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## From our President . . .

Joe Vogel, P.E.



As I write this it is almost Thanksgiving, and it seems like it was late Summer just yesterday. Before you know it, Christmas and the New Year will be upon us and we will be looking towards June 2010 with hopeful anticipation. And some dread, because an enormous amount of work and preparation must be completed so we can make the National Conference in Cincinnati one for the ages. We are off to a good start, thanks to the efforts of many talented people in this organization, but much remains to be completed. Caroline and Cindy and their team continue to shine, so I am confident we will pull it off.

For our Holiday Party/General Membership Meeting we have selected an exciting and festive venue- the Cincinnati Zoo. It is absolutely beautiful during the Festival of Lights, and I recommend that you take some time to come early and enjoy the Zoo before our meeting. Your reservation includes parking and admission to the Zoo in addition to our dinner meeting. Our featured speaker will be Thane Maynard, Director of the Zoo, who is an outstanding presenter. He may even bring some special guests. I look forward to seeing you there on December 8th.

And don't forget to submit a Schramm Award application for your favorite project by early January! We on the Board always enjoy and are proud of the projects completed by our members. Help us to recognize the great works you have completed this year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

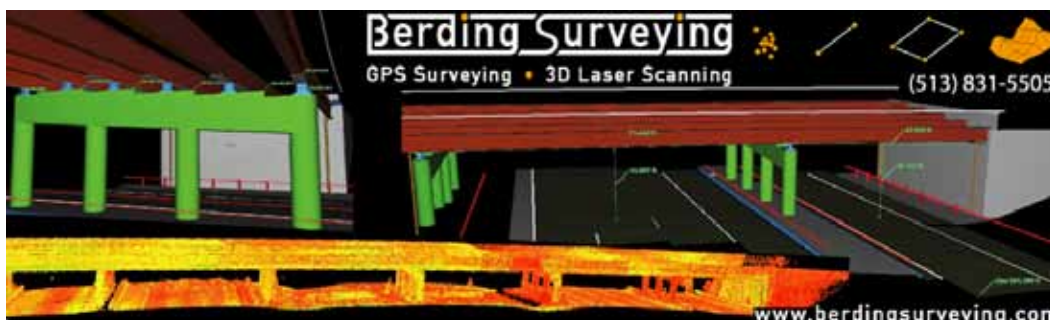
-Joe

SAFETEA-LU is currently in its second extension from the September 30, 2009 deadline and it doesn't look as if the Nation will get a new transportation bill anytime soon. The first extension expired on October 31, 2009. The second extension will expire on December 18, 2009. If a full six year bill is not completed before December 18, a third three-month extension is likely that would expire in March, 2010. Obviously there are numerous items in the new transportation bill that is keeping a consensus from forming, namely where the funding for the new transportation bill will originate. Many believe that a federal gasoline tax increase needs to be passed to fund the transportation needs of the Country. Under the current economic conditions, the White House will not support a hike in the gasoline tax. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood has said that the White House supports Chairman Oberstar's transportation bill, however, "This is not the time to be telling people we're going to raise gasoline taxes."

On November 6, 2009, President Obama said in a speech in the Rose Garden that, "My economic team is looking at ideas (to jump start the economy) such as additional investments in our aging roads and bridges." This quote has sparked rumors that perhaps a second stimulus package is looming on the horizon as the nationwide double-digit unemployment (10.2% in October) is still hammering the Country. However, no time frame was set for this possible second stimulus package and no mention is made of a possible second stimulus package in the preliminary draft of the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Another idea has been floated recently by the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois. He suggests delaying full consideration of a multi-year renewal of highway spending, but speeding up spending of a significant portion of that money in the first year. He feels this "frontloading" effect would give the economy a big boost and create jobs, while deferring the renewal of the new transportation bill until later in the year. His plan would borrow money from the new transportation bill, even before it was passed by either the Senate or the House.

So it appears that the reauthorization of the transportation bill is at a standstill. Creative solutions are being tossed around Congress, yet no group is rallying around any solution and it looks as if nothing will get accomplished until the economy has turned around. Stay tuned for more updates.





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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009  
Montgomery Inn**

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 11:45 am with the pledge of allegiance. Joe introduced two new Board members, Carol Callan-Ramler and Matt Loeffler and acknowledged two guests.

Cindy Minter played the 2010 Cincinnati conference promotional video.

President Vogel announced that the Triko Valley Board set the following goals for 2009-2010 at the August 25th meeting:

- a. Membership: 175
- b. Meeting Attendance: 90 to 95
- c. PIN; to have members contact their congressmen regarding SAFE-TEA-LU, Caroline to attend Transportation Matters meetings.
- d. Golf Attendance/ Sponsors; 144 golfers and 18 sponsors
- e. Scholarship Applications: minimum of 10
- f. Schramm Award Applications: five in each category
- g. Company Sponsorships: 15 in the newsletter

Bill Lawall gave the treasurer's report. There was a beginning balance of \$7,477.30, disbursements of \$12,104.11,

and deposits of \$11,008.81 for an ending balance of \$6,382.00 plus \$6,000 in the scholarship fund. There are currently 171 members. Tuesday, December 8th will be the holiday dinner meeting. The next board of directors meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th at City Hall. PDH certificates are located on the table in the back.

President Vogel announced that the minutes from the last general membership meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked for comments or a motion to accept. A motion was raised and seconded to accept the minutes. All members present voted in favor.

Caroline Duffy presented the Political Action Network (PIN) report, indicating that Chairman Oberstar will agree to an extension of the SAFE-TEA-LU bill but the committee is pushing for a multi-year reauthorization in 2010, instead of 2011 as suggested by the Obama administration and the Senate. Everyone is urged to contact their Congressional representative to let them know that we support a three month extension and not the 18 month extension proposal.

Ted Hubbard reported that NCEES discussed the proposed model law and handed out a position paper at the Louisville convention. There is concern that the requirement of BS plus 30 is not good for those

that have to implement Civil Engineering and will make it virtually impossible to obtain the dual registration required to be a County Engineer in Ohio. An amendment was accepted that the Model Law will be taken off of the table while it is being rethought. There has never been a case in Ohio of discipline due to not having enough education. Organizations need to understand that not just academic knowledge is needed to be a good engineer.

Stan Harris reported that the Region requested that we update personal information on the national website.

On behalf of Jim Collins, Joe Vogel announced that the golf committee will reconvene in January or February.

Membership committee chair Jim Jurgensen II indicated that letters have been sent out encouraging everyone to bring guests to meetings.

Cindy Minter reported that 20 Triko Valley members attended the Atlanta conference. Overall there was a lower turnout, so the 2010 National Conference committee has dramatically downsized our budget. As cash flow is critical, we are soliciting silent auction items for OTEC. A volunteer list was passed around for the booth at OTEC. Help is also needed for the Sponsorship, Golf, Reception and Technical

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES**  
(continued)

committees. Biographies were read for Greg Wilkens, Jim Jurgensen, Sr. and Mark Polisinski, who are our candidates for the Robert E. Pierson Award. \$1,000 will be donated to the Pierson Award winner's favorite charity.

A call was raised for Schramm Award applications by President Vogel.

Paul Schoelwer gave the program committee report, indicating that the holiday party will be at the Cincinnati Zoo, which will be opened by 4:00 pm for early tours. Thane Maynard will speak and spouses are invited.

New National director nominations are due by October 1st.

Paul Schoelwer introduced Amjad Waheed from ODOT Central Office who spoke on bridge load ratings and super loads. After his presentation, Mr. Waheed pulled the winning ticket for the split the pot worth \$80.00. The winner was Eric Beck, who donated the winnings back to ASHE.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Emerick  
Secretary

## ASHE 2009 SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS!

The 2009 ASHE Silent Auction was held at the OTEC Conference on October 27 & 28 in Columbus, Ohio. The Auction had 60 items that ranged from a Coach Kelly Signed UC Football to a big screen TV to original artwork to Blue Jacket Hockey Tickets and raised \$5,100



for the National Conference. In addition, two tickets to the OSU vs. Iowa football game were raffled off and our winner above was presented the tickets by TRIKO Valley President, Joe Vogel. Many thanks to DLZ for providing those tickets to ASHE as well as to the many companies and individuals listed below that have donated to the auction. With the National Conference in June, 2010, this was the last Silent Auction fundraiser for the conference. We want to thank all that have donated over the last four years and all the volunteers that have organized the event, especially Koren Sprinkle, Rich Miller, Bill Lawall and Kevin Savage, as well as all of the volunteers that gathered items for the auction, worked the booth and sold raffle tickets. The success of all four auctions is a testament to what a great group of people belong to ASHE. **THANK YOU!**

Caroline and Cindy

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### RSVP!!

Please be sure to RSVP for meetings! Space is limited and an accurate head count helps the Montgomery Inn and the ASHE officers to better plan for meetings.

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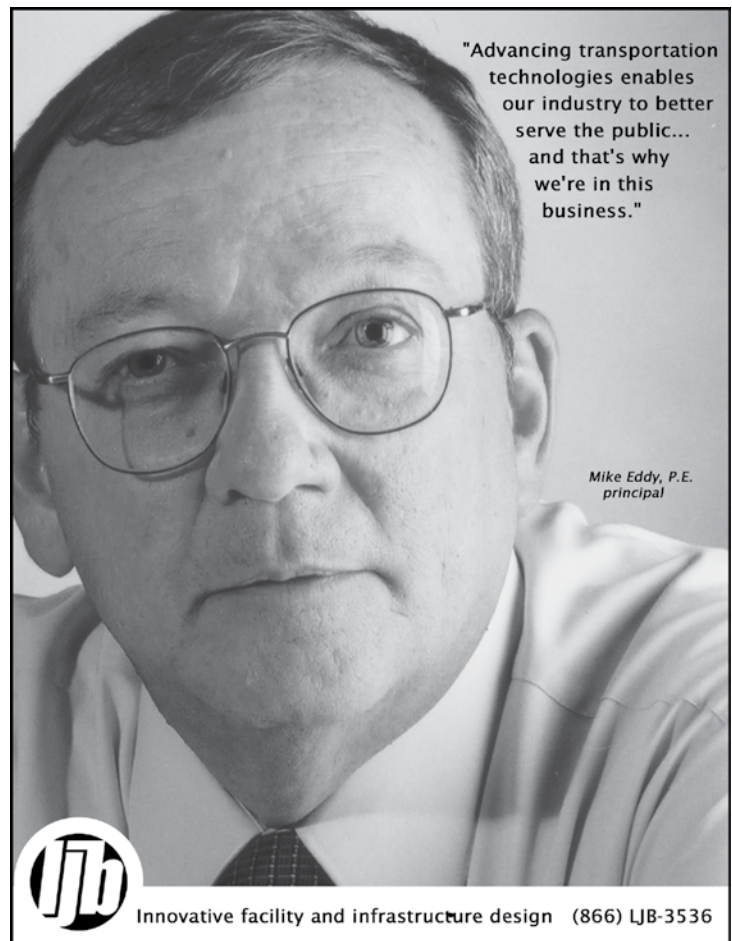
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