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From Our President...

I'm honored to be able to serve as President of the AHSE Triko Valley for this year. I would like to personally thank our Past President Dennis Brunton for his excellent service the past year as well as to all the other Board Members. Please welcome our newest Board member Brian Rhodes. I know that you all are aware of this, and we seem to write about it every newsletter, but there has been no long term solution to the Highway Trust Fund. The Senate passed a pair of measures: one to authorize the Highway Trust Fund for six years with three years of funding and a second, three-month extension already passed by the House to keep the fund afloat. The Senate passed the House bill to buy time for both congressional chambers to come to a long-term agreement. Without the three-month stopgap, authorization for the program – which provides money through the federal fuel tax to states and localities to build and maintain the nation's roads and bridges, as well as public transportation systems – would have run out. Lawmakers now face an October 29th deadline to keep the fund up and running.

We, as a group and individually, need to voice our opinion to our elected officials who represent us. Rather than continuing to patch a broken system, Congress should address the fundamental problems with the trust fund by minimizing the federal government's role in transportation spending and enabling states to invest in their transportation infrastructure free from federal mandates.

Our membership numbers continue to improve and the Board has set a goal of reaching 190 members this year. In order to accomplish this we need you the members to ask your friends and coworkers to a meeting and for them to consider becoming a member.

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 11:30 am at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. Andy Barber of KYTC will be our speaker discussing the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. This project is designed to improve safety, alleviate traffic, connect highways and create economic development. This calls for building two bridges and the highways that connect them. Both states are working together – Kentucky responsible for the Downtown Crossing and Indiana responsible for the East End Crossing.

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ASHE PIN Report - September 2015

The summer of 2015 has come and gone, and yet, the authorization of the Highway Bill has not seen much progress. On July 31, the House passed the 30th extension, this one a 5-month, \$8 billion extension, but with a promise that by December 18th there will be a new highway bill. This is the time requested to finalize a major overhaul of the international business tax code, repatriation, that has been the bipartisan support as the funding mechanism of the Highway Trust Fund.

Over the summer, the Senate passed a version of the transportation bill, the "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act" (the DRIVE Act) that promotes a six-year bill for fiscal years of 2016-2021. The bill called for \$277.4 billion in highway investments, a \$32 billion increase from the previous bill. This increase is mainly for two new programs - the National Freight Program and the Assistance for Major Projects. The legislation has two components: the "Authorization and Programs" addresses program structure, and Part B contains "Acceleration of Project Delivery." The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program will also be reworked. However, the funding for the DRIVE Act has not been determined for the length of the bill.

As the funding of the Highway Trust Fund is still in limbo, it is important for our ASHE membership to continue to educate the public and to make known our desire for the passage of a long-term highway bill to our congressional representation! A PowerPoint with information on the Highway Trust Fund is on the ASHE national website. In addition, the ASHE funding stickers are available at the ASHE Store.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015 - Montgomery Inn

President Brunton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:50 AM and recognized one guest.

Secretary Emerick noted that the minutes of the March 17th meeting were published in the March newsletter and are on the table outside. We are renewing the Wild Apricot membership software for a twoyear price lock in.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurers report, noting an operating capital of \$24,554.26. Expenses totaled \$2,659.36 and income totaled \$5,983.00. There are currently 183 members including 4 student members. Membership renewals are due on June 1st. Caroline Duffy raised a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Mary Beth Elfers. The motion passed.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that the May 31st expiration date of the Highway Trust Fund is approaching fast and that the federal DOT will begin cutting back on payments to state DOT's in early August. Repatriation or taxing overseas corporate revenue has been mentioned as a funding solution. Many states have stopped the construction of large projects. Ohio is focusing on maintaining existing infrastructure. Kentucky has successfully frozen the rapidly falling state gas tax by creating a basement level of 26 cents per gallon and has looked at tolls and P3's to fund projects. 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. We are hoping that Congress can find \$90 billion to fund a six-year reauthorization bill at baseline spending levels.

Stan Harris presented the Regional Report and noted that the Triko Valley and Central Ohio sections as well as the Great Lakes Region are receiving exposure grants to promote ASHE. The region is preparing for the national conference in Baltimore.

Dennis noted that the golf outing will be at the Vineyards again on July 10th with a shotgun start at 11:00 am, lunch and dinner. This is the sole fundraiser for scholarships, so please sponsor and attend the event.

President Brunton noted that membership is up to 183 and in our region we are second behind Central Ohio with 190 members. If you are attending today we would encourage you to join.

Aaron Muck encouraged attendees to provide contacts at colleges. We would like to increase the number of student members from the current two. We have a great organization so let's grow it with students.

Tom Nicholson will set up an ODOT Adopt a Highway clean up event on a Saturday morning in late July or early August at the intersection of 71 and 126 in the Blue Ash area.

Eric Beck reported that we have three scholarship applications now and that members have until the end of the week to turn them in.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Vanessa Fritsch reported that the Reds game is coming up next week in partnership with OCA. Food and drinks are included in a private area.

Dennis Brunton opened the floor for nominations for the Triko Valley section board for 2015-2016. Hearing no nominations, Joe Vogel raised a motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Caroline Duffy. All members present voted in favor. President Brunton presented the following proposed slate of officers:

President Eric Beck First Vice President Nathan Moore Second Vice President Vanessa Fritsch Third Year Director Steve Mary Tom Nicholson Third Year Director Second Year Director Aaron Muck First Year Director Brian Rhodes David Emerick Secretary Treasurer Eric Kistner

Ted Hubbard raised a motion to accept the slate as presented which was seconded by Tom Brayshaw and all members presented voted in favor. The Past President pin was presented to Matt Loeffler and will also be presented to Steve Proffitt.

President Brunton then introduced Craig Klusman from URS to present on the Ironton – Russell Bridge Replacement.

Eric Beck raised a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Joe Vogel and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
David Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH) Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for the first General Membership Meeting of 2015-2016. The presentation for this month's meeting will be on the Ohio River Bridges Project. Andy Barber from KYTC will be the presenter.

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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2015-16 Membership Renewal Dues

Payment of your annual renewal dues deadline is September 30, 2015. Dues are \$40.00 and the payment form can be found at http://ashetrikovalley.shuttlepod.org/page-1167284. If dues are not paid by September 30, your membership will be dropped!

Job Openings

AECOM has two open positions available:

Bridge Engineer

Office Location

US - Cincinnati, OH - 525 Vine Street

Job Summary

The Transportation Business Line of AECOM is actively seeking a highly talented and self-motivated Bridge Engineer for immediate employment in the Cincinnati, Ohio office. The appropriately qualified applicant will be able to demonstrate an established career in bridge design in Ohio, and must be able to independently manage personal workload and design bridge projects for state and local clients.

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum B.S. in Engineering from an accredited institution or equivalent
- Minimum 2 years of experience in bridge design
- Registered as a P.E. in the State of Ohio
- Duties will require proficiency in steel and concrete bridge design as well as the ability to learn and develop technical skills for unique and advanced design requirements on projects
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of bridge design software
- Experience with ODOT design policies, procedures, and requirements
- Eligibility for prequalification with ODOT for Bridge Design Levels 1 and 2
- Microstation experience
- Bridge Inspection experience
- LRFD design experience
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Valid driver's license required
- Qualified applicants who are offered a position must pass a pre-employment background check and drug test

 $For more information on this position, visit \ http://aecom.jobs/cincinnati-oh/bridge-engineer/479FFAEA3DE94C488A2F0183E40705C8/job/$

Job Openings

Civil Drafter / Designer 3 (Technician, Level 3)

Office Location

US - Cincinnati, OH - 525 Vine Street

Job Summary

The Transportation Business Line of AECOM is actively seeking a highly talented and self-motivated Civil Drafter/ Designer for immediate employment in the Cincinnati, Ohio office.

Responsibilities for this position include but are not limited to:

- The ability to work closely with design professionals at a project level with minimal supervision
- The ability to work in a team environment, using time management and multi-tasking skills
- This position will be responsible for serving as primary departmental resource for CAD drafting at the project level
- CAD drafting will be performed in a manner which adheres to accepted engineering practices and standards, as well as company standards
- Prepare and issue all associated design/drafting packages in coordination with IT support staff
- Assist in the development, implementation and deployment of CAD drafting and survey standards on a departmental level, as directed
- Assume primary responsibility for providing a quality work product by checking the work product of associates and assuming both schedule and quality measures
- Assist in the training and development of junior staff
- This position affords the ability to make an important and meaningful contribution to our projects and our clients
- The role will provide the opportunity for skill development in many aspects of the profession, as well as opportunities for increased responsibility, challenges and project management

Minimum Requirements

- Associates' degree or completion of technical trade school courses, or equivalent experience
- Minimum 6 years of relevant civil drafting or design experience. Bachelor's degree can substitute for 4 years of experience
- Under general direction, provided advanced drafting and design services by preparing and maintaining prints, maps, and engineering design drawings
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with ODOT and/or KYTC design policies, procedures, and requirements
- Advanced technical knowledge of drafting techniques and training in CAD and spreadsheet software
- AutoCAD, Microstation, and/or InRoads experience
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Valid driver's license required
- Qualified applicants who are offered a position must pass a pre-employment background check and drug test

For more information on this position, visit http://aecom.jobs/cincinnati-oh/civil-drafter-designer-3-technicianlevel-3/F32CA3E6A79B44DAB52AFA251397D687/job/

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 Steve Mary!

Name: Steve Mary

Place of Work: Steve is a Senior Transportation Engineer at Stantec concentrating on Project Management and Business

Development.

Job Title: Senior Transportation Engineer

Degrees and Certifications: B.S. in Civil Engineering from

the University of Cincinnati

Where were you born?

Steve was born in Cincinnati and has lived his entire life as a resident of Hamilton County.

Family:

Steve and Nancy have been married for 31 years and have five children. The Mary family resides in Symmes Township where Sean the youngest is a junior at Loveland High School.



What are your technical/professional interests?

Steve has always found seeing a project from initial concepts through final construction as very professionally satisfying. Innovation has always been an interest for Steve. The use of Controlled Low Strength Mortar backfill for roadway cuts, high performance concrete mix designs for bridge decks and pre-stressed beams, non–corrosive reinforcing for bridges, composite bridge decks and composite superstructures and corrugated metal bridge inspection procedures have been some of the innovative materials that Steve has had involvement. Restoration of Historic Bridges has also been a highlight for Steve over his 34 year career.

What are your hobbies?

Outdoor sports such as fishing, sporting clays, hunting and golf. Steve is trying to get his golf game back, since that is important as a consultant

Favorites

TV Show: Football and college basketball, but I used to watch Duck Dynasty.

Meal: Steak or venison Kabobs on the grill, with a nice twice baked potato, baby carrots with a hint of herb butter and iced tea.

This or That:

- 1. Coke or Pepsi? Decaffinated Coke
- 2. Dogs or Cats? Black Lab
- **3. Loud or Quiet?** Loud Family
- 4. Phone or Email? Phone
- 5. Pie or Cake? Fudge marble cake with chocolate icing
- **6. Beach or Mountains?** Both are great, but spent more time at the beach for the family

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!

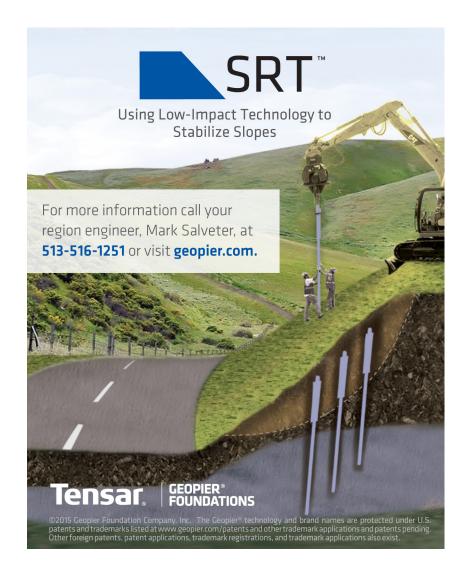
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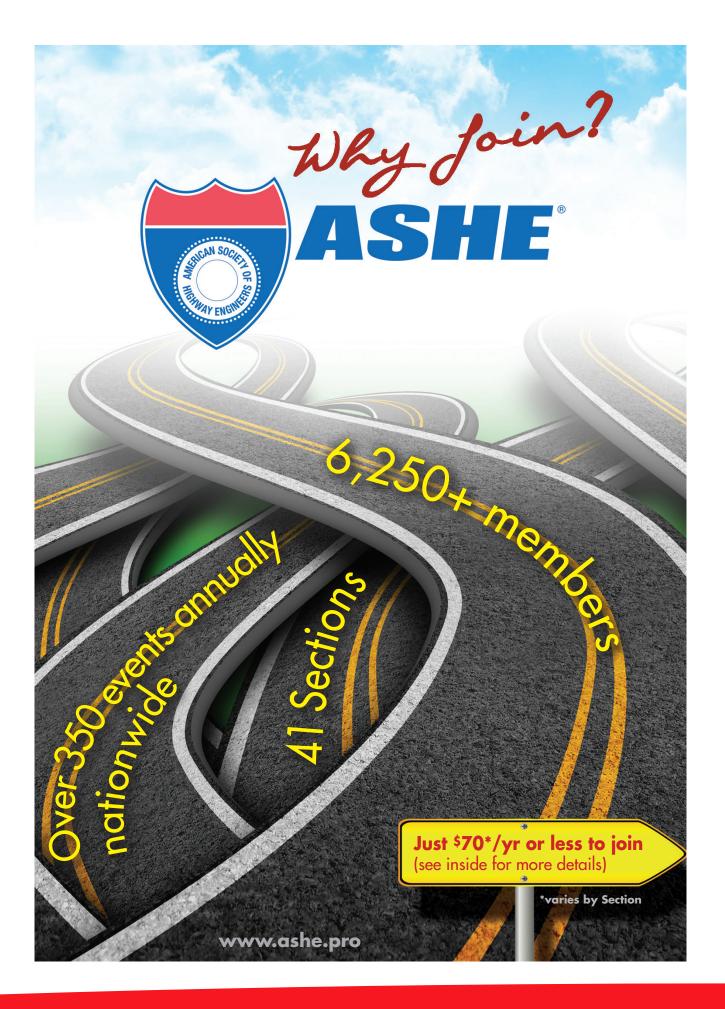




Advertising Opportunities!

\$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

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