

November 5, 2021

Happy ASCE Day!

On November 5, 1852, twelve engineers gathered at New York City's Croton Aqueduct to establish an association that would serve the professionals who design and construct America's built environment, which became American Society of Civil Engineers. To help us celebrate, use #ASCEDay on social media to join the festivities and share what ASCE means to you! Like and follow us on Facebook at: [@ASCEpgh](#) or on Twitter at: [@ASCEPgh](#) or LinkedIn at: [ASCE Pittsburgh Section!](#)

As we celebrate ASCE's 169th Anniversary I am reminded of our Pittsburgh Section's illustrious history and the many member contributions over the span of its 100+ years of existence. You're invited to celebrate that legacy as you begin planning your holidays by adding [Engineering Pittsburgh: A History of Roads, Rail, Canals, Bridge and More](#), written by local ASCE members, to your list of gifts for any 'Yinzer' or history lover you know— including yourself!

While the holidays will be here soon enough, for me it currently feels a lot like a typical busy fall. Football and hockey games, office Halloween activities, and engineering society dinner events. Our Institutes and YMF are hosting monthly events, and the Section celebrated the ASCE Life Members of 2021 on Oct 28th. I really enjoyed dinner with Emory, John, and Gary and the others who came to honor these members' contributions. The life member dinner is always a favorite of mine and leaves me energized about what I will be able to accomplish in my career. If you missed the dinner please check out our [life member page](#) where bios and pictures of the 2021 ASCE Life Members will be posted.



Past-President Pat Sullivan congratulates our newest Life Members!

As networking opportunities begin to occur in person again, I urge everyone to continue to respect each other's comfort levels, adhere to health safety recommendations, and be understanding that events might not look the same as in years past. The Section welcomes feedback and is hoping to plan a year of events that meet both the needs of those members who miss the face-to-face connection to other professionals, and events that are convenient and accessible to members all around the western PA region.

I am very thankful that I enjoy my career in an industry that can really have a meaningful and positive impact on people's lives. I hope you all have found the area that interests you as well, that sparks creative and adaptive ways to build systems that help people navigate their day to day lives.

Thank you for your support and Happy Thanksgiving!

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