

The Mid-Allegheny Minutes



April 17, 2025 Dinner Meeting

The sixth meeting of the ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section 2024-2025 program was a joint meeting with the Altoona Section, Franklin Section, Mid-Allegheny Section, Pittsburgh Section, and Southwest Penn Section of ASHE. The meeting was at the RLA Learning and Conference Center in Cranberry Woods. The PennDOT Secretary of Transportation, **Michael Carroll, PE** discussed the current state of affairs and an outlook on the landscape for the state of Pennsylvania.

Michael has been serving as the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary since 2023 working on improving the roads and bridges, and getting projects completed.

May 14, 2025 Award Dinner Meeting

At the Indiana Country Club, the seventh meeting of the ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section 2024-2025 program convened. Opening remarks were presented by ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section Vice-President, **Gary Madey, PE**.

The ASHE Board members were inducted into office by a member of the National ASHE Board of Directors, **JT Lincoln, PE**. Many positions are carried over for this year along with candidates filling the 7 new positions for the 2025-2026 season. Welcome to the new board members and we look forward to the season ahead.

Next the scholarships were presented to the two students by **Gary Madey, PE**.

- **Nicholas Santucci** of the University of Pittsburgh was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. He is active in his school and community including the Boy Scouts, the Newman Center, Pitt ASCE, and the National Society of Professional Engineers.
- **Maragaret Butterfield** of Penn State University was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She is involved in THON (Penn States Student run Philanthropy committed to fighting childhood cancer), the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Chi Epsilon.

The two award winning teams were introduced by **Matt Cochran, PE**:

- SR 2011 (Cloe-Rossiter Road) over Tributary to Canoe Creek project was awarded for a project

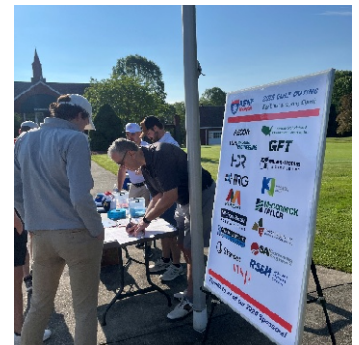
less than \$2.5 Million Dollars. **Anthony Pioli, PE** from PennDOT, **Michelle Adamshick, PE**, and **Alex Schmidt, PE** presented on behalf of Stantec, PennDOT District 10 and Merlo, Inc. The box culvert was originally built in 1905 and replaced in 2024. The existing structure was comprised of a 50 ft long twin cell cast-in-place culvert with varying width connecting to a Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad twin cell stone masonry culvert. The replacement structure is a 54 ft long single cell precast box culvert on a 68 degree skew with a cast-in-place transition section leading to the railroad structure.

- SR 228 Balls Bend Safety Improvement Project was awarded for projects greater than \$2.5 Million Dollars. **Chad Mosco, PE** from PennDOT and **Josh Kisling, PE** from HDR presented on this project, which included the contractor Independence Excavating Inc. The Balls Bend Project received a \$14 Million Build Grant which shortened the design schedule by 1 year. The existing corridor did not meet current design standards and had high crash rates. A few noteworthy features include: the typical section was widened from 2-lanes to 5-lanes, 4 new structures were built, 2 jughandles, 1 sign structure, 4 township road tie-ins, stream mitigation easement, and 8 phases of MPT including traffic shifts, cross overs and detours.

May 30, 2025 Golf Outing

The ASHE Mid-Allegheny Section celebrated the 25th anniversary of the section's annual golf outing on Friday, May 30th, 2025. This was our second year at The Links at Spring Church, in Apollo, PA. Again, the course itself and service provided by the staff did not disappoint. A total of 104 golfers participated in the outing. The weather cooperated as heavy rains held off until late afternoon. Pitchfix Tools sporting the ASHE Mid-Allegheny logo, along with various golf supplies, were awarded to the top three foursomes and eight skill prize winners. The outing also included a raffle for a chance to win a 2025 Scotty Cameron Studio Style Newport 2 Putter or hats celebrating the rivalries of three local universities. The outing will return to The Links at Spring Church on May 15th, 2026 (tentative).

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Photos:
Awards Dinner—Gary Madey, JT Lincoln, Inducted Officers, Cloe-Rossiter Road Team, Balls Bend Team, and the Golf Outing

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Upcoming events include:

- August 1, 2025 Sporting Clay Shoot – Promise Land Sporting Clays Freeport, PA.
- August 8, 2025 Memorial Golf Outing – Birdsfoot Golf Club Freeport, PA.
- September Dinner Meeting – Indiana Country Club, Indiana, PA - September 10, 2025

Additional information on the events above can be found on our website.

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