



Eastern New York Chapter
of the
**ASSOCIATION FOR
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN, Inc.**

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to become a part of the *Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction and Design, Inc (ABCD)*. This chapter provides a much needed informational and educational forum on the subject of bridges and their role as an integral part of the transportation infrastructure.

Purpose of Association

- Further educate bridge designers, constructors, Federal, State and local officials, and the general public in the vital role of bridges in our society.
- Improve and encourage the science of bridge design, construction, maintenance, and reconstruction by providing a forum for members to exchange and develop new ideas and techniques.
- Provide technical information and assistance to various public and private authorities for bridge programs.
- Further educate and encourage public and private authorities in new and improved techniques for testing and reconstruction of bridge structures to promote the public welfare.

History of ABCD

ABCD was established in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1976 as a result of the bridge crisis in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. It was the intent of the original Association to establish other chapters. Consequently, in 1978 a *Northeast Region Chapter* was established in the metropolitan New York City area which encompassed Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. In 1978 the *Western New York Chapter* was established in the Buffalo area. Chapters called the *Susquehanna Chapter* in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania area and the *Northeast Ohio Chapter* in the Cleveland, Ohio area have also been established. In 1994 the Eastern New York Chapter was formed.

As yet, there is no national ABCD--although the Pittsburgh group has worked towards a national organization as a goal.

Eastern New York Chapter

Since 1994, this chapter has grown to approximately 130 members. We have established a schedule of four breakfast/lunch/dinner meetings with technical presentations, an annual meeting of the membership, a summer plant tour and also a half day or full day training seminar each year. We actively encourage participation of individuals that represent all of the different sectors of the bridge community, including:

- Owners
- Constructors
- Designers
- Maintainers
- Material Suppliers
- Educators

Also, anyone else interested in a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on bridges is encouraged to become a member.

We hope you will join us in this exciting organization. Our meetings are typically attended by 40 to 80 individuals from public agencies, consultants, contractors, suppliers, and others. Please take a few moments to complete the attached membership application. Our memberships are for individuals only, we do not have corporate memberships. You may send your application along with a check for the \$25 membership fee to:

Eastern New York ABCD
c/o Mark Olstad
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Please help us spread the word about the *Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction and Design, Inc.* by **making copies and passing this information along to anyone else** you know who may be interested or by sending us a list of names and addresses of other prospective members along with your application.

If you would like further information, please contact any of our officers:

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