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### From our President . . .

Jim Jurgensen II

Although there is optimism in the air, funding and oil prices continue to concern me. Have we learned our lesson from two years ago when oil prices had a similar increase? The combination of unknown funding and higher oil prices is a dangerous recipe and should be considered uncharted territory. I would like to encourage everyone to use every

available resource to ensure our politicians know the severe impact the combined changes could have on our industry.



On a brighter note, I would like to thank the ASHE board and committee members who have taken the momentum the national conference provided and refocused it towards our section. Today, our membership stands strong and we have started a professor sponsored TRIKO Valley Student Chapter with the University of Cincinnati as well as almost concluded a membership management system. The new system will provide membership and event management along with a means for payment. We are also hopeful to have an interesting summer tour that will complement our normal program. Again, thank you to all the volunteers for the valuable resources you have provided.

**Future  
Meetings**  
March 22, 2011  
May 24, 2011

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# ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT - March 2011

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Rep. John Mica (R-Fla.), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has vowed to get the next Transportation Bill on the House floor by mid-April, 2011. Before crafting the bill, Chairman Mica and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, held a series of meetings in 14 different cities across the country. He requested information in 5 different topics that will aid the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in formulating the next six-year bill. These categories are as follows:

- 1) How to consolidate and improve the performance of programs;
- 2) How the government can cut red tape and streamline the project delivery process;
- 3) How to increase private sector investment in our infrastructure;
- 4) How to identify creative financing alternatives; and
- 5) Other ideas for writing the legislation.

The ASHE PIN accepted emails from the national membership of ASHE on these five topics. These suggestions were then condensed into a two page ASHE Position Paper and was presented to Chairman Mica and the four other members of the House in attendance at the meeting held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, February 19, 2011 for inclusion into the Congressional Record. It was interesting that many of the points that were testified by a panel of eight experts from around the State of Ohio were already included in the ASHE Position Paper. A link to the paper is provided at <http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/PositionPaper6yearbill.pdf>.



ASHE National PIN Chair Caroline Duffy and ASHE Great Lakes Region President, Frank Bronzo, attend the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing in Columbus, Ohio.

On a state level, the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funding and the Revolving Loan Program (RLP) through the Ohio Public Works Commission was successfully added into the House Bill 114. Traditionally, these two sources of funding were included in the State Capital Fund, which is considered to be a discretionary fund. With the budget crises, Governor Kasich had eliminated all discretionary funding. Since it was not normally included with funds that are outlined in House Bill 114, over \$157.9 million in infrastructure funding was in jeopardy of being forfeited. THANK YOU to the ASHE members that responded to the email and contacted your representatives at the Ohio Statehouse to urge them include the SCIP and RLP funding into House Bill 114. You can make your voice heard and make a difference.

# Note from ASHE National President - March 2011

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ASHE National Headquarters  
65 Beacon Hill  
Henderson, North Carolina 27537

February 9, 2011

2010 ASHE National Conference

Caroline Duffy, Co-Chair  
Cindy Minter, Co-Chair

Ladies,

On behalf of the National Board, I would like to thank you and your committee members for hosting the 2010 ASHE National Conference in Cincinnati. This was a very successful conference from the high quality technical sessions, the guest tours, the entertainment, the beautiful facility and the conference team of volunteers. It is also a testament to your conference program and the facility that there were 533 Registrants/Attendees, including 252 ASHE members.

The facility provided a great venue in which you provided a great conference and National was able to accomplish all of its agenda items. You raised the bar for future conferences at an affordable cost to all attendees in which you also made a modest profit and were able to provide seed money for the 2011 Conference.

Again thank you for the great conference and please pass this along to your conference volunteers.

Sincerely,

John L. Hetrick, P.E.  
National President

# ASHE GOLF OUTING - March 2011

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10th ANNUAL - 2011 LLOYD WALLACE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Friday June 3, 2011

The Pebble Creek Course

9799 Prechtel Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45252

## ITINERARY:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration and Lunch

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Cookout Lunch at the turn

3:30 p.m. Dinner & Door Prizes

Cost Per Golfer: \$80

Dinner Only: \$25

Lunch will be provided at the turn. Following golf we will have a cookout, give out door prizes and awards for golf. 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 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 Wednesday June 1.

Any questions call Doug Brand at 621-6211 or by email at [doug.brand@kzf.com](mailto:doug.brand@kzf.com)

Directions to Pebble Creek GC: I-75 to I-275 west to Colerain Avenue North, left on Dry Ridge (at Lowe's), left on Prechtel, the golf course is at the end of Prechtel.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 25, 2011  
Montgomery Inn Boathouse

President Jurgensen called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 11:40 am and five guests were recognized.

Chris Nyberg presented the Treasurer's report indicating a beginning balance of \$2,767, deposits of \$3,825 and expenditures of \$5,587 for a current balance of \$1,005 with \$5,500.00 in the scholarship fund. Everyone was asked to sign in on the lists provided and to check to see that their e-mail addresses were correct. ASHE 2010 Conference Treasurer, Bill Lawall reported that the conference realized a profit of \$17,970.74 that will be returned to the Triko Valley Section.

President Jurgensen announced that the minutes from the holiday meeting were available on the table located in the hallway and that we are looking to set up an automated meeting invitation system.

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

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that on December 22nd, Congress passed another extension of the Transportation Bill, SAFETEA-LU, until March 4, 2011. In addition, Representative John Mica, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is starting the process of conducting "listening sessions" outside of Washington, DC to help his panel craft the new multi-year surface transportation bill starting February 18th. Once the new multi-year transportation bill passes the House, then the Democratic Senate will need to approve and pass the bill before the President will sign it. President Obama is also expected to release his surface transportation proposal as well this spring. The ASHE PIN expects that the bill will need to be a bi-partisan compromise to be approved by congress and signed by the President. Caroline Duffy asked us to contact our Congressional representatives to encourage them to make the necessary compromises so that the bill will be passed by this summer. If the bill is not passed by this summer, many believe it will not get passed until after the 2012 President election.

Stan Harris presented the regional report, indicating that exposure grants will be sought to fund a booth at each state transportation conference.

Doug Brand gave the Golf Committee report, announcing that the outing this year will be on June 3rd and urged those interested in joining the golf committee to contact him. They will be meeting in two weeks.

Carol Callan-Ramler reported that the membership committee has contacted 15 persons regarding joining.





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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES *(Continued)*

Paul Schoelwer from the Program Committee indicated that infrastructure reports will be the topic of the next meeting and that we continue to investigate automated meeting reservation software.

Joe Vogel introduced the following speakers for the Schramm Project Awards:

### *\$ 3 million and under category:*

- Tim Casto of Kliengers presented the **Galbraith Road Improvements project**
- Paul Greuner from Montgomery County and Ralph Norman from Jacobs presented the **Little York Road Bridge Rehabilitation**
- Eric Beck from Hamilton County presented the **Ridge Road & Highland Avenue Intersection Improvements**

### *Over \$ 3 million category:*

- Bryan Williams from the City of Cincinnati DOTE presented the **Oakley Square Improvements**
- Curtis Hines from the City of Cincinnati DOTE presented the **Spring Grove Avenue / Clifton Avenue Improvements project**
- Andy Shahan of LJB presented the **Austin Blvd Interchange MOT-75-0.75**

President Jurgensen reminded us that the focus of the Schramm Awards are the projects that have the most impact to the community and the winners will advance to the regional competition. Ballots were handed out to members present.

The 2011 National Conference will be held in Orlando from June 23rd through 25th. The next board of directors meeting will be held on March 1st and the next general membership meeting will be held on March 22nd, which is our annual infrastructure presentation. The Schramm awards winners will also be announced at that time.

Bill Lawall announced that certificates for PDH's are located on the table in the hallway. Paul Schoelwer inquired about interest for tours to be held during the summer and approximately half of the attendees raised their hands to indicate interest. He announced that we are also considering a golf league.

Greg Wilkens raised a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Doug Brand. President Jurgensen adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

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David M. Emerick, Secretary

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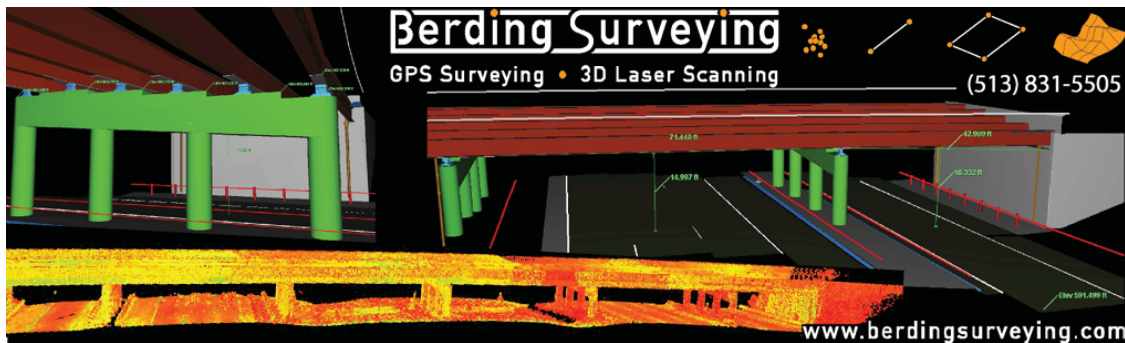


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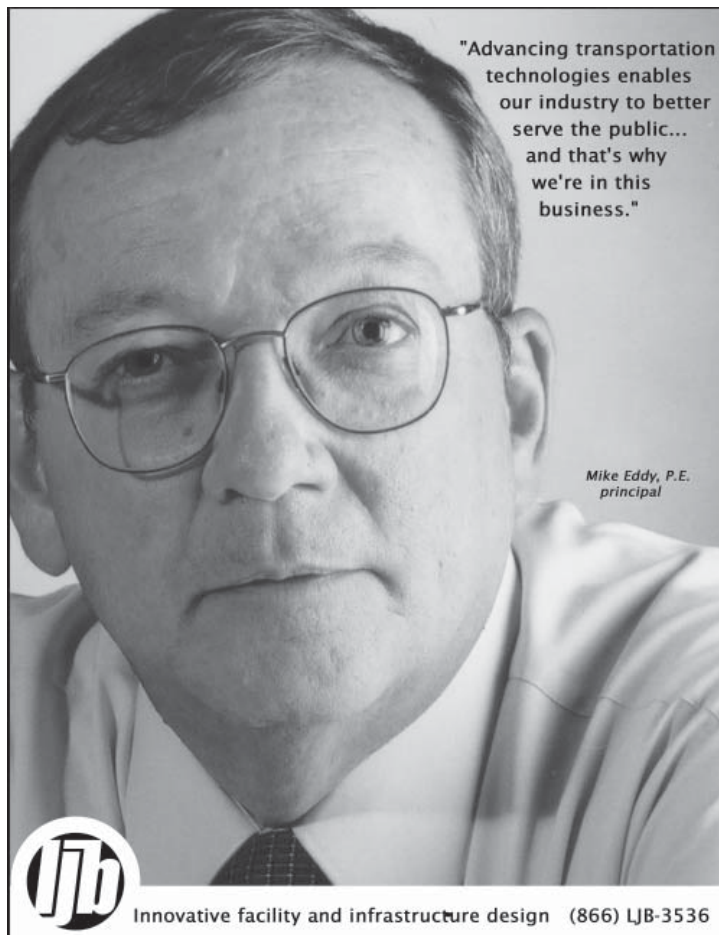


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