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The **Scholarship Applications** are due on April 25th. If you know of any student entering their last year in course of study in the Transportation or Construction areas, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship. Rules and the application can be found at this link: <http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/scholarship.htm>.

The National Board meeting was held recently and a directive from that meeting is to recruit newly graduated students to join ASHE. In response to this directive, the ASHE TRIKO Valley section has passed a motion to offer the recipients of the two scholarships last year a onetime offer to join the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section and their initiation fees will be waived. In addition, future attendees of the Student Event/Holiday Party will be afforded this offer.

From our President . . .

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The **50th Anniversary ASHE National Conference** will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania from June 11-14. The registration is now available at <http://www.ashe2008.org/Registration.html> and we encourage everyone to attend.

Our **next meeting is March 25** at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. The topic will be the Capital Improvements Program from Warren, Butler, Clermont, and Hamilton Counties, as well as from ODOT, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Cincinnati. Since this meeting has several speakers, we will begin promptly at 11:30AM and try to wrap up at 1:00PM. Please make sure to RSVP to Bill LaWall at (513) 807-2245 to guarantee your spot.

At our meeting on January 22nd, the annual **Schramm Award** meeting was held. It was a tough choice to vote for just one project as each project was outstanding and deserved the award. The winners will be announced at the March 25 meeting.

Our **May 20th meeting** speaker will be Tommy Haskins, Project Geologist for the US Army Corps of Engineers, who will speak about the Wolf Creek Dam Repairs at Cumberland Lake.

Our final event of the year will be the **ASHE Lloyd Wallace Golf Outing**, to be held at the Pebble Creek Golf Course on June 19, 2008. We are hoping for a big turnout, as your dedication and generosity support the scholarship fund. The applications are available on the website at <http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/2008%20ASHE%20Golf%20Outing%20Flyer.pdf>.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.



PLAN TO GOLF AT THE ASHE 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, June 12 - Hershey Country Club



The ice is slowly melting. The chill is fading from the air. Birds are returning and days are lengthening. Yes, it can mean only ONE thing... Golf Season is just around the corner! I know many of you have been driving around with clubs in the trunk "just in case" and so many mornings are started with an eager glance at the thermometer, but it just isn't *here* yet.

Fear not fellow golfers, there is something we can all do now to prepare for that glorious season—sign up for the annual ASHE National Conference Golf Outing to be held at the Hershey Country Club on its two championship golf courses. The sooner you sign up, the more time you have to "practice your swing". So don't wait till the season is upon us and the slots are full, be a true golfer and get ready now!

Go to www.ashe2008.org/Golf.html to download your registration form today.

1. Commercial Activity Tax

The suit related to the Commercial Activity Tax will be filed in the very near future in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County. At that point it will be assigned to a judge and scheduled on the docket. The suit will ask that the distribution of the CAT-generated revenue to the general revenue fund be declared unconstitutional.

2. NCEES Model Law

Both Ohio and California delegation have written letters to the national ACEC opposing the NCEES Model Law (BS +30 requirement - Bachelors plus 30 hours for PE). This may start a trend in opposition to the model law.

3. Federal Gas Tax

No change in status.

4. Bush Cool to States' Call for Public Works Projects

President Bush rebuffed appeals from the nation's governors to increase spending on roads, bridges and other public works as a way to revive the economy. A bipartisan group of governors is pushing for major road and bridge projects as a way to create jobs and foster economic development. The President will not accept any bill that raises taxes to finance such projects.

5. Strickland Pushes Bond Issue

Strickland's bond package would include \$150 million for infrastructure. The statutory language for the bond package remains under development. The administration expects it to be introduced in bill form over the next few weeks.

7th ANNUAL 2008 LLOYD WALLACE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday June 19, 2008 - Pebble Creek Golf Course



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10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration & Lunch
11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
5:00 p.m. Dinner & Door Prizes

Cost Per Golfer: \$75

Dinner Only: \$25

- Lunch will be a buffet cookout with hamburgers, brats & metts. Dinner will be a chicken and rib buffet. Lunch and dinner also includes soft drinks and draft beer. During golf a cash beer & snack cart will be traveling the course.
- Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$100. This money will go towards reducing the cost per golfer, door prizes and our future scholarship fund. Signs with your firms' logo or name will be placed at the tee box.
- Door prize donations will be greatly appreciated.
- Registration deadline is Monday June 16.
- Any questions call Jim Collins at 785-7285 or by email at collinsj@ci.hamilton.oh.us
- Directions to Pebble Creek: I-75 to I-275 west to Colerain Avenue North, left Dry Ridge (at Lowe's), left Prechtel, golf course is at end of Prechtel.

Click [here](#) to download a registration form or go to <http://ashe-trikovalley.com> and click on the 2008 Golf Outing link.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Montgomery Inn Boathouse**

President Duffy opened the meeting at 11:45 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the introduction of thirteen guests. It was announced that George Kral, George's wife and Len Stahl's wife Carol passed on.

The 50th anniversary of ASHE will be celebrated at the National Conference this year in Hershey, Pa. The Triko Valley section was commended for the highest combination of scholarships awarded and donations to charity in Region One.

The Board of Directors has made the following nominations for officers for next year:

President	Joe Vogel
First Vice President	Tim Peters
Second Vice President	Jim Jurgensen Jr.
Treasurer	Bill Lawall
Secretary	David Emerick
Third Year Director	Cindy Minter
Second Year Director	Paul Schoelwer
Second Year Director	Steve Proffitt
Past President	Caroline Duffy

We are looking for nominations for a first year director. The Board will also have to appoint a new Regional Representative. Both of these positions are three-year terms. Nominations will be accepted until the March 11th meeting when voting will take place.

Copies of the Treasurer's report and Secretary's report are available on the table in the hallway.

As the Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Davidson has recently presented to UC and is asking members to request that students submit scholarship applications. We had an excellent turnout of ten students for the Holiday meeting.

PIN Chair Greg Wilkens announced that the President signed the THUD bill and that the CAT Tax is looking for a declaratory judgement. They are soliciting two additional plaintiffs. ODOT is anticipating a \$3.5 billion deficit in major new funding by 2015. A statewide 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force will be created to consider how best to focus investments to balance the movement of people and freight, promote safety and reduce congestion, create jobs, encourage responsible growth, and help build sustainable communities. There have been no new developments regarding the Model Law. A federal commission created by Congress called for big increases to the federal gas tax as part of a sweeping overhaul of how America builds and pays for its highways, bridges and transit systems. Recommendations include toll proposals.

Jim Collins presented the Regional report. A national Board meeting was held on January 12th in Orlando. It was recommended that a group photo and the 50th anniversary logo be added to the section website. The Cuyahoga Valley section will absorb the Western Reserve section. There are currently 6100 members in ASHE nationwide. The next National Conference will be held in June in Hershey, Pa. Registration is available on line starting March 1st. The proposal to raise dues is dead. National is looking for suggestions on who the Scanner should be sent to in each section. Roanoke, VA is the latest new section. The next Regional Board meeting will be held on February 5th.

The Golf Outing will be held Thursday, June 19th at Pebble Creek. Next year the outing will be held at the Kenton County Course.

Jim Jurgensen, Jr. announced that as of January 5th, Triko Valley section had ten new members. We are shooting for 15 to 20 new members, so please pick up an application.

Cindy Minter reported that approximately \$16,000 has been raised for the 2010 conference, including funds raised at OTEC. We have not selected a theme

for the upcoming national conference yet. We are still looking for input from two sections. An ambassador will be appointed for each section. Chairs are in place for all committees; however, we still need additional volunteers.

Joe Vogel announced the thirteen applications that were submitted for the Schramm Awards. The top three projects in each category were presented as follows:

Over Two Million Dollars:

1. High Main Street Bridge presented by Jon Brunot and Travis Butts (B & N)
2. S.R. 747/CSX Grade Separation presented by Rich Miller (CDS)
3. Ham-50-17.53 presented by Joe Vogel and Brad Ackel (Cincinnati and KZF)

Two Million Dollars and Under:

1. Stone Creek Township Pedestrian Bridge presented by Paul Schoelwer, Scott Huber and Doug Prodoehl (Contech, Abercrombe and Associates and Performance Site)
2. NKU Roundabout presented by Brian Cash (Entran)
3. Columbia Square Improvement presented by Keith Pettit (City of Cincinnati)

Paul Pfennig thanked everyone and will collect ballots from section members.

Korin Sprinkle conducted the Split-the-Pot. Melissa Putnick from KZF won \$94 as the holder of ticket number 539525. President Duffy raised a motion to accept the minutes from the Holiday meeting and the treasurer's report. Joe Vogel seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor. The next general membership meeting will be held on March 25th where various CIP's will be presented. The next Board meeting will be held on February 26th at CDS Associates. Everyone was encouraged to sign in and pick up PDH certificates on the table in the hallway. The membership was commended for making reservations for today's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David M. Emerick, Secretary

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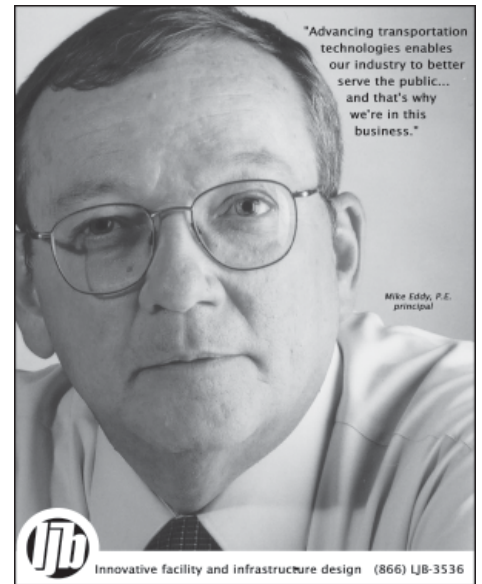
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