

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to this first newsletter of the new LVASCE year.

I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve for a second year as your President. And I'm especially honored to serve with the team of selfless professionals who will constitute our new Board of Direction for 2021-22.

Our returning Board members for this year are **Dave Wieller** (Past President); **Chas Snyder** (Treasurer); **Lane Wilder**, **Gary Jordan**, **Mesut Pervizpour**, and **Bill Schaeffer** (Directors); and **John Caperilla** (Reading Branch President). Our new members are **Nate Mitchell** (Secretary), **Elliot Fink** (Director), and **Matt Gunther** (YMF President). Lane will also be continuing in her role as Chair of our Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) chapter. And **Greg Kuklinski** will be serving the second year of his three-year term as our Regional Governor.

At our annual LVASCE Picnic on August 26th, we formally installed this new Board, while also acknowledging the exemplary service of our departing Board members—**Joe McFadden**, **Dion Campbell**, and **Mark Hammerstone**. Joe has served us exceedingly well as Secretary and has also given generously of his time to train Nate Mitchell for the job; Dion has ably represented us on the Pennsylvania State Council; and Mark has done a superb job of guiding the Younger Members Forum through a very challenging period. I wish to offer my personal, heartfelt thanks to all of our Board members—past and present—for taking time from their busy schedules to serve our professional community.

Speaking of the LVASCE Annual Picnic—it was a wonderful event! The weather was good, the turnout was excellent, and the pulled pork alone was worth the trip. Special thanks to Mark Hammerstone for coordinating the meal and to Chas Snyder for his usual wide-ranging logistical support.

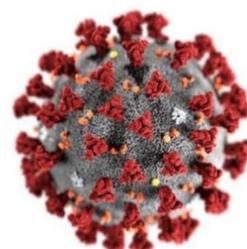
Thanks for your continued support of the Lehigh Valley Section. If you have any ideas for our 2021-22 program, please don't hesitate to contact me at sjressler@gmail.com.

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JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT WE WERE DONE WITH COVID-19...

Little did we know that our annual picnic on August 26th would be both the first and last LVASCE social event of 2021. ASCE Headquarters recently issued the following COVID-19 guidance to Sections and Branches:

Recognizing our professional and ethical responsibility to protect the health and safety of our members and the public at large, ASCE does not believe the current circumstances allow for a relaxation of our existing guidance. Accordingly, all ASCE entities are encouraged to pursue alternate options, such as the use of virtual platforms, for all meetings and events for the remainder of the calendar year (until Monday, January 3, 2022).



Consistent with this guidance, we shall reinvigorate our program of monthly webinars as quickly as possible; and our planned 100th Anniversary kickoff event (tentatively scheduled for November 4th) will probably be postponed. Our Holiday Banquet on December 9th is clearly at risk, though we will defer a final decision on this event for at least another month.

COMING EVENTS

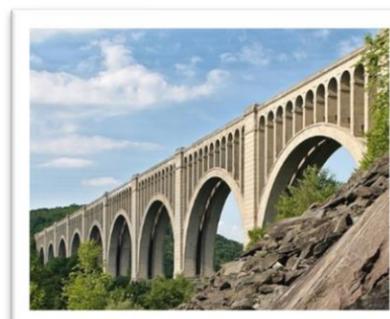
Our annual **EPIC Golf Outing** will be conducted on Friday, October 1st, at Bethlehem Golf Club. This year's outing will benefit both our Scholarship Fund and our 100th Anniversary celebration. Please consider participating, serving as a sponsor, or both. **The final day to register as a sponsor is September 20th.** Please don't miss this opportunity to support our programs for the coming year. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/hccc7ddj>

On September 29th at noon, the Reading Branch will sponsor a free webinar entitled "Sustainable-Resilient Regional Infrastructure Planning and Investment," presented by **Michael Perlow**. All Lehigh Valley Section members are invited to participate. Mr. Perlow has over 40 years of experience in marine, coastal, land-based geotechnical and foundation engineering and will present an overview of sustainability, resilience, limit state design-hazard assessment from a regional perspective. Participants will receive **1.0 PDH**. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ej5fe9pr>



Our technical webinar schedule for the remainder of the year is wide open! If you'd like to make a presentation or can recommend a presenter, please contact Steve Ressler at sjressler@gmail.com.

LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS



Our 100th Anniversary Committee has made great progress on the ongoing project to commemorate the Centennial of the Lehigh Valley Section by producing a photo book of "The Lehigh Valley's Top 100 Civil Engineering Landmarks." Having received helpful input from many Section members, we have now identified the CE landmarks that will be featured in the book—and we need to start taking photographs.

If you enjoy photography and own a good-quality camera, you can help! Our team of volunteer photographers could use a few more members to share the workload. All volunteers will receive appropriate photo credits in the publication.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact our 100th Anniversary Chairman, **Pete Terry**, at peter.terry@bencivil.com as soon as possible.

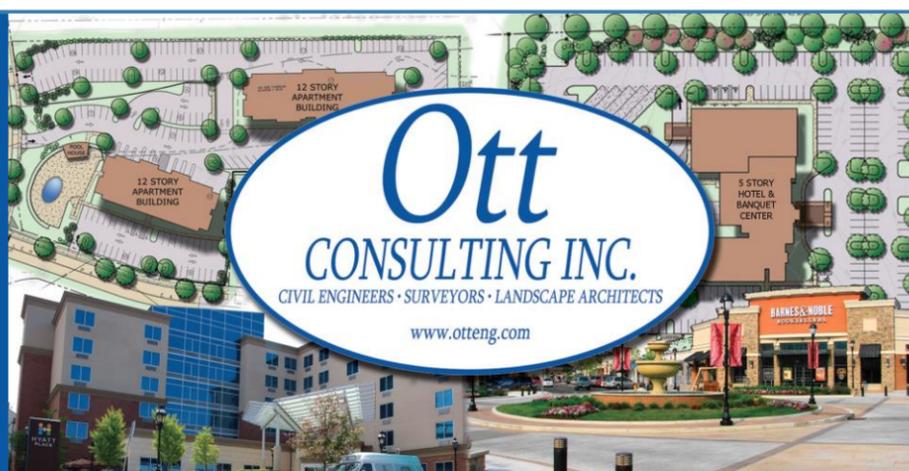
SEEKING ANNUAL SPONSORS

We are now seeking **Annual Sponsorships for 2021-22**. As an Annual Sponsor of LVASCE, your company will receive:

- A Featured Sponsor advertisement in one monthly issue of our world-renowned LVASCE Newsletter
- An opportunity to present a technical webinar at any time during the year—though preferably during your Features Sponsor month
- Your company logo featured prominently on all LVASCE event announcements, newsletters, and other electronic communications

Your **\$500 contribution** will support our technical program, legislative activities, educational outreach, and scholarship fund. You can sign up at <https://www.lvasce.org/sponsor/>. Don't wait! Due to the nature of the Featured Sponsor program, we can only accept two Annual Sponsorships per year. If you have any questions, please contact **Steve Ressler** at sjressler@gmail.com

OUR FEATURED SPONSOR FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



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