



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Matt Loeffler
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I am honored and proud to serve as President of ASHE TRIKO Valley. A special thanks goes to Steve Proffitt for his excellent job as President last year. I would like to thank our hard-working Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication. Let's welcome two new board members who will be serving as 1st Year Directors – Steve Mary and Tom Nicholson.

It is an apprehensive time in our transportation industry. There is still no long term funding solution to our eroding Federal Highway Trust Fund, but many innovative funding solutions are being explored. While the gas tax continues to fall well short of the necessary revenue needed to maintain and advance our transportation infrastructure, the transportation industry debates funding mechanisms like tolls, private public partnerships, and pay per travel. It is likely a mixture of all of them, but a decision needs to be made. Times like these require each one of us to voice our opinion to our elected officials who represent us.

This year, it is my intention to offer stronger technical topics/presentations at our lunch meetings. ASHE TRIKO Valley may even offer some technical trainings or workshops outside of our regularly scheduled membership meetings. I welcome suggestions from our membership. Another important aspect of ASHE is networking and building relationships among our diverse membership. Therefore, more social events will try to be planned. The Reds game this past June was an excellent example.

Our membership is strong at around 160 members. But, we certainly have room to grow. Thank you to the 13 new members who joined this past year. To continue growing our membership, please ask a friend or co-worker to consider joining ASHE or invite them to a lunch as our guest.

Thanks to the hard work of Eric Kistner, we now have an easier way to pay online for renewals, meetings and events. Please check it out when you register for our 1st meeting at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse on September 24, 2013. I look forward to seeing you there.

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The mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.

ASHE-TRIKO Valley General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2013 - Montgomery Inn Boathouse

President Steven Proffitt called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:45. Two guests were recognized. Steve thanked Josh Carter from JRJ for organizing the Reds event in June. This was a huge success as the Section's 40 tickets sold out. The second event coming up in June is the Golf outing. Brad Ackel is chairman of the golf committee and will speak later. Steve announced that we are looking for articles for the scanner.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurer's report, announcing a beginning balance of \$4,031.18, income of \$4,214.02 and expenses of \$2,504.90 resulting in operating capital as of May 20, 2013 of \$25,740.30. Membership renewals are due by June 1st. Eric has received two new membership applications.

David Emerick gave the secretary's report, noting that the meeting minutes from the March 19th general membership meeting are published in the newsletter and located on the back table.

Caroline Duffy presented the ASHE PIN reporting that congressional representatives have not established long term funding for the Highway Trust Fund. The ASHE National organization will focus on getting Highway Trust Fund information out to section members and urging them as well as the general public to press Congressional Representatives regarding the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

Stan Harris presented the regional report noting that the section Schramm award winners will be forwarded on to the Region. Stan asked members to consider \$50 sponsorships for the local newsletter.

John Davidson presented the scholarship report announcing that we received six applications which are being considered for presentation at the golf outing.

Brad Ackel discussed the June 13th golf outing noting that the cost is \$90 which includes lunch, dinner and beer. Registration begins at 10:00 am with shotgun start at 11:30am. Individuals can register on line and pay at event. Handouts are available at the back table. The outing is important as it funds scholarships. Door prizes are welcome as well.

President Proffitt introduced Steve Mary, ODOT District 8 District Deputy Director to present on the "Brent Spence Bridge—Value of Money".

Membership director Carol Callan-Ramler could not be present so Steve Proffitt asked Caroline Duffy to draw names for the membership drive raffle. Jeff Glowka won Reds game tickets and Jim Jurgensen, Jr. won free rounds of golf at the ASHE 2013 outing in June.

President Proffitt presented officers nominated for 2013-2014 as follows:

President	Matt Loeffler
First Vice President	Dennis Brunton
Second Vice President	Eric Beck
Third Year Director	Nathan Moore
Second Year Director	Vanessa Fritsch
First Year Director	Steve Mary
First Year Director	Tom Nicholson
Treasurer	Eric Kistner
Secretary	David Emerick

John Davidson raised a motion to accept the slate as presented which was seconded by Stan Harris and carried. The membership was unanimously in favor of voting this slate into office. Steve thanked current board member Carol Callan-Ramler for her service and presented Past President Paul Schoelwer with an official ASHE Past President's pin and then proceeded with the installation of the new officers.

President Proffitt thanked everyone for their support this year, after which he accepted a motion from John Davidson to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Eric Beck. Steve Proffitt adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
David Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

The Montgomery Inn Boathouse, 11:30 AM

**Topic: US 50/River Road/Waldvogel Viaduct/
Sixth Street Expressway Reconstruction**

Speaker: Corey Carfora, ODOT District 8, Construction Engineer

Lunch Cost: \$25.00

Visit website (www.ashe-trikovalley.com)
and click on Meeting Link to register and pay online

2013 - 2014 Board of Directors

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1st Year Director	Tom Nicholson	PRETEK Group	937-641-8267	tnicholson@pretekgroup.com

ASHE PIN Report - Fall 2013

As the first session of the 113th Congress reconvened on September 09, 2013 after the summer recess, there are many challenges that face our elected representatives, such as military action against Syria, a possible government shutdown at the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2013, and the ever-popular debt ceiling issue slated to heat up in mid-October. However, House Transportation Chairman Bill Shuster released a statement that the Transportation Committee will focus on two bills. The first focus of the Transportation Committee will be to get the Water Resources Reform and Development Act passed. This bill, which funds the Army Corp of Engineers, among other entities, has bi-partisan support and will be one of the most policy and reform-focused measures of its kind in the last two decades. The new transportation funding bill to replace the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, or MAP-21, will be the second focus of the Transportation Committee. The Highway Trust Fund, set to expire in September 2014, is on its way to bankruptcy by March 2014. Chairman Schuster will focus on two main objectives with the new transportation bill: increasing the funding levels without raising the gasoline user's fee and a longer-term bill than the 2-year MAP-21 bill. As the Highway Trust Fund's "fiscal cliff" looms closer to bankruptcy each day, ASHE members need to contact their representatives in Congress to let them know that amidst all of the others pressing issues before them, passage of a new transportation bill is imperative to the health of our country. Here are some talking points:

- Transportation is the foundation of America's economic competitiveness and supports millions of jobs.
- However, Highway Trust Fund revenues have not been adjusted in 20 years. As a result, highway and transit investment is facing a 100 percent cut beginning October 1, 2014 if Congress does not act.
- Congress must consider all available options, including an increase in the motor fuels tax, to stabilize and grow the Highway Trust Fund for the long-term.

ASHE members need to constantly reiterate to our leadership in Congress the message at hand: We need to stabilize federal surface transportation investment and we need to do it NOW. Please do your part by contacting your house representative frequently about the looming Highway Fiscal Cliff!

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The ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair person for each committee. If you would like to share an idea or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chair person. The Board thanks you for your continued support and dedication to the transportation industry.

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June Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June 13, 2013 golf outing at Walden Pond Golf Club. We had 47 golfers participate and 20 hole sponsors. Thanks for all the support!

The winning foursome was Steve Proffitt, Craig Stephenson, Doug Royer and Wess Kroll. Great job, guys!

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American Society of Highway Engineers Triko Valley Section

CATEGORIES

- **Construction Cost \$3,000,000 and under.**
- **Construction Cost over \$3,000,000.**

ENTRY SUBMISSION

- **Completed entry form (Original).**
- **Two (2) copies of project description and related materials (see entry requirements).**
- **Entry fee is \$35.00. Make checks payable to “ASHE - TRIKO Valley Section”.**

CALENDAR FOR 2013 AWARD

- **December 13, 2013 – Entry Deadline**
- **January 3, 2014 - Review and rating of entries by the Board of Directors**
- **By January 7, 2014 - Top three (3) rated entries in each category will be notified**
- **January 21, 2014 - General Membership Meeting - Presentation to general membership by top three (3) rated entrants from each category. (Final selection to be determined by the general membership by closed ballot.)**
- **March 18, 2014 - General Membership Meeting - Awards presentation**

For more information, visit
<http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/Awards.htm>

General Membership

Brad Ackel	Nicholas Elliot	William Lawall	Penny Rike
Jamal Adhami	David Emerick	Michael Lenett	Donald Roberts
Bob Adleta	Richard Engle	Aaron Littman	Dave Rotella
James Arbuckle	Joe Espelage	Matthew Loeffler	Doug Royer
Eric Beck	Jeremy Evans	Austin Long	Ali Saleh
Bryan Bender	William Fair	Michael Lorenz	Akshat Saxena
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Jon Brunot	Paul Gruner	Cindy Minter	Robert Steier
Dennis Brunton	Richard Guidi	Nathan Moore	Craig Stephenson
Michael Bryson	Corrin Gulick	Bryan Mount	Jacob Stremmel
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