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From our President . . .

Joe Vogel, P.E.

Our nation and our transportation industry continue to suffer with the current economic downturn. One potential bright spot, previously highlighted here, is the possibility of a massive infrastructure investment/stimulus package bill, which from what many of us have been told, would be directed towards projects that are ready for construction in 90 days.



Although many of us have dutifully prepared lists of "Ready-to-Go" projects for such a potential federal infrastructure stimulus package, as I write this there is no new hard news about the details or timing of such a plan. If it becomes a reality, we are hoping that many worthy projects will be advanced. If you have not already done so, please contact your elected representatives to let them know how you feel about this important issue. Your feedback is very important to them!

Finally, as we begin a new year we like to pause briefly to honor some of our notable achievements from last year. The 2008 Schramm Award applications have been narrowed down by the Board to 6 excellent projects, which represent some of our finest work. Please show your support and appreciation of your colleagues by attending our presentation and voting for the project you deem most worthy of the Schramm. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery.

-Joe

Region 1 – Officers and ASHE members

The Chair of the New Sections Committee, Sam Mody has asked for our assistance by providing the New Sections Committee with points of contact in any of the geographic locations noted below:

Portland / Salem, Oregon

Denver, Colorado

Austin, Texas

Albany / Buffalo, NY

Salt Lake City, Utah

Boston, Massachusetts

Specifically, we are looking for people to further ASHE's growth in these areas of the country. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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Attention TRIKO Valley Members:

Please update your personal information by visiting the National Website at www.highwayengineers.org under the Membership Link or by contacting David Emerick, Secretary.



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ASHE Region 8 is pleased to invite you to the 2009 National Conference at the Westin Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The ASHE 2010 National Conference will have a booth and apparel for our members in attendance. Volunteers are needed to join the team in Atlanta, please contact Caroline (cfdpe@cinci.rr.com) or Cindy (cmainter@mactec.com).

ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT January 2009

With a new President and Congress now in power, the future of funding for the Transportation Industry is looking up. With the economy a top priority, President Obama is pushing for a Stimulus package that would put millions to work and jump-start the economy. A big part of this package is funding for Transportation Projects. More than five thousand projects have been identified and could be under contract within 180 days creating as estimated 1.8 million jobs. These projects carry a total price tag of \$64 billion with Ohio's price tag being \$2.16 billion and Kentucky's price tag being \$400 million for these ready-to-go projects.

Other than the reauthorization of the next six-year Transportation Bill to be also decided this year, this is one of the most important pieces of legislation for the Transportation Industry.

What can ASHE do about this?

After consultation with the ASHE National President, Rich Clifton, it was decided that ASHE would partner with the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) for a 'Contact Your Representative in Congress' campaign the first week of February. Our goal is to flood their offices with emails, faxes and phone calls from all over the country supporting this bill. ASHE and ARTBA will be sending you an email around January 28 or 29th detailing who you should contact and the key points to reiterate in your message. Please be on the lookout for this email and please take the time the week of February 1-7 to make these contacts. Even if you have never done this before, your voice counts. If all 6000 members of ASHE and the national membership of ARTBA pull together, our voice will be heard.

What can you do now?

1. Many of you are members of multiple professional organizations outside of ASHE and ARTBA. Please contact those organizations NOW and let them know that you will be forwarding this email to them so they can also participate.
2. Talk to your family concerning this issue and get them to also contact their representative during the week of February 1-7.
3. Become familiar with who is your Congressional Representative. Go to the following websites to find the link to your representative:

House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html>

Senate: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP HOLIDAY MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Montgomery Inn**

President Vogel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcome. He asked for feedback regarding holding meetings at the Montgomery Inn.

President Vogel summarized our 2009 goals of:

- 175 paid members
- 100 members at meetings
- 100 participants and 50 sponsors at golf outings
- 10 scholarship applications
- 12 applications for the Schramm project awards
- 15 company sponsorships in the newsletter
- Five meeting sponsors

Bill Lawall presented the Treasurer's Report indicating a current balance of \$5,013.73, (previous balance of \$4,019.16, deposits of \$4,019.86, and expenditures of \$3,025.29). A balance of \$6,000.00 remains in the scholarship fund. There are currently 160 members in the Triko Valley Section. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Montgomery Inn and the next Director's meeting will be held on January 6, 2009.

Secretary Dave Emerick read the minutes from the September 23rd general membership meeting. President Vogel raised a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Caroline Duffy. The motion was carried.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, indicating that Speaker Pelosi is looking to push an economic stimulus package in January, 2009. Several groups are lobbying Congress to support a huge spending boost to create jobs and kick-start the economy. The Construction Industry alone is asking Congress to approve \$18 billion for bridges and highways. Decisions will be made regarding the next six-year Transportation Bill in 2009, which could carry a price tag as high as \$500 billion and could result in the doubling of the \$18.4 cent per gallon gas tax. Every ASHE member is asked to call their Congressional representative and request that they support additional funding. The following links were presented to find your representative:

<http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW>.

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

As chairman of the Membership Committee, Jim Jurgensen, II noted that some members were dropped due to non-payment of dues and that we were looking for ideas on how to recruit new members.

Paul Pfennig indicated that we are hoping for 12 applications for the Schramm project awards, which are due in by January 5th. The application is located on our section website. Please call Paul if you have any questions.

Caroline Duffy provided the 2010 National Conference update,

stating that over \$6,000 was raised at the OTEC Silent Auction. Thanks was given to Kevin Savage and Korin Sprinkle for their assistance in this event as well as to David Jones for donating the OSU/Michigan football tickets. The next Co-Chair Committee meeting will be held on January 8th at CDS Associates Offices. We have four diamond sponsors so far which include Duke, PB, ADS and Transystems. Sponsorship information can be found in the newsletter or on the website. The next national conference will be held in Atlanta on June 4th through 6th.

Bill Lawall received a letter from the Clermont County Children's Christmas Fund and raised a motion to donate \$200 in honor of Bill Brewer. The Motion was seconded by Dave Newhouse and all voted in favor. President Vogel introduced John Detrich, the former Cincinnati Director of the Department of Transportation and Engineering and current Project Executive to present a slide show on the Banks Project.

After the Banks presentation, Joe Vogel won \$98 in the split the pot, which he donated towards the upcoming national conference in Cincinnati.

President Vogel raised a motion and adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David M. Emerick
Secretary

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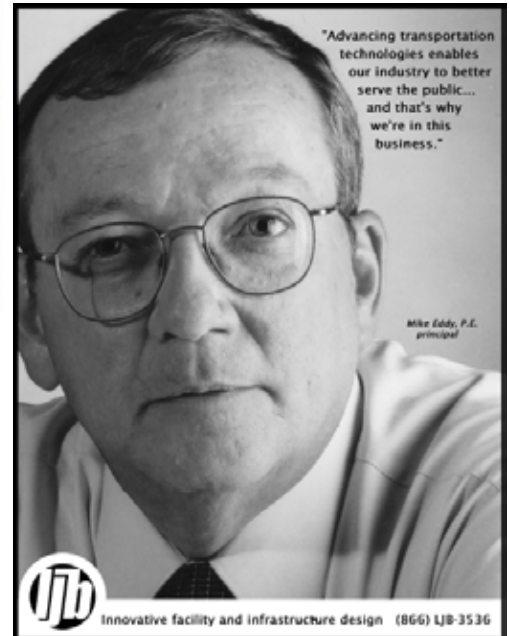


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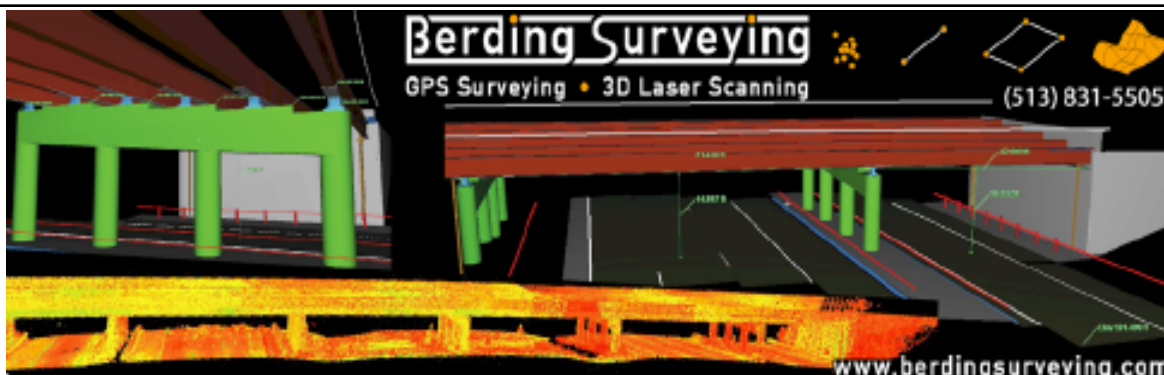
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