

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am deeply honored to serve as President of the LVASCE for the upcoming year. Many thanks to my predecessor, **Dave Wieller**, for his superb leadership of our Section over the past two years—and for all his efforts to facilitate a smooth leadership transition last month. I would also like to acknowledge the dedicated service of last year’s Board members—**Mike Derr** (Past President), **Chas Snyder** (Treasurer), **Joe McFadden** (Secretary), **Mark Hammerstone** (Director and President of the Younger Members Forum), **John Caperilla** (Reading Branch President), **Dion Campbell** (Director), **Lane Wilder** (Director), and **Bill Schaeffer** (Director). The Lehigh Valley Section is thriving today because of this amazing team’s talents and selfless efforts. This year, all these Board members are continuing to serve, and we are joined by **Gary Jordan** from King’s College and **Mesut Pervizpour** from Lehigh University. Welcome aboard,

gentlemen! We still have open Board seats for an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary, both of which are appointed positions. If you’ve ever considered getting more actively involved in the leadership of the LVASCE, this is a great opportunity to do so. If interested, please contact me directly at LVASCEpresident@gmail.com.

Steve Ressler, P.E., Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE

OUR PROGRAM

Over the past six months, the COVID-19 crisis has caused severe disruptions to the LVASCE program (and to everything else in our lives). Recognizing that the pandemic will probably be with us for the next few months at best, we have decided to move forward with an online program—a series of monthly webinars that will provide opportunities for us to engage with each other (if only electronically), while providing professionally relevant content and PDHs.

We kicked off this program with a webinar on professional ethics, conducted by **Tara Hoke**, ASCE General Counsel, on September 17th. Thanks to all 24 members who participated.



On October 21st at 12:00 p.m., **Jennifer Waters, P.E., LEED AP**, will present “**The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Overview & Recent Updates.**” Jen is Associate Vice President and the Deputy Practice Leader for the environmental services division of Urban Engineers in Philadelphia. She is a P.E. in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Texas. She has worked at Urban Engineers since graduating from Penn State University with a B.S. in Environmental Systems Engineering in 2001. In 2010, she earned her master’s in Engineering Management from Drexel University. To register for the webinar, please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5yqho2t>. The registration cost is only \$5.

Please note the start time. In response to member feedback, we’re trying a lunchtime seminar in the hope that it will be more convenient for participants. If you have any other feedback or suggestions on the program—most importantly on potential speakers and topics—please contact me at LVASCEpresident@gmail.com. We want this program to work for you.

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