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## From our President . . .

Joe Vogel, P.E.

As I begin my second term as your President, I and the Board would like to thank all of you for your continued support and assistance in carrying out our many activities. It is remarkable to me how many dedicated, supportive people are working to achieve our goals.



Our focus this year will be dominated by our continued preparations for the National Conference in Cincinnati from June 9-13, 2010. It is a tremendous undertaking and we are fortunate to have many volunteers helping us prepare. We held a Conference Co-Chairs Committee Meeting on September 3, 2009 to continue our planning efforts for the National Conference. The fundraising effort continues with another OTEC Auction in late October. We hope to build on our success to date with that event.

All of us on the Board are committed to improving this Section and we welcome your input and suggestions to that end. At our first Board Meeting on August 25th, we elected to move our General Membership/ Luncheon Meetings back to the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. We hope you all will support this decision and join us at our next luncheon meeting there on September 23rd. See you then!

-Joe

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## **ASHE Silent Auction at 2009 Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference**

The ASHE Region 1 will be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> silent auction the annual Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC). You can support your section and help ASHE Region 1 prepare for the National Conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 9-13, 2010 by donating items for our auction.

Contact Koren Sprinkle at 859-371-9051 or [khsprinkle@pbsj.com](mailto:khsprinkle@pbsj.com) for more details.

### ***Auction Donation Deadline October 16, 2009***

Send Donations to:  
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# ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT Sept. 2009

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The summer has not seen any progress on the reauthorization of the transportation highway bill. The health care and the energy bills have upstaged the transportation bill in Congress. In addition, Chairman Oberstar was on track to have the bill on the floor and approved at the beginning of the summer. However, President Obama and the Senate wants an 18 month extension to March, 2011 on the current transportation bill, SAFE-TEA LU, with the thoughts that the financing of the bill will be a bit more tolerable when the economy is on more stable footing. Chairman Oberstar is bowing to pressure from his caucus in the House to agree to some extension in lieu of letting the current transportation bill expire at the end of September, 2009. Congressman Peter A. DeFazio, Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman, introduced a bill last week to have a 3 month extension of SAFE-TEA LU bill. The idea is to keep pressure on Congress to enact a multi-year authorization bill next year, as opposed to 2011. Chairman Oberstar is planning to markup the 3 month extension proposal the week of September 21, 2009.

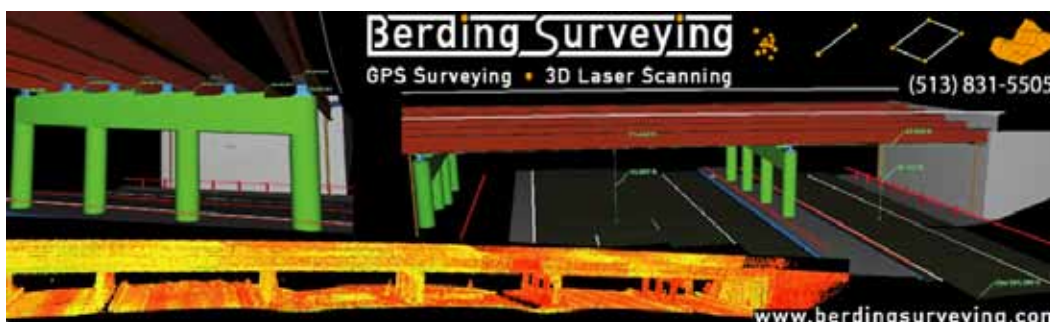
**ASHE urges all of you to contact your Congressional representative and let them know that you support the three month extension proposal and that you do not support the 18 month extension proposal of the six year transportation bill.**

On another note, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) national conference was held in Louisville, Kentucky in August, 2009. After much debate among the 50 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors representatives concerning the **MODEL LAW**, it was decided that there was enough evidence to re-evaluate the initial recommendation of requiring an additional 30 credit hours of engineering and technical course work beyond the Bachelor of Science degree for professional registration before approving a person to sit for the Professional Engineer's exam. The ASHE PIN will monitor the situation for more developments in the future.

## Indianapolis ASHE Section

A new ASHE section in Indianapolis is almost a reality! The soon-to-be "Circle City Section" nearly has the 35 paid membership applications necessary submit a charter application to National. With this in mind, we are asking all existing ASHE members with contacts or branch offices in the Central Indiana area to let your Indiana friends and co-workers know about ASHE coming to Indiana.

For information and/or application information for our Circle City brethren, please contact either Jim Blazek (317-524-8385) (jblazek@d2lwr.com), or Joe Rogers (317-417-0385) (joe.rogers@ads-pipe.com) in Indianapolis. Central Ohio members John McGeorge (john.mcgeorge@ads-pipe.com), Frank O'Hare (fohare@ctconsultants.com), Rich Weigand (rweigand@bbcm.com), or Dave Jones (djones@jonesstuckey.com) can also provide information.





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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.

### Split the Pot!

A Split the Pot contest will be held at future general membership meetings to raise start-up funds for the 2010 conference. 1 ticket for \$1, 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.

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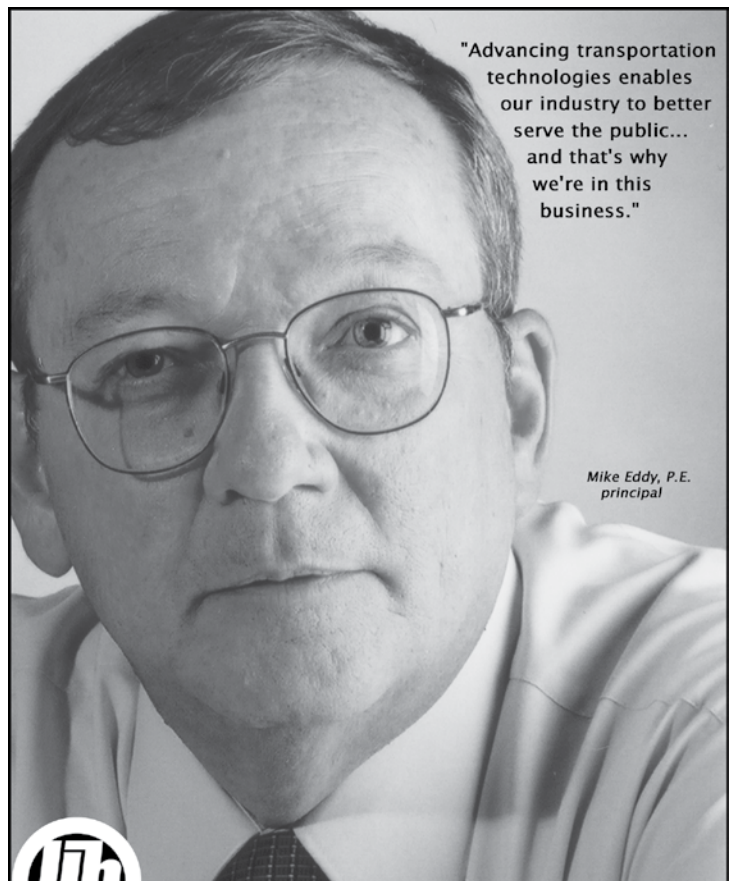
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**Tuesday, September 22, 2009 11:30 a.m.  
The Montgomery Inn Boathouse**

**Speaker: Amjad Waheed  
ODOT Office of Structural Engineering  
“Load Rating of Bridges”**

**Lunch Cost: \$20.00  
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