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Ladies and Gentlemen: We continue to be Number One! Starting this July, our Section's Continuing Education Committee is leading the first pilot program in partnership with ASCE National to provide our members a special preferred rate on Live and On-Demand webinars. Thus, our members can invest in fulfilling PDH and CEU licensing and professional development requirements while our Section benefits from a portion of the sales. Further, we also have the opportunity to create our own Section webinars. More details at can be found in [this article](#) or on the [Continuing Education Committee](#) webpage.

This summer our Board of Directors has been busy working on short- and long-term goals. Our Strategic Planning Session in June is being followed up by our institutes, committees and student groups who are dutifully developing three-year "road maps" building on the success and lessons learned from the leaders and active participants in each. Our Section's long-term goals include: supporting a Champion for the [Raise the Bar ASCE national initiative](#); identifying a committee for our upcoming 100th anniversary celebration in 2018; and, fostering engagement and participation by promoting local and other news that impact us. For instance, one of our recent blogs discusses Pittsburgh's significant strides in [creating sustainable communities](#) and efforts in [mentoring students](#), while other posts relate to [civil engineers and the Highway Trust Fund](#) and [how you can make a difference](#) by using your iPhone and Android. Engagement is our key!

Speaking of engagement: Join us at our upcoming fall events and activities! Our [calendar of events](#) is updated practically weekly – sometimes daily – and showcases the latest information on social and technical events. Save-The-Date for our Annual Kick-Off dinner on Thursday September 17th at the LeMont Restaurant featuring the presentation of this year's Life Members. Also coming up is the annual SEI Steel Day Tour on Friday September 25th. Naming all our upcoming special lectures and social activities would make this article rather long so please visit our calendar often for updates and new listings.

We continue to heartily encourage our members to remain active, participate in our committees, and continue to fuel our leadership through the "Three E's": *Engagement, Erudition and Energy!*

Sincerely yours,

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