failures. Most recently, the I-35 Bridge in Minneapolis collapsed. The shocking images of the bridge wreckage may make the public realize we need to spend more to maintain our infrastructure and therefore make them more willing to accept an increased fuel tax.

What’s the alternative? States have begun to look to new sources of funding for road and bridge repairs, such as congestion taxes, new road tolls, and privatization of highways. Many of out nation’s highways are financed with tolls. These toll roads are a valuable option because the tolls that vehicles pay to use the highway generate the funds to maintain that highway. Therefore they don’t depend on gasoline taxes, but while tolls have increased, they have not kept up with inflation. It would be political suicide for a state to raise tolls, but if a private operator does it, it’s just a business decision. So state governments have begun to lease their highways to private operators. Select highways in Illinois, Indiana, Texas, and Virginia have already been leased; and similar possibilities have been discussed with officials in more than 35 other states. The money generated by the leases can be used for other transportation projects, or for debt relief.

At first glance, privatization of highways (leasing) may look like a pot-of-gold. Before com-

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ing to any decision, each state should weigh all the pros and cons, because the impact will be felt for generations. I’ll use Indiana as an example. I-80/I-90 has been a state toll road for about 50 years. In July 2006 a private group paid Indiana a one-time amount of $3.8 billion to operate, maintain, and collect tolls on the road for 75-years. In the first four months, Indiana pocketed $55 million in interest from that $3.8 billion payment. This is money the state can spend on transportation project. But Indiana motorists are concerned about the amount of tolls this private group can charge. Cars traveling the whole 157-mile long road have seen tolls go up from $4.65 to $8.00, and commercial truck tolls have increase from $14.55 to $18.00. And they expect more toll increases will come. State governments need to keep in mind that the leases are for 75 to 99 years, so its road users are left paying automatically escalating tolls for decades. The allure of privatization is a rethinking of the relationship between the government and its roads. It reversed our view of highways as a public responsibility. A view that we’ve had since 1924, when states took over the roads and bridges that had gone bankrupt in private hands. America has been the world leader in transportation, but our wonderful system of roads is aging.

To remain the world leader, we need to build a 21st century system. I am sure that modern technology will lead to great advancements to transportation, but the highway industry must stay focused on the infrastructure. It needs to be maintained until it is no longer needed. We have come a long way in the last 50 years. This happened because of Dwight D. Eisenhower’s vision. In order to make comparable strides over the next 50 years, we need a new vision. Hopefully there is a visionary among us to point in the right direction.

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