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From our President . . .

Jim Jurgensen II

There has been a sense of optimism in the air that has been absent for several years now. I am confident that with continued infrastructure investment, future opportunities for the members of ASHE will grow. The conclusion of the ASHE National Conference demonstrated what the members of ASHE can accomplish together. The success of the conference has set the bar high and current work by TRIKO Valley committees and the board will certainly push the bar locally. I would like to challenge and encourage everyone to get involved as the momentum is on our side!

I am hopeful everyone can join us for the holiday party at Great American Ballpark on November 30, 2010, along with special guest Tom Browning. The evening is sure to be memorable. As a reminder, the Schramm Award application is due January 3, 2011. The format has changed and there will only be two categories, under and over \$3M. Please have a safe and festive holiday season!



Sincerely,
Jim Jurgensen II

Future Meetings

January 25, 2011

March 22, 2011

May 24, 2011

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Holiday Dinner Meeting
Date: November 30th, 2010
Time: 5:30 pm – Doors Open
6:00 pm – Dinner

ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT Nov. 2010

Now that the election of 2010 is over, there are new changes on the horizon. One of the priorities of ASHE is the passage of the 6-year Transportation Bill. So how has the election affected the passage of this critical bill? In Congress, the majority in the House went to the Republicans with a majority of 239 of the 435 seats but the Democrats kept control of the Senate with 53 of the 100 seats. As of this writing, it appears that the Representative John Mica from Florida will be the new Transportation Chair in the House with Representative Nick Rahall II (D-W. Virginia) being the ranking minority member of the Transportation Committee, since current Chairman Oberstar lost his bid for re-election.

So what direction will lawmakers take to pass the 6-year Transportation Bill? Representative Mica will focus on a review of spending of the stimulus monies and the high-speed rail TIGER Grants. He hopes to leverage unspent funds into public-private partnerships that will finance the 6-year Transportation Bill. He does not support raising the gasoline tax. Representative Rahall is said to favor prioritizing the core, traditional highway programs in the new 6-year Transportation Bill. On the Senate side, Senators Tom Carper (D-Delaware) and retiring George Voinovich (R-Ohio), both members of the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee, have written to the chairmen of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform just after the election advocating for a 25-cent per gallon tax increase. "We suggest that the commission include an increase in the federal tax on gasoline and diesel as part of your report to the president," they wrote. "We suggest that the taxes be increased by one cent per month for 25 months — a total of 25 cents over a three-year period."

There appears to be advocates for the 6-year Transportation Bill in both the House and Senate. However, no one has come up with a solution concerning content and funding source that has yet to gain consensus. If the 6-year Transportation Bill is not passed before December 18, 2010, the Senate will take up a three-month extension previously passed by the House to extend the bill. Many say, however, that if the 6-year Transportation Bill is not passed by August, 2011 at the latest, that it will not be addressed until after the 2012 Presidential Election.

So what can ASHE do about this? It is time to act NOW!

It is imperative that you contact your Senators and Representatives to urge them to work toward the passage of the 6-year Transportation Bill .

Go to <http://www.contactingthecongress.org/> and type in your zip code to find your representatives. Email them, Call them, Mail them. Tell them why passing the 6-year Transportation Bill is important to the economy: How it will create jobs. Your message will be heard!

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday September 28, 2010
Montgomery Inn Boathouse**

President Jurgensen called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 11:46 am. A moment of silence was held in honor of Jack Pflum's grandson who was fatally injured on September 11, 2010. President Jurgensen announced that Chris Nyberg has been appointed as the section Treasurer and Cindy Minter has been appointed as a new Director. Four guests were also recognized.

The Triko Valley Board of Directors set the following goals for the coming year at their August meeting:

- a. Membership: Maintain 175 members
- b. Meeting attendance: 90 to 95 persons at the Boat-house
- c. PIN: Everyone contact their local representatives
- d. Golf attendance / sponsors: 120 / 18
- e. Scholarship applications : 10
- f. Schramm Award applications: 5-\$3 mil. and under / 5-over \$3 mil.
- g. Company Sponsorships: 15 (newsletter)

Bill Lawall presented the treasurer's report indicating a beginning balance of \$5,630.68, deposits of \$5,050.48 and expenditures of \$7,499.19 for a

current balance of \$3,681.97 with \$5,500.00 in the scholarship fund. There are currently 175 members in our section. The next general membership meeting will be the holiday meeting currently scheduled for December 7th and the next board of directors meeting will be on October 26th. President Jurgensen read the following quotes in appreciation of Bill Lawall's efforts as treasurer:

• Caroline Duffy wrote: 'Through Bill's leadership and dedication to ASHE, the Triko Valley Section has seen tremendous growth and has grown to one of the premier organizations in this area. Kudos to Bill. We could not have done it without you. I hope that we can still draw on your wealth about the TRIKO Valley section in the future!'

• Joe Vogel wrote: "Bill has been deeply involved with ASHE Triko Valley for so long many of us don't remember him not being a part of it. His enthusiasm, dedication, and effort on our behalf have been a large part of our success as a section, and were crucial to the outstanding success of the recent National Conference this past June. Thanks, Bill for everything."

Secretary Emerick indicated that the minutes from the May meeting were posted in the newsletter and were available on the table in the hallway. Hearing no comments, Paul Schoelwer raised a motion to accept the May meeting min-

utes which was seconded by George Webb and approved.

Per John Davidson, a scholarship was awarded independent of the National Conference golf outing this year.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that President Obama revealed his plan for the future of transportation over the Labor Day weekend. The plan contains a one-time \$50 billion infusion of monies into the Highway Trust Fund, the development of a National Infrastructure Bank and a proposal to invest in rebuilding 150,000 miles of roads, maintaining 4,000 miles of rail line and rehabilitating 150 miles of airport runway. Many sources have indicated that if the bill does not pass between November 3rd and December 31st of this year, then it will not get passed until after the next Presidential election.

Doug Brand will be the new golf outing chairman and has asked for volunteers to join his committee.

Stan Harris thanked KZF for the porous pavement article that they submitted and asked that we provide updated e-mail addresses to him.

President Jurgensen asked that members please submit Schramm award applications early.

Paul Schoelwer announced

Continued Meeting Minutes:

that we are looking at a Reds event for the holiday meeting.

President Jurgensen asked members to contact him with Pierson Award nominations which are due by October 1st.

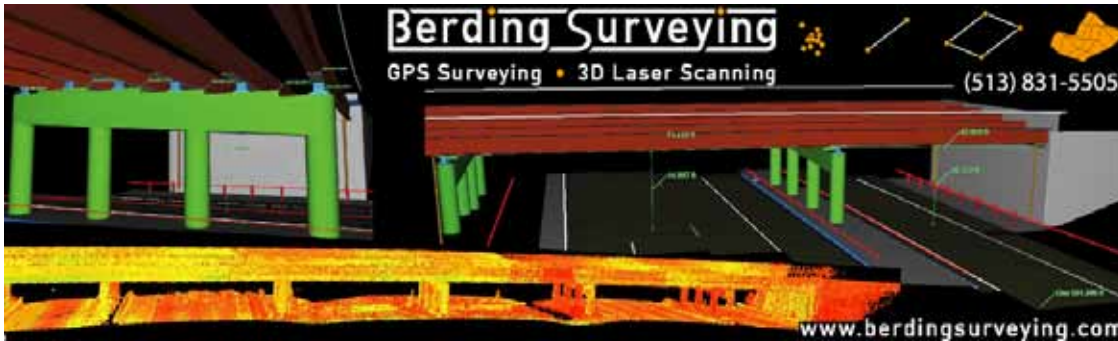
Caroline Duffy provided the ASHE 2010 conference wrap up, noting that the attendance was in the 500's and that there were many technical events. As we finalize the budget, con-

ference reports are needed by Friday including activities and best practices. Jason Ramler announced that he plans on rescheduling the bicycle tour and asked members to e-mail him if they are interested in participating. Joe Vogel indicated that PDH's for the conference were sent out and CEU's will be mailed next week.

Paul Schoelwer introduced Chris Nyberg, Jim Brannon and John Brazina to present a Cincinnati Streetcar project over-

view. After the presentation, Jim Jurgensen, II thanked the speakers and reminded members of the next board meeting on October 26th and the Holiday meeting. Paul Schoelwer raised a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Carol Callan-Ramler and carried. President Jurgensen then adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
David M. Emerick, Secretary



A black and white portrait of Mike Eddy, P.E., principal. He is wearing glasses and a suit. To the right of the portrait is a quote: "Advancing transportation technologies enables our industry to better serve the public... and that's why we're in this business." Below the portrait is the name "Mike Eddy, P.E. principal". At the bottom left is the LJB logo, and at the bottom right is the text "Innovative facility and infrastructure design (866) LJB-3536".

An advertisement for Tran Systems. The top part shows a long-exposure photograph of traffic light trails at night. Below this is the Tran Systems logo. The bottom part contains contact information for four offices: Cincinnati Office (720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 360, Cincinnati, OH 45202, (513) 621-1981), Columbus Office (5747 Perimeter Dr., Suite 240, Dublin, OH 43017, (614) 336-8480), Cleveland Office (55 Public Square, Suite 1900, Cleveland, OH 44113, (216) 861-1780), and Cleveland Suburbs (6900 S. Edgerton Rd., Suite 108, Brecksville, OH 44141, (440) 838-8130).

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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

Holiday Dinner Meeting

Date: November 30th, 2010

**Time: 5:30 pm – Doors Open
6:00 pm – Dinner**

Place: Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Keynote Speaker: Tom Browning, former Cincinnati Reds
pitcher**

**Cost: Non-members - \$65
Members and their guest - \$45**

**RSVP by November 19
by calling 513-319-0120**

