



# TRIKO Valley News

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## From Our President...



As part of celebrating 30 years of the ASHE Triko Valley Section we want to recognize our long-term active members. The members that are willing to accept this honor receive a lifetime membership and are encouraged to attend our general membership meetings as the Boards guest. The first round of potential honorees includes; Gerald Berding, Bill Brayshaw, Dave Emerick, Bill Fair, Paul Gruner, Ted Hubbard, John Kerr, Bill Lawall, John "Jack" Pflum, Mike Thompson, and Heinrich Zehetmaier. As we go through 2019 more members will meet the criteria of 25 years of active membership. This is a nice honor and a way to encourage long-term members to use their experience to contribute to the highway industry even after retirement.

Speaking of membership, we are glad to welcome new members to the Triko Valley Section including; Sandy Roark with TEC, Kendall Gindling UC student, Gianna Napoletano UC student, and Nick Selhorst with Choice One Engineering. Please invite co-workers, interns, clients to join ASHE. Our membership dropped by 20 or so members because those members did not want to renew due to relocation, retirement, etc.... The Board made the decision to drop those names from the role or Triko Valley would have to pay dues for those members to ASHE National. The Board delayed that decision as long as possible and contacted most of those members directly.

The tour of the renovated 5/3 Arena was very impressive! It only cost \$84 Million! What a great place for a basketball game. Did you know that the first game will be between the Cats and the Buckeyes on November 7th? I am predicting a win for the home team which is only fitting for their new arena.

As we look forward to 2019 we will have our Schramm Awards Presentations, Capital Improvements Meeting, Golf Outing, exciting tours of projects, and many more activities that you will not want to miss.

Steve Mary

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## ASHE PIN Report - September 2018

The ASHE PIN, as I am sure many of you as well, is glad the 2018 mid-term elections are over. The fierce battle for control of Congressional seats up for grabs in this election lead to a record-setting turn out for a mid-term election.

The results of the elections are that the House of Representatives is now controlled by the Democrats, while the Republicans increased their control for the Senate. What does this mean for transportation? With a split Congress, it may be difficult to come to any consensus on the one item that has plagued the industry for years: the political will to produce a funded transportation bill. Even with a Republican controlled Congress, President Trump's transportation plan presented in February of 2018 was met with deaf ears. Under the Obama Administration with a Democratic Congress, a transportation bill could not gain any traction. Earmarks, with all if its detractions, was the stimulus that made a federal bill tolerable to Congressional leaders in the past. Without them, we are once again facing the 2021 horizon without a transportation plan or funding.

So once again, transportation funding is a state by state issue. In Ohio, the Republican ticket swept the Governors suite while the Senate race remained with the incumbent Democrat, Sherrod Brown. The Dewine/Husted campaign stated that they would form a commission to study the transportation needs of the state. The Fix Our Roads–Ohio (FOR Ohio) Coalition has been formed by a number of transportation/construction organizations in Ohio, including the Contractors Association of Ohio and the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC).

We urge you to get involved with FOR Ohio to help shape the future of transportation funding in Ohio. Any grassroots efforts of this organization that ASHE can support will be brought to attention of this membership in upcoming newsletters.

Finally, the ASHE PIN would like to thank each of you who voted. The right to vote is a privilege that allows each of us to shape the future of our great nation. Many have fought, and many have lost their lives for our citizens to have and maintain this and our other freedoms. Voting is a way to honor those who have sacrificed for your vote. No matter how you voted, thank you for voting.



## 2018 ASHE Triko Valley Holiday Party

We are very excited to partner with ACEC and WTS for our annual holiday party. Our joint Holiday Party event will be on December 5th from 4:00-7:00 at DeSha's in Montgomery.

Cost is \$25 per person if you pay online and \$30 at the door. The event includes heavy appetizers and two drink tickets. Come out to help celebrate the holiday season, mingle with old friends and meet new ones.

Location: DeSha's (Montgomery)  
11320 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

RVSP: [2018 ASHE TRIKO Valley Holiday Party](#)

***Hope to see everyone there on December 5th!***

# General Membership

Brad Ackel  
Jamal Adhami  
Eric Adkins  
Bob Adleta  
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Eric Beck  
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Tammy Campbell  
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Stephen Curless  
John Davidson  
Shawn Davy  
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Scott Dearnell  
Katie Dillenburger  
Mark Dole  
Caroline Duffy\*  
Terry Dull  
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Paul Durham  
Ben Dusina  
Nicholas Elliot  
John Elliot  
David Emerick  
Richard Engle  
Joe Espelage  
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Andy Fluegemann  
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Dan Furgason  
Todd Gadbury  
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Jonathan Girdler  
Jeff Glowka  
Dustin Gohs  
Paul Goodhue  
Paul Gruner  
Tim Guenther  
Robert Hans  
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Steven Hartke  
Cody Havlin  
Jeff Heimann  
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Christine Hilbert  
Tyler Holden  
Kelly Hollatz  
Dan Hoying  
Theodore Hubbard  
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Eric Kistner  
Jeffery Koehn  
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Wess Kroll  
William Lawall  
Michael Lenett  
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Todd Long  
Michael Lorenz  
William Luttmer

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Aubrey Meenach  
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Douglas Miller  
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Brian Motolik  
Aaron Muck  
Michael Murry  
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Duane Phelps  
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Michael Prus  
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\* Past Presidents



# General Membership Meeting Minutes

## September 18, 2018 - Montgomery Inn

President Mary called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance, the announcement of the Triko Valley Section's 30th anniversary and welcomed nine guests.

Eric Kistner gave the treasurer's report noting the May balance of \$29,091.87. New members include Craig Jacob and Matthew Tish. He also announced that the section is looking for someone to take over the .ashepro website administration. Steve Mary noted that we are looking for others to join various committees.

Secretary Emerick announced that meeting notes from the May 15th general membership meeting are on the table by the name badges as well as on the website. He displayed the original section charter and original membership list.

Vanessa Nghiem indicated that she will start her regional representative duties this week.

Caroline Duffy noted that an Ohio gubernatorial forum was held where DeWine indicated that he would establish a blue-ribbon commission to study how to pay for infrastructure needs which may include fuel taxes. Cordray would seek a sizable bond financing package to be paid off with existing revenues over many years for road and bridge repairs, transit, improving the grid and expanding broadband. ASHE is considering membership in the Fix Our Roads-Ohio (FOR Ohio) Coalition that has been formed by a number of transportation and construction organizations. The idea behind "FOR Ohio" is to educate and champion a funding package that will be sustainable for the future of infrastructure. Trumps transportation bill that was revealed in February appears to be dead in Congress and will not be passed before the election. The outcome of the midterm elections and how well the new Congress will work with President Trump will determine if a federal transportation bill will get passed in the next two years, with the expiration of the FAST Act approaching in October of 2021. Shuster introduced Building 21. Key components of the plan include fixing the Highway Trust Fund, investing in transportation and water resources infrastructure, financing innovative projects, and accelerating project delivery. The plan would be funded by 15 cents per gallon of additional federal gas tax.

Members should encourage their firms to join the FOR Ohio Coalition to show support for a new transportation bill in Ohio, contact gubernatorial candidates and vote!

No report from Tom Nicholson for community outreach. The next interchange cleanup day will be scheduled after construction in this area is completed.

There was no update for the newsletter except that we can always use sponsorships.

Brian Rhodes noted that the section is working on a lifetime membership offering and that membership dues are due at the end of the month. He also announced the membership drive going on now and encouraged everyone to sponsor new members. There will be a drawing at the holiday meeting for a \$100 gift card. Students are free.

Aaron Muck announced that they will be having the second annual ASHE student meeting to discuss how to build the student chapter.

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Katie Dillenburg thanked the participants in this year's golf outing and indicated that we will pick a date soon for next year.

President Mary announced two scholarships this year including a \$5,000 Jurgensen family scholarship. Steve is lining up a second tour of the Fifth Third Center at the University of Cincinnati on October 5th.

Eric Beck announced scholarship applications will be due in December.

Vanessa noted that we will look to partner for a holiday meeting this year.

Steve introduced the ASHE National President Dick Cochrane who presented the Triko Valley Section thirty year certificate.

Next, President Mary introduced Andrew Bremmer who spoke on the Drive Ohio initiative.

President Cochrane drew the name of Joe Cottrill to win a tee shirt from Canstruction in appreciation of our donations, after which Bill Fair was asked to come up for a photo as the only original charter member in attendance today.

President Steve Mary asked for a motion to adjourn. Terry Dull raised the motion which was seconded by Brian Rhodes and carried.

President Mary adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Emerick  
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

*ASHE national president Richard Cochrane (far right) presents the ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors with certificate of honor of the Sections's 30 year anniversary.*



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The ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair person for each committee. If you would like to share an idea or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chair person. The Board thanks you for your continued support and dedication to the transportation industry.

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# ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING General Membership Meeting

**Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH)**

**Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Ethics Presentation by John Greenhalge from the  
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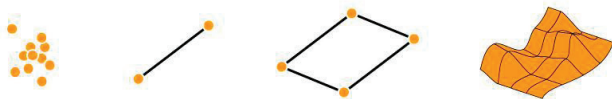


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