

August 2021

Dear Members,

Summer break has come and gone. As the students go back to school, we professionals get ready for PA license renewal and the increase in regular professional events. Due to the pandemic and thus the decrease in in-person industrial events, I came to the quick realization that I had some catching up to do on my PDH hours. I encourage anyone else in the same boat as me to hop onto the ASCE website to choose 10 [free on-demand presentations](#) that cover a variety of topics. I really enjoyed the presentation on "From Project Engineer to Project Manager – Look Before You Leap" and also "Transportation Infrastructure Considerations for Super Heavy Load Moves". If you learn better with the guidance of a (virtual) live instructor, the annual PDH Bootcamp with ESWP on September 17 will be extremely valuable. [Registration](#) is still open for half-day or full-day virtual attendance.

Just as many of our members are adjusting to flexible work schedules and changing company health and safety policies, we on the ASCE Pittsburgh Section board are being mindful of CDC, state, county, local, and ASCE National recommendations when planning events for the fall and winter. The Pittsburgh Section will be following the [ASCE guidance that was updated August 17, 2021](#) and thus continuing to utilize virtual platforms whenever feasible to accomplish any event's purpose. In keeping with the ASCE Code of Ethics, the health and safety of our global professional community and the public at large should continue to be each member's foremost responsibility when interacting with each other.

Before the new ASCE national recommendations were made, the Pittsburgh Section Board met in person for the first time in over a year for the annual Boardsmanship Orientation Picnic. Fortunately, the rainstorm took a break just long enough for us to enjoy a lovely evening outside catching up and discussing necessary topics to ensure we are ethical and effective board members. If gaining leadership and management experience in a learning environment is something you would be interested in, please reach out to me or one of our Institute or Committee chairs to see how you can get involved.



Newly sworn-in Pittsburgh Section Board members, the 2021-2022 executive board team, and the Committee, Institute, and Director representatives at the annual Boardsmanship Orientation Picnic.

Front from left to Right (Director Timothy Brett, Director Colleen Elliot, President Erin Feichtner, Past-President Jonathan Shimko, and President-Elect Tom Batrone)

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Thank you for your support,

Erin