



# NYSATE NEWS



**New York State Association of Transportation Engineers - Section 11**

**Winter 2024**

## **THANK YOU HARRY BARTIK** **by Cathy Nusca**

At the end of 2023 sadly Harry Bartik stepped down from being the NYSATE Section 11 section director for retirees. Harry had been the retiree representative for 28 years and is a dedicated member of NYSATE since 1958, 66 years. Harry was a member of NYSATE when there was no NYS Department of Transportation. It was the NYS Department of Public Works. Harry has dedicated his free time to NYSATE performing many jobs for our section over the years. Before he retired he was our section's Vice President and President. Since retiring Harry has helped with the day to day running of our section and has kept our retirees involved and informed. He has also performed numerous other tasks such as working at the annual conferences by serving as chair and co-chair for such committees as hospitality and vendors. He was also our section's TPOY in 2010 advancing to one of the 3 finalists. He's worked every year at our annual picnic being in charge of beverages and ice and

manning the grill cooking for our members. Harry is also responsible for initiating the David Barkevich Scholarship to which he and the Barkevich family contribute their personal funds. We need more people like Harry who are willing to volunteer their free time working for our organization. Over the years Harry has helped to make NYSATE the long running successful organization it's been. An organization that gives our members a path to social and professional experiences that can last a lifetime. Thank you Harry for your many years of service to NYSATE. Enjoy finally being a true retiree. We hope we continue to see you at NYSATE events. Going forward I hope I can do half the job that you've done in representing our retirees. Thank you for your service and have a long and happy retirement!

Cathy Nusca  
NYSATE Section 11  
Retiree Section Director

## **NYSATE Annual Meeting & TPOY Banquet**

Please join us as we celebrate Justin Burth being the Section 11 TPOY! The celebration and meeting will be held at Martel's Bar and Grill at Colonie Golf Course on Monday, March 11th (5:00—8:00 PM)

See your Section Directors for tickets or register on-line at [nysate.net](http://nysate.net)

Retirees — contact Cathy Nusca at (518) 225-1790.

## **Save the Date — Section 11's Annual Picnic**

Thursday, June 20 — Cook Park, Colonie

**STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**by Jennifer Hawkins**

The State Board of Directors will meet on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> in Utica to tour the site of this year's Annual Conference. The board will also set the Annual Budget, discuss membership forecasts, and elect officers. In an effort to reduce spending, the Board also meets 3-4 times a year via Zoom.

NYSATE's 2024 Annual Technical Conference, Conference 82 is being hosted by Section 2 – Utica Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Conference hotel is the Delta Hotel by Marriott on Genesee Street with Technical Seminars taking place at Mohawk Valley Community College. The Committee has a lot of great educational and fun things planned, including PDHs for all technical

sessions, so be sure to keep an eye on nysate.net as they continually update the Conference website with more information. The Conference Committee hopes to have registration open April 1<sup>st</sup>, and I hope to see you all there!

2025 marks the start of NYSATE's Centennial Anniversary. Due to a lack of members in Section 3, who was scheduled to host the 2025 Annual Conference, the State Board will be hosting Conference 83 Wednesday May 28th through Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> in Saratoga. The State Board is looking for volunteers, in whatever capacity you can help, to assist with hosting the Conference. If interested, please contact me. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

**CONFERENCE 82 SUBSIDY**

NYSATE Section 11 will subsidize a few lucky members to attend the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NYSATE Technical Conference to be held June 5 - 7, 2024 at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY.

Odds of winning are weighted based on years of NYSATE membership and how recently you have accepted a subsidy.

Please note that certain obligations must be met by the traveler in order to receive the reimbursement. The attendee must register for the conference, stay at an official conference hotel (unless they are sold out), and attend the TPOY banquet.

Subsidy Amount: \$400.00

To be considered for the drawing, provide the information below to Gina Giorgianni by email (nysatesection11@gmail.com) before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

"I understand that I must register for the Conference, stay in an official conference hotel, and attend the Transportation Professional of the Year (TPOY) Banquet to qualify for the subsidy."

Your Name

Work Location

Work Phone Number



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Honor our NYSATE Section 11 TPOY  
**Justin Burth**



**NYSATE Annual Meeting &  
TPOY Banquet**

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00 PM

Cocktail Hour 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Dinner, Meeting and Awards 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Martel's Bar and Grill at Colonie Golf Course**

418 Consaul Road, Schenectady, NY 12304

**\$25 for members and one guest; \$40 for non-members**

**Section 11 NYSATE Members: See Your Section Director for Tickets!**

Retirees: Contact Cathy Nusca at 518-225-1790 to make your reservation!

Section Directors: John Camerota, Erica Gundrum, Lowell Lingo, Mary Harding, Justin Burth, Mengia Deberry,  
and Rochelle Hooley (NYS Thruway)

Or Register on-line at [nysate.net](http://nysate.net)

## TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

by Jen Hawkins



Section 11 is proud to select Justin Burth as the 2024 Transportation Professional of the Year.

Justin graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from SUNY IT in 2006 and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York and is currently working as a PE-2 in the Office of Structures for NYSDOT.

Justin served for 6 years in the US Army prior to starting at NYSDOT in Region 2 Utica. He started as a TCI in Region 2 Materials for one Summer in 2006 prior to being hired full-time as a Junior Engineer in December of 2006. He worked in the Structures Design Section in Region 2 for seven years. During that time, he was given the opportunity to work for a Summer as a construction inspector on a bridge project and another Summer in bridge inspection. In December of 2013, Justin transferred to the Main Office Structures Design Bureau. After four years in the Structures Design Bureau, he transferred to the Structures Specialties Engineering Bureau to supervise the Metals Engineering Fabrication Control Unit. For the last four and a half years, Justin has supervised the Structures Construction Support and Bridge Foundations Unit.

Justin's NYSATE participation is exemplary having been a NYSATE member since 2008. While in Section 2, he served in the positions of Local Director and Vice President. He helped with Section 2's 2011 Annual Conference as a member of the Hospitality and Guest Program Committees. He also helped with the annual Adopt-A-Highway program and the Boilermaker water station for several years while in Section 2. He currently serves as a Section Director in Section 11. He regularly volunteers to help with the annual NYSATE Summer picnic and has sat the NYSATE booth for the PEF picnics and Holiday Dinners as needed. During last year's NYSATE Conference 81, Justin chaired the Technical Sessions Committee and helped assemble registration 'swag bags'. Justin is a frequent attendee of NYSATE events so if it is happening in NYSATE, Justin is probably there.

Justin is also a frequent community contributor who makes yearly monetary donations to the Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, United Way of the Greater Capital Region, and the Humane Society of the United States. He also rescued his beloved Boston Terrier from a family who could no longer care for him, saving the pup from life in a shelter.

Please join me in congratulating Justin Burth on being the Section 11 TPOY and plan to attend the Annual TPOY Dinner on March 11th (details elsewhere in this newsletter) to honor Justin and enjoy Harry White's infamous TPOY presentation.