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From Our President...



March is here and we are about to embark on another construction season. Please join us for the Capital Improvements Program presentation on March 17, 2015 at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery to find out about this year's construction projects, along with future work (design & construction) beyond 2015.

Also, the winners of the Donald C. Schramm Transportation improvement awards will be announced.

The ASHE National Conference will take place from May 27 thru May 31 in Baltimore, Maryland. Abundant professional development opportunities are available to further your skills through a comprehensive conference schedule and expansive networking opportunities. Please consider a sponsorship to promote your firm and support the conference. For more information on conference details, visit www.2015conference.ashe.pro.

As always, please voice your concern to your elected representatives concerning highway funding. Our elected officials will only do something if they hear from their constituents. If our elected officials do not hear anyone's concerns, they assume that everything's okay. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. As part of the promotion to fix the highway funding, ASHE has produced stickers that can be put on your vehicle that state "Funding, Fix it Now." These will be made available at the March 17, 2015 membership meeting.

Triko Valley section is starting to delve into a community service project to give back to the community. Tom Nicholson, second year director, has agreed to chair this committee. If you have an idea, please contact Tom at tnicholson@pretekgroup.com.

If anyone would like to become more involved with ASHE Triko-Valley section and become a board member, please contact Eric Beck at eric.beck@hamilton-co.org or myself at dbrunton@barrettpaving.com.

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ASHE PIN Report - March 2015

There are some reports that the climate in Washington DC is more positive and bi-partisan towards the passage of the Highway Trust Bill. This is a big step in the right direction, as now the Congressional leadership are talking about the impending May 31, 2015 deadline for the highway trust fund. However, the issue that has impeded the passage of the Highway bill in the past – how it is going to be funded - has not been resolved. The funding options being considered range from fuel taxes to tolls to overall tax reform. It is time for our ASHE members to reach out to your Congressional representatives and let them know how important this funding is to not only the transportation industry, but the economy as a whole. If you would like to participate the 2015 Transportation Construction Coalition Fly-in on April 14-15 at the Hyatt Regency in Washington D.C., please contact Caroline Duffy at CDuffy@jmt.com for registration information.

As the economy is improving, the local municipalities and counties in Ohio are not getting back many of the cuts that the State made to balance the budget. As a result, the local municipalities and counties are asking the Ohio legislature for local taxing authority to make up for this shortfall. Below is a table of what the locals are asking. Please contact your state representation and let them know you support this taxing authority of our local government agencies to fund much needed transportation projects in Ohio. Below is a summary of this legislation.

Taxing Authority	Amount	Distribution/Enactment
County	\$5.00	100% of the revenue is distributed to the county. Counties may enact this tax at any time.
County	\$5.00	The second new \$5 motor vehicle license tax would be available to the county for a four year period immediately following enactment of the law. The distribution on municipal registrations is 50% to the county and 50% to the municipal corporation. For township registrations, 70% of the revenue is distributed to the county and 30% to the township; except in the case of an urban township, distribution would be 50% to the county and 50% to the township. After the expiration of four years, any county that had not taken action could enact the tax in any jurisdiction that has not taken action. The revenue distribution under this circumstance remains the same: 50% of municipal registrations to the county and 50% to the municipality; for township registrations it remains 70% to the county and 30% to the township, except for urban townships where the split would be 50% county/50% township. After the expiration of four years, any municipal corporation or township in a county that had not enacted this tax may enact this tax and retain all registrations within the jurisdiction.
Municipality	\$5.00	100% of the revenue is distributed to the municipality. Municipalities may enact this tax at any time.
Township	\$5.00	100% of the revenue is distributed to the township. Townships may enact this tax at any time.

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January 27, 2015 - Montgomery Inn

President Brunton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:46 AM and recognized four guests.

Eric Beck introduced the Schramm Project Award presentations as follows:

Projects Under 5 Million Dollars
Uptown Transit District
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mark Knolt, The Kleingers Group

HAM-50-29.75 Wooster Pike Revitalization Village of Fairfax Caroline Duffy, Barr & Prevost a JMT Division

Projects Over 5 Million Dollars

East Main, 2nd & 4th Street Roadway Improvements Village of Batavia Don Bezold, B&N

Winton/South Gilmore City of Fairfield Ben Mann, City of Fairfield

ODOT Project 110553 IR 74/Beekman/Colerain ODOT Kate Holden, John R. Jurgensen

Secretary Emerick noted that the minutes of the last meeting were published in the November newsletter and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Joe Vogel moved to approve the minutes with a second from Mary Beth Elfers. The motion passed. The section received a certificate of recognition from the National Board for the 25th anniversary of our charter.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurers report, noting an operating capital of \$21,322.32. Expenses totaled \$7,833.42 and income totaled \$4,260.00. There are currently 176 members including 4 student members. John Davidson raised a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mary Beth Elfers. The motion passed.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that there is renewed interested in raising the gasoline user's fee as the May 31st expiration date of the Highway Trust Fund fast approaches. Other proposals to fund the Highway Trust fund include the January 16th tax proposal and administrative action proposed

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by President Obama that is aimed at promoting private investment. Public infrastructure bonds, which would be exempt from the alternative minimum tax, would be issued to finance infrastructure projects. A second source of funding is tax changes resulting in a revenue stream to fund construction. A third source is "dynamic scoring" that allows the economic benefits justification from project implementations to be leveraged against the budget deficit. A fourth source from the republicans is to link the Transportation bill and the Keystone pipeline. ASHE members should contact their congressman and let them know that transportation funding should be made a priority. All ASHE members will receive bumper stickers urging congress to pass the transportation bill. A presentation template will also be provided on the National website to use for fundraisers (ashe.pro/information/downloads).

Caroline also noted that the Lake Erie section has been awarded the 2018 conference.

Stan Harris presented the Regional Report and asked members to give him information for Scanner articles.

Dennis noted that the golf outing will be at the Vineyards again-date to be announced.

Matt Loeffler noted that the membership application is available on line.

There was no report from the student chapter

Steve Mary asked for ideas for the May meeting.

Vanessa will organize a March Madness Happy Hour again. June 9th will be the date of our Red's game event-watch for more information.

Bill Lawall mentioned that PDF certificates are on the table.

President Brunton asked for members to encourage submitting scholarship applications. Encourage your co-ops to submit scholarship applications.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: David Emerick TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING General Membership Meeting -Capital Improvement Program

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH) Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

After the general membership meeting, there will be a panel discussion with our local public officials. Take this time to gather a question for your local representative. Handouts will be provided summarizing the list of design and construction projects for the year. Also, the winners of the Schramm Awards will be presented.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

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

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Save the Date!

The 2015 Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing will be held Friday, June 19th, 11:30AM, at The Vineyard Golf Course, 600 Nordyke Road, 45255. Please plan on attending and consider sponsoring a hole.

The Reds game outing will be June 9th! Seats will be on 3rd level open air (Panoramic View - RedLegs Landing). This is a private venue along the right field side. A buffet & soda is included along with 2 drink tickets & personal bartender. The cost will be around \$60.00 per person.

ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY 2015 Scholarship

The ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY section will be making scholarship awards to college enrolled students. It is anticipated that the awards totaling \$2,500 will be awarded annually.

College students going into final year of a transportation or construction related program, attending the following schools: University of Dayton, University of Cincinnati (College of Engineering and Applied Sciences), Cincinnati State and Technical College, and Northern Kentucky University or students who are full time residents within the ASHE TRIKO Valley geographic areas of southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky or southeast Indiana are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by Monday, May 11th, 2015 by 4 pm, and can be found at http://www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/Scholarships.htm

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 Aaron Muck!

Name: Aaron J. Muck

Place of Work: Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Job Title: Principal/Geotechnical Department Manager **Degrees and Certifications:** B.S. Civil Engineering from Tri-State (Trine) University; M.S. Civil Engineering from

Virginia Tech

Where were you born? Lockport, NY (about 20 minutes east of Niagara Falls); grew up in Wilson, NY

Family: Wife (Erin) and kids (Caleb-11/Nathan-9/Adah-7/Judah-5)

What are your technical/professional interests? I have been in geotechnical consulting for over 15 years and have primarily focused on transportation projects most recently. Besides the fun projects that you get to say you



were a part of, I have enjoyed the opportunity to build relationships with folks within the industry and the local schools/universities.

What are your hobbies? Activities with the kids (camping/sports/playing outside) and although scarce, dates with my wife; I am active at our church and am part of a missional community that supports foster-adoptive families; I also enjoy working in the yard and around the house, and gardening.

Favorites

TV Show: America's Funniest Videos Meal: Any, when with family and friends

This or That:

- 1. Coke or Pepsi? Coke Zero
- 2. Dogs or Cats? Dogs
- 3. Loud or Quiet? Quiet
- **4. Phone or Email?** It depends...
- **5. Pie or Cake? Pie** (apple w/ vanilla ice cream)
- 6. Beach or Mountains? Mountains

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.

Committee	Chair Person	Contact Information
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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!

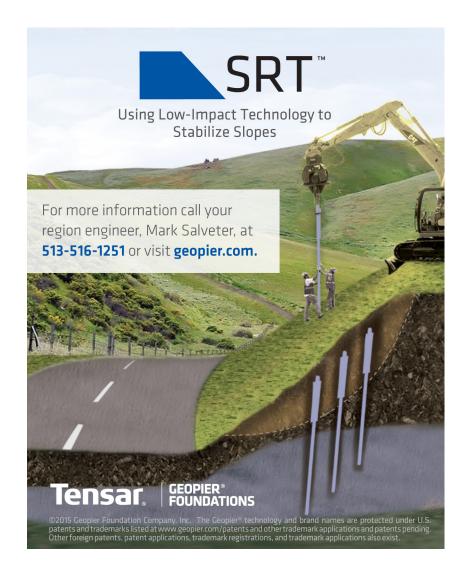
Tim W. Matthews, PE (Southeast Region)/Atlanta Section) TIA Regional Coordinator|Office of TIA Georgia Department of Transportation

Perry Schweiss, PE (Northeast Region)/(Southwest Penn Section) SPK Engineering





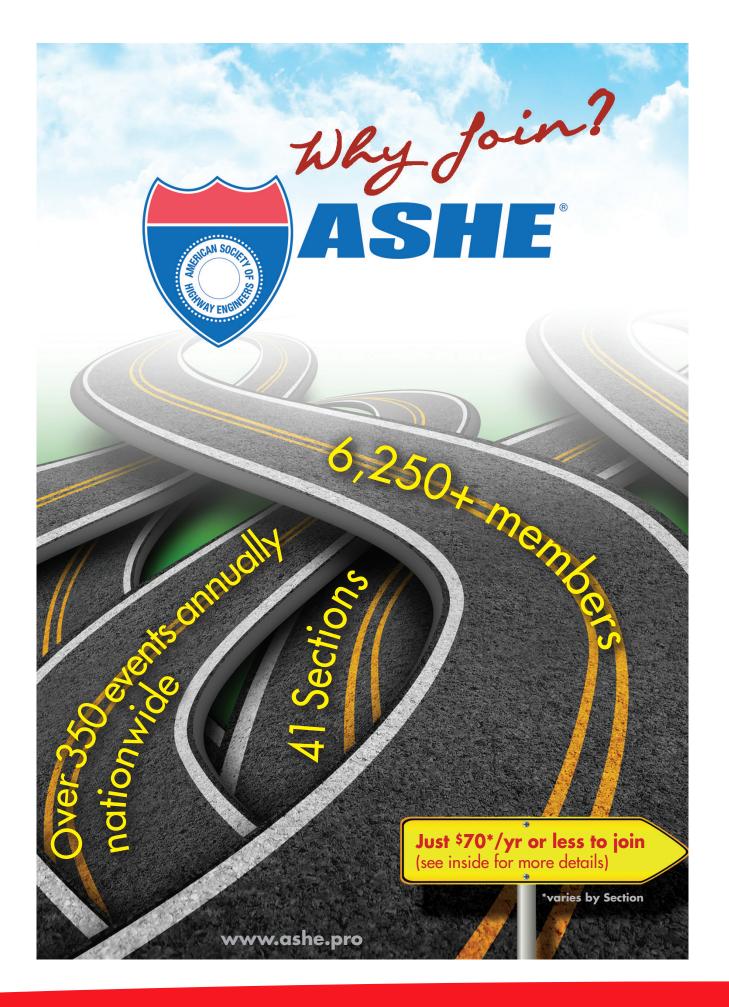




Advertising Opportunities!

\$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.





Why Join ASHE?

- To help promote the highway industry on a Local, Regional, and National level
- To become a member of a group that provides extraordinary value, with National dues of only \$20/year and Section dues ranging from just \$5 to \$50/year
- To expand your knowledge of all things related to highways
- To participate in a highly diverse community, ranging from government employees and contractors to consultants, suppliers, and utility owners
- To stay up to date on technical, political, and project issues with the quarterly scanner newsletter, weekly emails, educational events and more!
- -To be part of an organization that recognizes the future of the highway industry, fostering Student Chapters and offering educational scholarships (over \$1.4 million in scholarships awarded!)
- To enjoy networking opportunities with clients and partners, discussing projects, exchanging insights, and fostering positive working relationships
- To enjoy fellowship with people throughout the highway industry

Become a part of the highway industry's premier networking organization.

It's easy to join, just complete the brief membership form below and give it to a local **ASHE** representative or apply online at http://www.ashe.pro/newmember.html

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Please contact me about starting an	
ASHE Section in my Region.	come!
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