



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Dennis Brunton
Barrett Paving
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I'm honored to be able to serve as President of ASHE TRIKO Valley for the upcoming year.

A big thank you goes to Matt Loeffler for his excellent job as President this past year. I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their support and dedication. Let's welcome a new board member who will be serving as 1st Year Director –Aaron Muck.

As has been reported, there is still no long term funding solution to the ever eroding Federal Highway Trust Fund. Our Congress continues to kick the can down the road. We, as a group and individually, need to voice our opinion to our elected officials who represent us. The squeaky wheel, at some point, needs to get the grease.

An important aspect of ASHE is networking and building relationships among our diverse membership. Besides the regular meetings, we also

would like to continue and build upon other networking activities. We have done the Reds game the past 2 years in conjunction with the Ohio Contractors Association. Should we continue with a Reds game activity? Let a Board member know your thoughts. We would also like to add other social activities to enhance networking opportunities. Again, let a board member know your ideas.

Our membership is strong at around 170 members. But, we certainly have room to grow. Thank you to the 10 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.

Please use the on-line method for registering and paying for renewals or events.

Our 1st meeting of the year will be at the Original Montgomery Inn restaurant on Montgomery Road at 11:30 am on September 16, 2014.

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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 PIN Report - September 2014

On August 1, the \$10.8 billion Highway Trust Fund patch that will fund highway and bridge repairs for the next ten months was signed by President Obama. This eleventh attempt at getting a long-term funding solution of the highway trust fund has once again been diverted until May 2015. The short-term measure is paid for using a budgeting maneuver called pension smoothing, which allows corporations to reduce their contributions to employee retirement plans. By allowing companies to do so, the government can boost tax revenues since companies are no longer eligible for tax deductions. Although the bankruptcy of the Highway Trust Fund has been diverted, President Obama told Congress it “shouldn’t pat itself on the back for averting disaster for a few months, kicking the can down the road for a few months, careening from crisis to crisis when it comes to something as basic as our infrastructure” in a recent speech. Senator Boxer has reportedly been working on an alternate bill that would utilize vehicle miles tax when the Highway Trust Fund comes up for passage again in May 2015.

The ASHE 2014 National Conference was held in Bismarck, North Dakota in June. The TRIKO Valley section was represented by Vanessa Fritsch, Caroline Duffy, and Frank O’Hare. The conference had great technical sessions along with numerous entertainment venues, such as Historic Buckstop Junction in Bismarck and the Village of Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, 180 miles west of Bismarck. The TRIKO Valley section would like to congratulate Vanessa Fritsch upon receiving her award as the National Young Member of the Year!



ASHE-TRIKO Valley General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - Montgomery Inn

President Loeffler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:45 am.

President Loeffler announced the June 3rd Reds Game. He announced that plenty of tickets are still available. He reminded everyone of the Golf Outing at the Vineyard on June 27th. Four guests were recognized. Matt announced that Joe Smithson will present on Mitchell Avenue Geotechnical Challenges during today's meeting.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurers report, noting an operating capital of \$ 24,516.09. Expenses totaling \$4,699.40 included national assessment and website fees. There are currently 170 members including 4 student members. Vanessa Fritsch raised a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Caroline Duffy. The motion passed.

President Loeffler presented the Secretary's report in Dave Emerick's absence, noting that minutes from the April 18th meeting were posted in the newsletter and are also available on the back table. Eric Beck motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Joe Vogel. The motion passed.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting the passing of Bond Issue 1, The Ohio Public Works Commission bond initiative. Caroline thanked local county engineers for their leadership of the campaign. In spite of the local win, there is little movement of the transportation bill on the national front. Funding is the real issue. Caroline encouraged everyone to contact their local representatives.

Stan Harris presented the Regional Report, stating the region is working to get all the committees up and running and getting the website ready. Mr. Harris also asked for project submittals for the newsletter. They can be submitted any time. The Scanner also needs future articles. See Stan for details.

Brad Ackel presented the golf committee report, stated that date is June 27th at the Vineyard on east side of town. Registration is \$90 per golfer, which includes cart and door prizes. Hole sponsorships are \$125. This is the sole means to fund two scholarships, so please participate. Registration forms are available at door and on the web site.

Eric Beck presented the scholarship report. Four applications had been received. The scholarship committee will meet May 21st to go over applicants. He also encouraged members to check for your membership certificate on the table outside with pins. President Loeffler encouraged the members to get the word out on the scholarship.

Steve Proffitt had nothing new to report for Membership. The fee is \$40 to join for the year. President Loeffler reported 170 members and 11 new members.

Steve Mary reported on the April 16th technical tour at the CMC stainless steel plant. There is a plan to visit the manufacturing plant in the future in KY. Let Steve know of any projects you would like to tour.

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Vanessa Fritsch reported the Reds game is the only activity planned, President Loeffler mentioned the L&M railroad dinner train might be planned for the summer or fall.

President Loeffler introduced Joe Smithson to present on the Mitchell Avenue Geotechnical Challenges.

President Loeffler thanked our speaker.

Matt Loeffler announced the proposed slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year:

- President - Dennis Brunton
- First Vice President - Eric Beck
- Second Vice President - Nathan Moore
- Third Year Director - Vanessa Fritsch
- Second Year Director - Steve Mary
- Second Year Director - Tom Nicholson
- First Year Director - Aaron Muck
- Regional Representative - Stan Harris
- Treasurer - Eric Kistner
- Secretary - David Emerick

Bill Lawall raised a motioned to accept the slate of officers which was seconded by Matt Loeffler and passed. Upon acceptance, the slate was sworn in.

President Loeffler announced that annual membership renewals of \$40 are due by end of May. Invoices can be taken with you today. Handouts are available in the back including the Golf outing registration and PDH certificates. The new website is www.trikovalley.ashe.pro.

We were reminded of upcoming events after which President Loeffler accepted a motion from Ralph Norman, seconded by John Heilman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vanessa Fritsch for David Emerick

TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 11:30 AM

Please join us for the first General Membership Meeting of 2014-2015. The presentation for this month's meeting is an update on the construction of Cincinnati's Street Car project. John Deatruck with the City of Cincinnati will be the presenter. Please join us at The Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery on September 16.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

**RSVP by phone to Eric Kistner at 513-842-8213
or visit website (www.trikovalley.ashe.pro)
and click on Meeting Link to register and pay online**

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Committee Chair Person Contact Information

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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New ASHE Sections

Greetings ASHE members,

The beginning of each year has traditionally been a time many of us devote to getting smaller based on New Year's Resolutions. We at the ASHE National level are interested in getting bigger! We have focused attention on more remote areas such as Portland, Oregon and Denver, Colorado amongst others. Our newest initiative includes seeing if there are opportunities closer to "home". "Home" meaning seeking potential new section champions which may be travelling to areas with current sections, or have a branch office in an untapped region of the country which may have an person interested in sharing the ASHE mission with others and getting a section started.

Anyone interested in discussing opportunities to start a new section are encouraged to contact either Tim Matthews or Perry Schweiss, Co-Chairs of the ASHE New Sections Committee (contact information provided below), or any one of the ASHE National Board members (contact information provided on the website - ASHE.pro). There are many resources available to assist in this endeavor including Powerpoint presentations, detailed guidance and procedures, etc.; all of which can be found on the website. The most important resource available however is also ASHE's strongest attribute...it's members!

We are 6,000+ strong with 41 active sections and, with your spark, we will continue to grow in membership and, as this initiative supports, geographically! We look forward to hearing from those with the pioneering spirit and enthusiasm to spread the ASHE mission!!

With sincere gusto!

Tim W. Matthews, PE
(Southeast Region)/Atlanta Section)
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Member Spotlight

We want our members to get to know each other! Each month, we'll feature a different ASHE member in our Member Spotlight! This month, we're featuring our new President, Dennis Brunton!

Place of Work: Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.

Job Title: Chief Engineer/Project Manager

Degrees and Certifications: BS, Civil Engineering, University of Cincinnati; Registered PE

Where were you born? Cincinnati, Ohio

Family: Wife, Tammy; 3 children - Chris, 24, Cory 22, Caitlin 19 - all in college with unknown graduation dates!!

What are your hobbies? Ice hockey and golf

Favorites

TV Show: Sports - hockey, football, baseball

Meal: A really good steak

This or That:

1. Coke or Pepsi? Coke (with Captain Morgan!)
2. Dogs or Cats? Dogs
3. Loud or Quiet? Quiet
4. Phone or Email? Depends on the situation
5. Pie or Cake? Pie
6. Beach or Mountains? Beach



ASHE 2014 Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who participated in the May 27, 2014 Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing at The Vineyard Golf Course. We had a beautiful day of golf at a great course. We had 56 golfers participate and 23 hole sponsors. The money raised will go toward the Triko Valley Scholarship. Thank you for all the support! The winning foursome was Steve Proffitt, David Quimby, Tim Smith and Wess Kroll. Great job, guys!



Job Openings!

Have a job opening at your firm? Know someone looking for a job? Include them here!

Submit job postings to Amanda Lienemann at amanda.lienemann@stantec.com to have them included in the next newsletter.

Annual Renewal Dues

If you have not yet done so, please pay your annual renewal. If not paid by September 30, 2014, your membership will be dropped!

Advertising Opportunities!

\$50/year for small ads, \$150/year for large ad and corporate link on the TRIKO website.
If interested, contact Stan Harris at stan.harris@stantec.com.

Send website logos to Matt Loeffler at loefflerm@bceo.org.

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