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Message from the President

Greetings all! We hope everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. We have had an interesting end to the current ASHE Chesapeake year as unfortunately most of our events have needed to be cancelled due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted our nation. Although ASHE Chesapeake is dedicated to promoting professional and social events to connect transportation professionals, the risk of spreading the virus, as well as state and national closures and guidance have forced us to cancel all of ASHE's in-person events for the near future. For some of these events, such as the Golf Tournament, this makes holding the event untenable this year and we are planning steps to reschedule for next year. Other events such as the technical sessions may re-emerge as virtual events instead of in-person meetings. As all of us are adjusting to the new reality in our nation, we ask all ASHE members and supporters to be understanding of our needs to adjust events, and to provide us any feedback on what kind of events you would welcome from ASHE in the coming months.

The year started out well, with several successful ASHE events in the late winter. In February, we had another successful Water Resources meeting. Historically, it's been our best attended meeting, and this year's was equally popular, in no small part to the quality of the presentations. Laura Ridler from MDOT SHA presented a new approach to a flexible Erosion and Sediment Control sequence of construction, which generated much interest and a lively discussion during the Q&A session. Amanda Malcom from MDE PRD presented updates to MDE's internal organization under the Water and Science Administration, including Dam Safety's changing role and additional guidance on MDE Dam Safety Policy Memo #2. Hank Gottschalk from CP&P presented several insightful examples of proper and improper pipe installation, and new technologies the industry is using to inspect pipes post-construction for structural integrity and contract conformance. We'd again like to thank the technical presenters, as well as our dinner speaker Joel Oppenheimer, for giving us their time and for their enlightening topics.

ASHE Chesapeake kept engaging our members on smaller events through February and March. On February 4th, ASHE participated in the YPT event to support our fellow professional organization, with several of our younger members gaining valuable professional connections through both organizations. Next, we brought back the Poker Tournament on February 22nd after a few year's lapse. This year's event was highly entertaining and helps ASHE support our scholarship fund, as well as the local charity Athletes Serving Athletes. This year the event was won by Chris Bauernfeind, and although it was smaller than past events, the tournament was lively and engaging and we look to continue to promote the Poker Tournament in the coming years. Our last event of the year was our Younger Member's Axe Throwing night at Urban Axes. We have great younger members within ASHE Chesapeake as a whole, and also on our Board of Directors. Once again our younger members, led by Lauren Havener, organized a great event. Even though the effects of COVID-19 were already impacting our lives (plenty of hand sanitizer was available to all), I believe this was one of our best events of the year. Most of us were amateur throwers, but everyone learned quickly and it was a highly competitive and fun tournament. We'd like to thank the coaches, Riley and Cody with Urban Axes, who did a great job teaching us throwing techniques and keeping everyone safe.

Continuation of Message from the President

Unfortunately, safety has become a greater concern to all of us this spring. As already highlighted above, the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of Maryland for non-essential businesses has severely curtailed ASHE's ability to continue our calendar of events throughout the spring and summer of this year. We have been forced to cancel our Highway technical meeting in March, Member Appreciation night in April, and the Golf Tournament in June. In addition, ASHE National was forced to cancel the National Conference in Raleigh this year and will be rescheduling to hold the National Conference in Raleigh in 2024. As the Chesapeake Board has been monitoring events within Maryland and the country, we are re-evaluating our traditional calendar of events and considering alternatives for the summer and fall of this year to try to continue to promote professional and social connections in the transportation industry throughout Maryland. We may promote a few virtual events as the country begins to open up in order to continue to promote social distancing. We will also look to schedule smaller in-person events which may be consistent with current safety guidelines being promoted across the state. One such event may be a Younger Member hiking event in late summer or early fall, if it can be organized to maintain everyone's safety. Again, I'd like to thank all of our members for your support and understanding.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone, both members and non-members who have supported our organization over the past year, and have made my job as ASHE Chesapeake President as easy and engaging as possible. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with many of you at ASHE events throughout the year, when we were able to hold them, and I look forward to seeing you again for ASHE Chesapeake Events next year when we are back to in-person events. I would also like to ask that you extend the same level of support and understanding for the coming year to our new President, Andy Lynch. Again, thank you for your support and it has been my pleasure to be the ASHE Chesapeake President for the past year!

Gregg Iskra, P.E.

ASHE Chesapeake – 2019-2020 President



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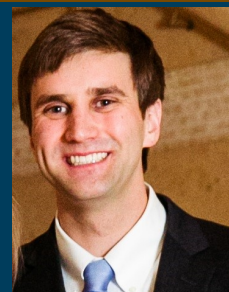
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ASHE 2019-2020 Events

ASHE CHESAPEAKE 2019-2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

- February 18, 2020—Water Resources Meeting (Engineer's Club)
- February 22, 2020—Poker Tournament (Long Green Banquet Hall)
- March 11, 2020—Axe Throwing Young Member Event
- TBD—Transportation/Highways Meeting (Cancelled)
- TBD—ASHE Member Appreciation Night (Cancelled)

Membership

If you would like to become a member please visit our website:

<http://chesapeake.ashe.pro/membership/>

Or join us at a meeting and fill out a membership form and talk to any one of the Board of Directors or Committee members.





February 18, 2020 Water Resources Meeting

Presentation 1:

*Sequence of Construction
(SOC) Protocol*

Laura Ridler (MD SHA)

Presentation 2:

MDE Policy Memorandum #2

Amanda Malcolm (MDE)

Presentation 3:

*Installation and Inspection of
Precast Concrete Drainage
Pipe*

Hank Gottschalk (Concrete
Pipe & Precast, LLC)

Dinner Speaker:

Joel Oppenheimer (STV)

The ASHE Chesapeake February Water Resources Meeting featured three technical presentations. The first technical presentation was conducted by Laura Ridler from Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). Laura discussed SHA's updated Sequence of Construction (SOC) protocol, which calls for flexible rather than prescriptive SOC's. Flexible SOC's should focus on critical erosion and sediment control restrictions and procedures needed to meet compliance rather than detailing the order in which the contractor performs the proposed work.

The second technical presentation was presented by Amanda Malcolm from Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). This presentation was focused on MDE Policy Memorandum #2 – Roadway/Railway Embankments with Culvert Crossings. This presentation focused on roadway embankments that are either intentionally or unintentionally designed as dams. Amanda's presentation focused on the potential hazards that could result from impounded water upstream of roadway embankments as well as on MDE's updated design protocol for such situations.

The third technical presentation was presented by Hank Gottschalk from Concrete Pipe & Precast, LLC. This presentation was focused on the installation and inspection of precast concrete drainage pipes. During his presentation, Hank discussed common mistakes made during the installation of concrete pipe, as well as signs of failure that often go unnoticed during the inspection of existing pipes.

Meeting presentations can
be found on our website

<http://chesapeake.ashe.pro/events/>



Poker Tournament

February 22, 2020

On February 22, 2020, ASHE held our annual poker tournament at the Long Green Volunteer Fire House, in Glen Arm, MD. Approximately 15 people participated in this event, which raised proceeds towards the ASHE Chesapeake Section scholarship fund and the Athletes Serving Athletes organization. Chris Bauernfeind won the top prize, with Dion Ho coming in second place. Competition was fierce in the last hour of the event, with participants thinning from 12 people to the last winners.

Along with the card playing, there was plenty to eat and drink. It was a great time to get together and socialize, while raising money for a good cause. We look forward to a bigger event next year.

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Axe Throwing Young Member Event

March 11, 2020

On March 11, 2020, ASHE Chesapeake Younger Members gathered at Urban Axes in Baltimore, MD for a friendly Axe Throwing competition. A group of 15 members representing 10 companies were in attendance. The 2 1/2 hour event began with a quick introduction and training session by two of Urban Axes' coaches, and concluded with a bracket-style axe throwing tournament. Everyone had a great time



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Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to Deni Deliallisi for being selected as the 2020 ASHE National Young Member of the Year! This award recognizes one ASHE member that has contributed greatly to the growth and development of the organization during the previous year. We couldn't be more proud of Deni for making such an impact not only in the Chesapeake Chapter Section, but throughout ASHE.

Despite not being able to hand out awards in person, ASHE Chesapeake awarded 5-\$2,500 scholarships this year. The 2020 scholarship recipients are listed below.

Haroon Farrukh—University of Maryland

Sebastian Lopez—Morgan State University

Naomi Meiselman—Johns Hopkins University

Brian Murphy—University of Maryland

Estelle Yovo—Morgan State University

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Unfortunately, the 2020 ASHE National Conference has been canceled this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The next National Conference will be in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania June 9-13, 2021. Since the Carolina Triangle was unable to host the conference this year, it will be hosting the conference in 2024.

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