

Greetings ASCE Colleagues,



My how time flies! It seems like it was just yesterday when our current slate of officers was installed during our annual Past President's Lunch in May. Now, fall is setting in and we are getting ready for the busy Holiday Season. I will be the first to admit that it has been some time since the last message from this position, so I welcome this opportunity to report on our recent accomplishments and let you know what is in store for the future.

Over the summer we held our annual Strategic Planning Session in June and our Board Orientation Meeting in August. During these meetings, representatives from our student groups, institutes and committees present their goals and objectives to the [Section Officers](#) and submit requests for financial support from the Section. These requests were reviewed by the Budget Committee during its annual July Meeting. I am pleased to report that the Committee was able to establish a 2018-2019 annual budget without raising local Section Dues, and while maintaining the ability to financially support the many worthwhile goals and events planned for the coming year.

Perhaps our biggest accomplishment recently was hosting our [100th Anniversary Gala](#) at the Hotel Monaco in Downtown Pittsburgh on September 22nd. It was truly a once in a lifetime event and it seemed all who attended had a wonderful time celebrating 100 years of the Section's history. VIPs at the event included then ASCE National President Kristina Swallow, former ASCE National President Andy Hermann, Regional Governor Jack Raudenbush and Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto who presented a proclamation declaring September 22, 2018 to be Civil Engineers Recognition Day. The event coincided with the roll out of the book "[Engineering Pittsburgh: A History of Roads, Rails, Canals, Bridges and More](#)" authored by several members of the Pittsburgh Section. Participants at the 100th Anniversary Gala had the opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by the authors who were in attendance. Additionally, it was great to see a healthy number our student members in attendance. Congrats to the [University of Pittsburgh Student Group](#) for winning the table centerpiece competition! Special thanks to the folks on the 100th Anniversary Committee, led by Past President Cathy Bazan-Arias. Also, thanks to our many sponsors who made this great event possible.

Although our big event for the year has come and gone, we still have several events planned for the membership. First and foremost is our [Annual Kick Off Dinner](#) that will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the LeMont on Mount Washington. This event features our Life Member recognitions and presentations by the Student Groups. Other upcoming events include:

- [SEI & YMF Masonry Technical Sessions](#)
- [YMF Hosted December Dinner featuring presentations from our 100th Anniversary publication](#)
- [Annual SEI/ABCD Joint Dinner featuring Fred Gottemoeller](#)

- [2019 Sustainability Conference](#)

The best way to stay current with all our events and activities is to [visit our website](#) frequently, since it is always updated with the latest ASCE Pittsburgh Section news, events, and more.

As you can see, we have accomplished quite a bit so far this year and have much more planned. Want to become more involved? We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers. If you interested in becoming more involved, send us a message at the [Section](#). We'd love to have you aboard.



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