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From our President . . .

Jim Jurgensen II

The ASHE Triko Valley section continues to increase membership due to efforts led by Carol Callan Ramler and other dedicated ASHE members. Thanks to the newly formed student chapter, we now have at least 3 charter student members. The UC student chapter will play a vital role in strengthening our membership and leadership into the future. In fact, UC's CEAS team won, for the second year in a row, the National Construction Management Competition between 25 colleges and Universities. I would like to thank the Board and past presidents for offering me sound guidance over the past year as President. It has been especially rewarding to me to be able to get to know the membership outside the general membership meetings. I would like to thank the committees for their extensive work in supporting the section programs. I will hopefully see everyone at our May 24th meeting for an exciting presentation on the Jeremiah Morrow Bridge replacement. Please have a safe and productive summer!



ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT - May 2011

Here we are again, at the beginning of summer of 2011, and the nation still does not have a Transportation Bill. I've already heard the dreaded words "its dead!" Let's take a look at where the Transportation Bill stands. The deadline for passage is September 30, 2011, when the current extension expires. The general consensus is that if the bill is not passed by then, that the 2012 Presidential Election will delay any hope of getting a Transportation Bill until 2013 at the earliest.

To date, there have been three groups working on a proposed Transportation Bill. The President's version of the bill, which was recently released, has not changed much from his past versions in that it focuses on the multi-modal transportation network as opposed to just the highway system. The bill still contains monies for high speed rail, despite the fact that funding of high-speed rail was eliminated from the last budget. It not only contains language for highway funding but also for the Livable Communities Program including funding programs for Transportation Enhancements, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, National Scenic Byways Program, and Safe Routes to School. It also contains language to allow state and local governments more flexibility to impose roadway and bridge tolls on existing Interstate and non-interstate facilities for the purposes of improving or reducing congestion in metropolitan areas with populations over one million people and on the national Interstate system, permitting state and local governments to impose tolls to initially construct Interstate facilities and/or constructing one or more lanes. The President would create a study group to examine the feasibility of mileage-based user fees instead of the current gasoline tax. Representative Mica, Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is on the verge of introducing his version of the bill. He held numerous sessions throughout the country to gather ideas to incorporate into the House version of the bill in February and March. The House bill would likely include lower funding levels at \$270 billion for the 6 year program than previously in SAFETEA-LU and focus on alternate funding such as an Infrastructure Bank, tolls as well as streamlining the process. While initial reports had the House bill on the floor in April, it now appears the bill will be introduced in June. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee version of the bill is also slated for introduction in June. Word is the Senate version will have higher funding levels than the House version, and that the programs are more aligned with the President's agenda. The reconciliation of these three versions of the Transportation Bill will make for a really hot and hectic summer this year if the bill will really be signed into law by September 30, 2011.

The ASHE PIN urges you to make your opinion heard about the pending Transportation Bill. Contact your legislators by phone, email or meeting and let them know that passing a Transportation Bill cannot wait until 2013!



2011 LLOYD WALLACE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
Friday June 3, 2011
The Pebble Creek Course

- Shotgun start at 10:00 am with lunch at the turn.
- Scramble Format with prizes for 1st, 2nd and last place.
- Men will use the white tees and women the gold tees.
- For \$5 you can purchase 3 mulligans.
- For \$10 you can purchase 3 mulligans, 1 kick and 1 throw. A "kick" is when the ball is kicked from its lie to wherever it lands. A "throw" is when the ball is thrown from its lie to wherever it lands. No stroke is counted.
- For \$5 you can purchase 1 skirt. A skirt is when you get to drive from the women's tees.
- For \$5 you can purchase 1 foot of string or for \$10 you can purchase 3 feet of string. Use the string on the green, cut the string the distance of your putt and it's in the hole – no stroke.
- You can purchase additional mulligans, kicks, throws, skirts & string at the clubhouse during golf.
- There will be a cash beverage/snack cart available during the outing.
- Fun/Prize Holes will be:
 - Hole #1 – Guess Your Drive Length
 - Hole #3 – Speed Hole & Team Picture (team with quickest time to finish the hole wins)
 - Hole #5 – Longest Putt
 - Hole #9 – Money Hole (sacrifice your drive to get closest to money target to win \$40, \$60 or \$80)
 - Hole #14 – Longest Drive
 - Hole #16 – Closest to the Pin
 - Hole #18 – Construction Ahead (avoid cones on the green)



- Turn in your completed scorecards to Doug Brand at the Clubhouse when done golfing.
- Door Prizes will be pre-drawn. After you turn in your scorecard check the prize table for your name on a door prize.
- Beverages and snacks will be available before dinner while we wait for everyone to finish.
- Cookout will begin about 3:30pm with prizes following.

ASHE extends a special THANK YOU to all our sponsors, goody bag contributors and door prize donators!!

ASHE GOLF OUTING SIGN UP - May 2011

10th ANNUAL - 2011 LLOYD WALLACE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Friday June 3, 2011
The Pebble Creek Course
9799 Prechtel Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45252

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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

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, March 22, 2011
Montgomery Inn Boathouse

President Jurgensen called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and recognition of several guests. The guests included University of Cincinnati faculty and students from the ASHE student chapter which is being formed.

Chris Nyberg gave the treasurer's report. There is approximately \$1,127 in the operating fund plus \$5,500 in the scholarship fund. The next general membership meeting will be on May 24, 2011 at the Boathouse and the next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, April 26 at Valley Asphalt.

Secretary Dave Emerick was out of town and not able to attend the meeting. President Jurgensen noted that the minutes from the January meeting were published in the newsletter and on the web site.

Caroline Duffy gave the PIN report. Congressman Mica hopes to have a new transportation bill on the floor of the House by mid-April. He held a series of meetings around the country to gather input. ASHE has submitted a position paper which is posted on the web site. Senators Kerry, Hutchison and Warner have announced plans for a national infrastructure bank. On the state level, SCIP funding and Revolving Loan Program was added to House Bill 114. Caroline thanked ASHE members who contacted their representatives.

Stan Harris stated that the Great Lakes Region would be soliciting the chapters to submit entries for the Region Projects of the Year. The Region is also pursuing exposure funds from National which can be used to pay for an ASHE booth at KY, IN and OH transportation conferences.

Doug Brand announced that the golf outing will be held June 3 at Pebble Creek with a 10:00 am tee time. Hole sponsorship opportunities are available.

Carol Callan-Ramler gave a brief membership report indicating that the committee had sent out thirteen letters to prospective members. Two of the recipients attended today's meeting.

Steve Profitt announced that the May meeting will likely be a field trip to either the new casino construction site or the Jeremiah Morrow Bridge construction site.

Jennifer Kunz announced that Triko Valley is working with the University of Cincinnati to establish a student chapter.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Joe Vogel announced the winners of the Schramm Awards as follows:

Over \$3 Million Category:

- Oakley Square (City of Cincinnati, Prus Construction)

\$3 Million and Under Category:

- Ridge and Highland (HCEO, J R Jurgensen Construction)

Next, President Jurgensen introduced the presenters for the 2011 Capital Improvements Program. They were:

Ted Hubbard – Hamilton County Engineer's Office

Randy Johnson – Butler County Engineer's Office

Todd Gadbury and Doug Royer – Clermont County Engineer's Office

Steve Mary – ODOT District 8

Bob Yeager – KYTC District 6

Joe Vogel – City of Cincinnati

President Jurgensen announced that the handouts provided by the speakers would also be posted on the chapter web site.

President Jurgensen announced that the National Conference will be in Orlando, June 23-25. There will be 16 technical sessions. The Triko Valley chapter has nominated Greg Wilkens for Member of the Year.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 year. Please contact any current Board member with your nomination.

Matt Loeffler gave a brief demonstration of the redesigned chapter web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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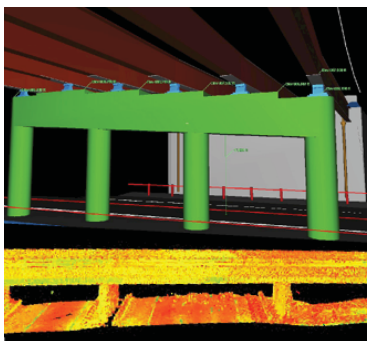
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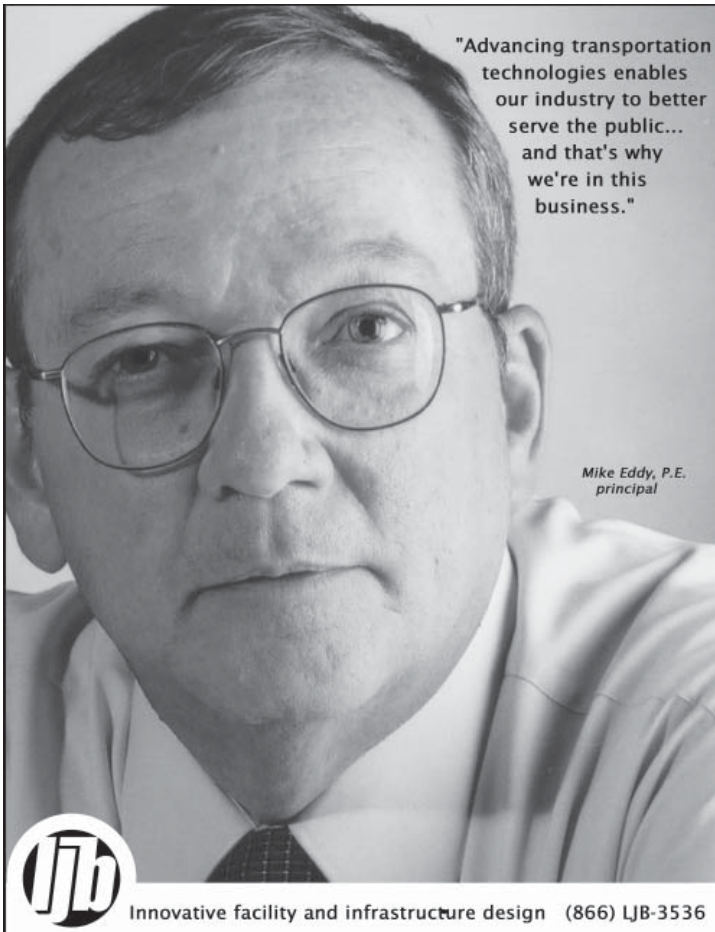


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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The Montgomery Inn Boathouse, 11:30 a.m.

Topic: Jeremiah Morrow Bridge

Presenters: Representatives from HNTB & ODOT

Lunch Cost: \$20.00

RSVP by calling 513-319-0120

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