2016 Conference Speaker Bios

MICHAEL KEISER, P.E.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Mike Keiser is the District Executive for PennDOT Engineering District 8 which covers the south central region of Pennsylvania. He is a professional engineer with 29 years of experience with PennDOT. As District Executive he is responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of state-owned roads and bridges in District 8 as well as traffic safety. He is a native of Williamstown in upper Dauphin County and a graduate of Penn State University.

JOHN T. KENNEDY, P.E.

ACTING ASSISTANT DISTRICT ENGINEER /DESIGN PORTFOLIO MANAGER PennDOT District 8-0 since July 2005. Responsible for all transportation design project coordination; determining project priorities; assignment of project managers; allocation of design budget, personnel and consultant resources; project planning, programming, scheduling, and funds management.

Past Positions held in PennDOT District 8-0 (1986 to present)
Senior Project Manager in Highway Design
Maintenance Program Engineer
Consultant Liaison Engineer
Maintenance Project Coordinator
Civil Engineer trainee
Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania since 1992

STEVEN D. HOWELL

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ENGINEER since August 2014
As Pavement Management Engineer, he is responsible for all of the pavement designs and value engineering for District 8-0. He also manages the RMS and Outdoor Advertising Units.

Past Positions held in PennDOT District 8-0 (2012 to present)

District Load Rating Engineer
Civil Engineer - Bridge Design

Education
Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering
Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg
(Penn State Harrisburg)
Middletown, PA 2011

MICHAEL C. LAPANO

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER- Highway Design
As a Senior Project Manager in the Highway Design Unit he is in charge of overseeing the advancement of complex highway, bridge and multi-modal transportation projects in the eight county District 8-0 area.
He has over 34 years of experience with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, 1981.

BRADLEY J. HEIGEL, P.E.

CHIEF ENGINEER — PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Brad Heigel was named Chief Engineer in April 2012. Prior to that time, he was previously employed by the Commission from 1990 to 2010 having served as the Total Reconstruction Program Manager from 2000 to 2010. From 2010 to 2012, he was employed as a Vice President with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.

MICHAEL J. PHILLIPS

SENIOR ENGINEER PROJECT MANAGER – PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Mike has worked in the Highway Construction Industry for the past 28 years in various capacities, including field inspection, structural design and construction management. He is currently the Construction Project Manager for the I95/I276 Interchange Connector and Roadway Reconstruction Project. This is a major federally funded highway capacity expansion project being constructed under a joint partnership between the Turnpike and PennDOT. Stage 1 (on-going) plus stage 2 and stage 3 construction costs are anticipated to exceed $1.4 billion. Prior to his project manager role, Mike's area of responsibility at the Turnpike included: Administration of project controls and construction management technologies including the Construction Documentation System (CDS), Project Collaboration & Document Management Systems, PTC Construction Operations Manual (COM) and Construction Program Administration.

KELLI ROBERTS

MANAGER OF MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Kelli Roberts has 15 years of communications experience focused in politics and government policy. Currently serving as the Manager of Marketing and Business Development at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Roberts is responsible for the planning, execution and management of all marketing initiatives including roadway project campaigns, the E-ZPass program, Work Zone Safety awareness and the Trip Talk app. Previously, Roberts served as Deputy Communications Director for Governor Tom Corbett where she established and implemented the communications strategy which ultimately resulted in the passage and signature of Act 89. Early in her career Roberts spent time at the United States Department of Transportation serving as Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs under Secretary Norman Mineta.

MATTHEW L MCCAHAN

GEOTECHNICAL MANAGER/PROJECT MANAGER – STAHL SHEAFFER ENGINEERING, LLC

Matt has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mineral Economics from the Pennsylvania State University.
He is currently the Geotechnical Manager and a Project Manager for Stahl Sheaffer Engineering. He is responsible for the company's current, and future, geotechnical capabilities including continued departmental development and future business development. He is also responsible for Stahl Sheaffer's Soils and Materials Laboratory. Prior to joining Stahl Sheaffer, Matt was an Engineering Project Manager 3 in the Geotechnical Department at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for 26 Years.