



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS
SECTION AWARDS PROGRAM**

Determined by membership information.

The American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) honors Sections based on various membership data. The awards are presented annually at the ASHE National Conference.

Conference Attendance Award:

Opening Session Attendees-This award is given to the Section with the largest number of attendees (excluding the host Section) at the Opening Session/Business Meeting held annually at the ASHE National Conference.

Gene G. Smith Award:

Highest Number of New Members- In 1989, the “Gene G. Smith Award” was established and is presented to the Section with the largest number of new members within the current fiscal year. It is named after Past National President, Gene G. Smith, PE, who led the Society in expanding into new areas and served the Society with dedication for decades. Mr. Smith passed away on September 3, 2012.

George Hart Award:

Highest Percentage Increase in Membership-This award is presented to the Section with the largest percentage increase in membership within the current fiscal year. It was named after George Hart who served the Society for many years as the National Treasurer. Mr. Hart passed away in 1975.

Terence D. Conner Award:

Best Retention of Existing Members-The Terence D. Conner, PE, award is awarded to the Section that has the best retention of existing members. This award was created in recognition of Terry’s long service as the ASHE National Secretary. Terry served the Society as National Secretary for 30 years. The National Board of Directors created this award to recognize that it is just as important to reward those Sections that work hard to keep their existing members as it is to reward those that work at recruiting new members.

Robert E. Yeager Award:

Best Balance of Employment Categories-The Robert E. Yeager, PLS, award was created to recognize that one of ASHE’s primary advantages is the inclusive nature of the Society; attracting and offering networking and information exchange opportunities to all persons involved and interested in the highway industry. The award is given to the Section with the best balance of employment types within the new members added during the current fiscal year. The award was named after Bob Yeager in recognition of his more than 30 years of service as ASHE National Treasurer. Mr. Yeager passed away in 2021.