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From Our President...



As summer approaches and the construction season is starting back - if the rain will ever stop - another successful ASHE season is coming to an end. The opportunity to serve as the President of the TRIKO Valley Section has been very rewarding for me.

I would like to thank our Board Members for all their hard work, time and effort, and creative ideas that make our section one that our members can be proud of. We have two exciting upcoming events that are both great opportunities to interact with fellow ASHE members. On Tuesday, May 26th, we have a joint venture event with ASHE and OCA for the 7:10 pm Reds -vs- Colorado game. Also on Friday, July 10th, we have our ASHE - Lloyd Wallace Memorial golf outing at the Vineyards golf course with an 11:15 a.m. shotgun start. Please sign up for your foursome. Our golf outing raises money for our annual scholarship fund.

We (Tom Nicholson) are working on a community service project for the section to volunteer its time & efforts. Look for more information in the near future.

I would like to thank Matt Loeffler, who will no longer be on the Board when his term is up, who has made many positive contributions to our local section over the years and will be greatly missed. Matt did an excellent job as President last year and has been very helpful to me over the past year with his knowledge and leadership capabilities.

In closing, I want to encourage all members to voice their opinions and ideas to help our section become better and move forward. Please contact your local legislators and ask them to find new and more creative ways to increase funding for local roadway and bridge projects. Thanks again for supporting me as your President. I am grateful for the opportunity. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all at our next program on May 19th at the Original Montgomery Inn, with a presentation on the Ironton Russell Bridge over the Ohio River, given by Joe Vogel & Craig Klusman.

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Here we are again, in an all-too-familiar situation. The funding deadline is quickly approaching for the Highway Trust Fund to expire on May 31, 2015 and, yet again, Congress cannot agree to a solution on how to fund the Highway Trust Fund, despite the fact that the funding deadline has dominated talks in Washington this year. The federal DOT has said it will begin cutting back on payments to state DOTs in early August if another extension is not passed. The chatter coming from DC has now turned to an extension instead of a solution by Memorial Day. Various extension deadlines have been mentioned, from August to November, to early 2016. The federal government typically spends about \$50 billion per year on transportation projects, but the gas tax only brings in \$34 billion. Repatriation, taxing overseas corporate revenue, has been mentioned several time as a solution, with repatriation being able to bring in over \$1T in long-term funding. However, this form of tax reform has taken much longer than expected to implement. The many short-term extensions of the Highway Trust Fund has made it difficult for state and local governments to pay for badly needed large construction projects. Many states that do not have an additional source of state funding have already stopped the construction of large projects. The most recent Ohio Budget will utilize the last \$1.5 billion from the Ohio Turnpike re-bonding towards ODOT infrastructure projects. Ohio, which re-bonded the Ohio Turnpike for a one-time infusion of \$3 billion in transportation monies, has a two-year program heavy in construction, however, it has stated its design program is going to focus on maintaining their existing infrastructure. Kentucky successfully froze the rapidly falling state gas tax by creating a basement gas tax at 26 cents per gallon, so that the gas tax will never fall below this level. Still, Kentucky has lost \$129 M from its program. They are turning to tolls and P3s on new projects as a way to make ends meet, just not in Northern Kentucky.

Now is a critical time for our industry. Many states are facing an impending end to their creative financing to fill the gaps that the lack of long-term transportation bill has caused. ASHE encourages you to contact your representatives and express your concern and encourage them to do what they need to implement the necessary financing package. ARTBA has implemented a strategy to target one key person per day and have messages sent to them utilizing social media and email. Go to this site for more information: http://www.artba.org/fixthetrustfund_ut/.

We encourage all ASHE members to contact your Congressional representatives and let them know that we need them to get the funding issue resolved!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015 - Montgomery Inn

President Brunton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:47 AM and recognized eight guests.

Eric Beck announced the awards for the Schramm Project presentations as follows:

Projects Under 5 Million Dollars HAM-50-29.75 - Wooster Pike Revitalization Village of Fairfax Caroline Duffy, Barr & Prevost (a JMT Division)

Projects Over 5 Million Dollars ODOT Project 110553 IR 74/Beekman/Colerain ODOT Kate Holden, John R. Jurgensen

President Brunton then turned the meeting over to Steve Mary to introduce the Capital Improvement Program presenters as follows:

ODOT - Doug Gruver KYTC - Rob Hans HCEO - Ted Hubbard CCEO - Doug Royer BCEO - Randy Johnson Cincinnati - John Brazina WCEO - Neil Tunison MCEO - Paul Gruner MSD/CWW - Cheri Bush

ric Kistner reported that the section has an operating capital of \$21,230.62. Expenses totaled \$3,169.70 and income totaled \$3,078.00. There are currently 176 members and 4 student members.

Dave Emerick noted that the minutes of the January 27th meeting were published in the March newsletter and are available on the back table. Eric Beck moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Ted Hubbard. The motion passed.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that the climate in Washington, DC is more positive and by-partisan towards the passage of the Highway Trust Bill. Funding options for this bill range from fuel taxes to tolls to overall tax reform. Caroline urged ASHE members to contact their Congressional representatives and let them know how important this funding is to our economy. She presented highway funding bumper stickers and noted that additional quantities can be ordered from the ASHE store. Local

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municipalities and counties are asking the Ohio Legislature for local taxing authority to make up for state budget balancing funding cuts.

Caroline Duffy presented the regional report, noting that a regional meeting was held on February 18th. The section has applied for a region exposure grant. The national conference will be held in Baltimore this year.

Vanessa Fritsch announced that a Reds game event will be held in conjunction with the OCA on June 9th. Seats will be upgraded from last year and will include a private area with food and drink.

Aaron Muck reported that he is visiting universities to promote the student chapter.

Tom Nicholson reported that he has formed a community involvement group and will be planning Adopt a Highway and Habitat for Humanity activities.

The section Golf outing is planned for June 19th at the Vineyards.

After the committee reports, Steve Mary conducted a roundtable discussion with the CIP presenters. Topics included TID project approaches, asphalt price trends, consultant relationships and an update on the Brent Spence Bridge project.

President Brunton asked for nominations for the position of First Year Director. Eric Beck nominated Brian Rhodes which was seconded by Ted Hubbard and carried. Dennis encouraged us to have our co-ops submit scholarship applications after which Frank O'Hare raised a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Caroline Duffy and carried.

> Respectfully Submitted: David Emerick TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH) Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Joe Vogel and Craig Klusman will present the construction of the Ironton Russell Bridge over the Ohio River. New officers will also be sworn in for 2015-2016.

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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ASHE and OCA Reds Game

On Tuesday, May 26th, please join ASHE members and OCA members as we root the Reds to victory against the Colorado Rockies. First pitch is 7:10. This year, we have reserved Redlegs Landing. This venue offers our groups a better socializing area, panoramic view, all-inclusive buffet & soda, 2 drink tickets & personal bartender, picnic tables, and TV monitors.

Every ticket purchased will donate \$5 towards the Scholarship Fund. We thank you for your support.

Please reserve your tickets by May 19th; prepayment is required. We are happy to send you an invoice if you register online or call Eric Kistner at 513-842-8213.

Prepaid tickets will be distributed at a location TBD prior to the game or can be retrieved at will call.

Credit card payments can be made online at http://ashetrikovalley.shuttlepod.org/event-1868218. Check payments may be sent via mail to Eric Kistner and must be received by May 19th to ensure a ticket to the game.

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 in early May and can be found at http://www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/Scholarships.htm

2015-16 Membership Renewal Dues

Payment of your annual renewal dues deadline is May 31st! Dues are \$40.00 and the payment form can be found at http://ashetrikovalley.shuttlepod.org/Resources/Documents/Renewal_Invoice-2015.pdf

2015 Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will have its annual golf outing on Friday July 10th, 2015, at The Vineyard Golf Course. Our annual outing is named after Lloyd Wallace (former ODOT District 8 Deputy Director) in tribute to his contributions to the highway engineering field. The outing will be a Scramble format with registration between 10:00 am and 11:15 am, Shotgun Start at 11:30 am.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your firm to join us at the golf outing. The registration fee per golfer is \$90. This fee includes golf at an excellent golf course, box lunch with soft drinks, dinner following golf, door prizes, and the chance to win the major door prize. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams as well as a "prize" for the last place team. Prizes will include long drive, closest to the pin, and long putt.

Payment can be made online by registering at http://ashetrikovalley.shuttlepod.org/event-1868221.

This outing is our sole means of raising money for the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Annual Scholarship Program which provides yearly scholarships to Juniors in college entering their final year in transportation or construction programs. A donation of \$175 would give your firm a sponsorship at the golf outing with your firm's logo or name placed on a sign at the tee box as well as being recognized in the outing handouts. Another method of advertising for you firm is to provide a "Door Prize" (e.g. box of golf balls, golf glove, divot repair tools, etc). This is a great opportunity to market your firm as approximately 100 transportation and construction industry personnel will be participating, from consultants and contractors to clients and owners.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 513-864-8617 or at brad.ackel@kzf.com.

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 Tom Nicholson!

Name: Tom Nicholson

Place of Work: PRETEK Group Job Title: Project Manager/Partner

Degrees and Certifications: B.S. Civil Engineer, Ohio University; Licensed Professional Engineer in 8 States.

Where were you born? Cambridge, Ohio

Family:

Wife, Sarah; 2 children - Wesley (8) and Lauren (4)

What are your technical/professional interests? Small bridge design and construction. What are your hobbies? Camping, hiking and motorcycling.

Favorites

TV Show: Blacklist

Meal: Anything on the grill

This or That:

- 1. Coke or Pepsi? Pepsi
- 2. Dogs or Cats? Dogs
- 3. Loud or Quiet? Quiet
- 4. Phone or Email? Phone
- 5. Pie or Cake? Pie
- **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.

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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!

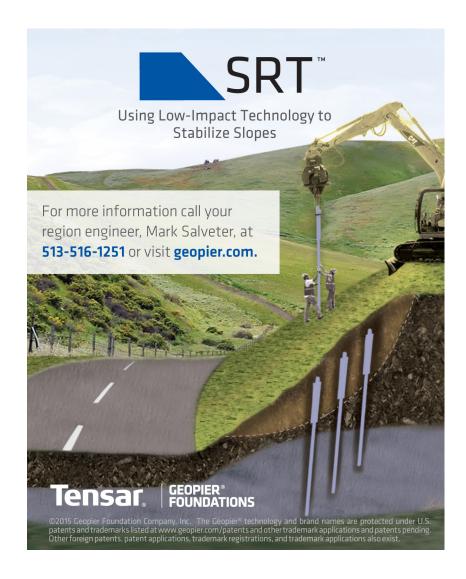
Tim W. Matthews, PE (Southeast Region)/Atlanta Section) TIA Regional Coordinator Office of TIA Georgia Department of Transportation

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





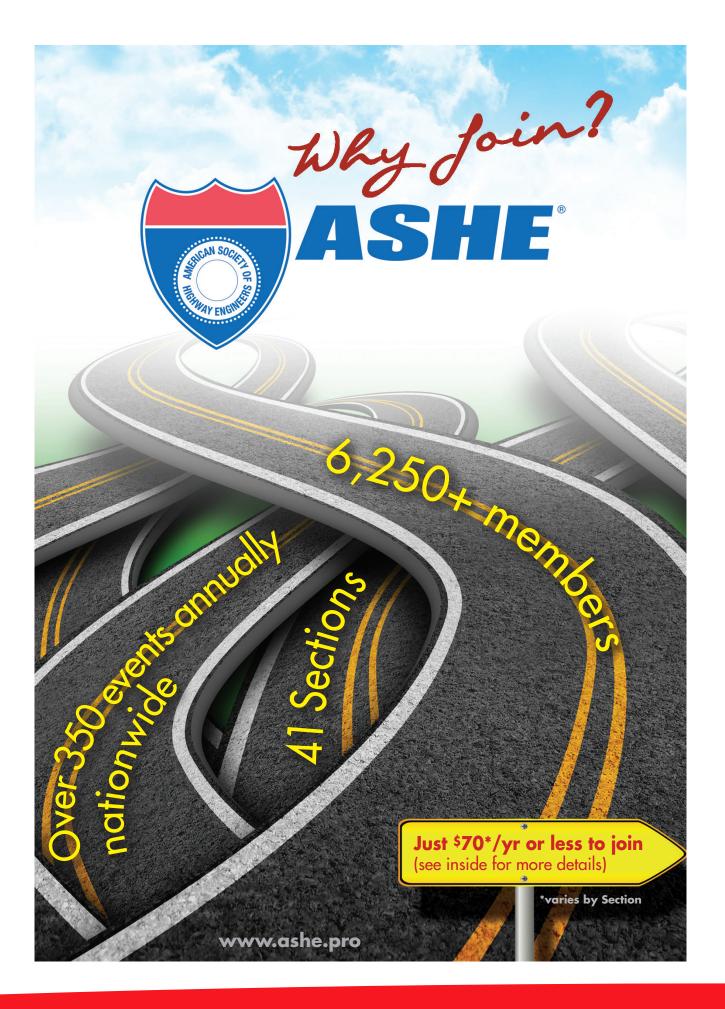




Advertising Opportunities!

\$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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E-mail: (Mandatory)	
Company:	
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How did you hear about us?tradeshowscanner	
ASHE friendpresentationother:	
Please contact me about starting an ASHE Section in my Region. Welco	ome!



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