

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It has been another busy month!

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the ASCE Lehigh Valley Section served as a Gold Sponsor for the annual National Engineers Week Banquet, organized by the Lehigh Valley Engineering Council and conducted at Iacocca Hall on the campus of Lehigh University. At this event, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of three Lehigh Valley professional societies—the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and ASCE—were recognized with the birthday cake pictured at right. **John Caperilla**, ASCE Reading Branch President, represented the LVASCE at the cake-cutting ceremony.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we hosted a technical webinar entitled “Geogrids for Use in Roadway Design,” presented by **Paul Schmitz**, Market Manager for Tensar Corporation. 35 members earned PDHs for their participation in this event.



And on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE) held its annual scholarship awards dinner at DeSales University. In recognition of the LVASCE's generous donation to the PSPE scholarship program, we were invited to attend the ceremony and present one of the four scholarships awarded this year. **Mike Derr** represented the Lehigh Valley Section and presented a scholarship to **Adam Walker**, a senior at Freedom High School, who will be attending Bucknell University and studying civil engineering and management in the fall. Adam is an Eagle Scout, president of the Freedom High School Theater Company, vice president of the school choir, captain of the Honor Guard of the Freedom High School Marching Band, a member of the National Honor Society, and a captain in the Bethlehem Area School District Mini-thon. The LVASCE is honored to have the opportunity to partner with PSPE in recognizing gifted students like Adam, who represent the future of our profession.



Thanks for your continued support of the ASCE Lehigh Valley Section. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [sjressler@gmail.com](mailto:sjressler@gmail.com).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon, **Joe Sirignano**, Vice President and Structural Group Manager at Alfred Benesch & Company, will present a webinar entitled “UHMC Repair of Steel Columns in the Walnut Street Tunnel.” Watch for an e-mail announcement and registration link, coming soon.
- Please mark your calendar now for our annual **LVASCE Picnic**, which will be conducted on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Hugh Moore Park in Easton. In commemoration of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year's picnic will include a canal boat ride on the Lehigh Canal. This event also serves as our official Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there.

**NEW ASCE STUDENT CHAPTER AT KING'S COLLEGE**

For the past year, **Dr. Gary Jordan**, a civil engineering professor at King's College, has been working toward the establishment of a new ASCE Student Chapter to augment the civil engineering program at King's. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Gary and his two student leaders—**Joe Giannella** and **Jon Nowak**—held an organizational meeting for interested students. The turnout was good, as was the pizza. Within two weeks, 23 King's College students had signed up as ASCE Student Members. Well done Gary, Joe, and Jon.


**ASCE LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION ELECTIONS**

It's not too late to cast your vote in the ongoing election the LVASCE officers who will serve as members of our Board for the coming year. The candidates for next year's Board vacancies are:



- President-Elect (1 year) – **Lane Wilder, P.E.**
- Treasurer (2 years) – **Chas Snyder, P.E.**
- Director (2 years) – **Dr. Kristen Sanford, P.E.**
- Director (2 years) – **Dr. Ismail Haltas, P.E.**

You can cast your ballot at <https://tinyurl.com/52uhmtk4> anytime before May 31st.

We are also seeking a volunteer to serve as an Appointed Director on our Board. This individual will assume responsibility for our social media communications. If interested, please contact Steve Ressler at [sjressler@gmail.com](mailto:sjressler@gmail.com).

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