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Happy Fall everyone,

I apologize for the later than usual Summer message.

It has been a busy summer for ASCE. Soon after my first message in May, Greg Scott, Kemal Niksic and I travelled to Harrisburg, PA to attend the annual Pennsylvania Legislature Day. On this day, our consultant law firm, Duane Morris Government Strategies, arranges for us to meet with many members of the State House of Representatives and the State Senate to discuss and consider several critical actions in their legislative meetings. These actions included the following:



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1. Conduct a comprehensive study that investigates Pennsylvania's stormwater needs.
2. Support the passage of three house bills (HB 1325, HB1394 and HB 1661) that enable municipalities to implement stormwater management ordinances.
3. Require any public utility to implement asset management planning.

The [2008 Governor's Sustainable Infrastructure Task Force Report](#) is available for review online.

We also were given an opportunity to meet with representatives of PADEP. This meeting was scheduled to obtain some additional information regarding remarks made by then Secretary Quigley on the quality and content of Chapter 102 and 105 permit applications submitted by Pennsylvania civil engineering firms.

In June, the Section conducted our Strategic Planning Meeting at the University of Pittsburgh. At the meeting, representatives of the various institutes and committees, as well as Section officers presented their goals and objectives for the upcoming year and their request for financial support from the Section. During the meeting, a presentation was made by Melanie Wayne, our Chairman for the newly organized [Architectural Engineering Institute](#) and by Emily Eichner, our [Engineers without Borders](#) Liaison.

Julie Kim, president of the [CMU Student Chapter](#), was also present and provided an update on her group's goals and objectives and Matt Gilfillan, the [University of Pittsburgh Student Chapter](#) Practitioner Adviser, presented Pitt's requests.

In July the budget committee met to establish or 2016-2017 annual budget. A determination of the annual expenses was slightly more difficult this year; the Pittsburgh Section is less than two years away from its 100th anniversary and preparation for this event, which includes a commemorative book, a celebration gala, a civil engineering walking tour and other ancillary functions require planning to begin at this time.

Finally, the [ASCE lifetime member and kickoff event](#) will be held in the last week of October at the University Club on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. We're going to try something a little different this year that some could say deviates significantly from what you are accustomed to. So pay close attention. First the event will be a lunchtime endeavor; it will give you an opportunity to break up your work day. Second, we will honor the lifetime members first and foremost. They are so important to the history of this Section and were probably long time contributors to the philosophies and values that this section holds today. The lifetime members we will salute consist of the following:

- Mr. Michael Merovich
- Mr. John Regan
- Mr. James Belardi
- Mr. Michael Sydlik
- Mr. Dennis Graham
- Mr. Brian Rettinger
- Mr. John Suhrie
- Mr. Jacob Vozel
- Mr. Eric Cartwright
- Mr. Robert A Nedzesky
- Mr. Anthony Frost
- Mr. William Trimbath

Finally, the various institutes and chairs and universities will not be making a slideshow presentation as in years' past, but instead will have tables set up so that you can speak to

a representative to see if you would like to become involved. Hopefully parking at Pitt will be a bit easier than in previous years, the Soldiers and Sailors parking lot is only a block away.

By the way our speaker will be Ms. Meg Cheever, the President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

Let's come out and give the thanks that our lifetime members deserve.

We are also in need of an energetic person to assist me with organizing some of our section events, if you are a great organizer and like to meet and greet, please contact me.

Thanks for your patience this summer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat". The letters are cursive and fluid.

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PS- When you see me at the kickoff event, ask me about my trip to Suriname!