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From Our President...



It is an honor to be serving as president of the AHSE Triko Valley Section for 2016-2017. Please join me in thanking Eric Beck for his excellent service as president last year. I have big shoes to fill and am thankful to have an outstanding support network. We are also pleased to welcome our newest board member, Joe Schmeltzer. We convinced Joe to join us in serving as First Year Director before he realized it is really a multi-year commitment, culminating in Joe one day needing to write a President's Message not unlike this one. Certainly, he will be up to the task when the time comes. When Joe needs to write his message for the newsletter, there will likely be a projected shortage in funding for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF)—as there has been for as long as I recall, and just like there is today. An August update from the Congressional Budget Office now predicts that both short and long-term HTF revenue

shortfalls are worse than forecasted even earlier this year. Recent attempts in Washington to close the gap include a \$14 million grant—announced earlier this month—for eight states to explore alternative revenue mechanisms (read: user fees) aimed at helping sustain long-term solvency of the HTF.

Still, when it comes to the federal government and funding for transportation infrastructure, the new story is pretty much the same as the old story. The good news is that the remainder of the story is unwritten! The better news is that, if we choose, we can help write that story for transportation in America. We can do that in our day-to-day jobs through creative problem solving and collaboration to do more with the funds available. Also, we can do that by making our voices heard to our elected officials. Tell Congress to step back from trying to continually patch their broken system and instead reduce the federal government's role in transportation spending. Tell them to let states invest in their own infrastructure without federal mandates bogging down the process.

Tell everyone you know to join the fight! Membership for the ASHE TRIKO Valley has grown to 187 and we have a goal of 195 members this year. To do this, we need your help! Invite a colleague to an ASHE meeting.

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ASHE - TRIKO Valley Section P.O. Box 257 Mason, OH 45040 www.trikovalley.ashe.pro 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.

... and speaking of meetings, our first lunch meeting of the year will be held at 11:30 Tuesday, September 22 at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. For our feature technical presentation, Ron Ebelhar with Terracon will be providing a geotechnical perspective on the project known best as the "Land Between the Lakes". We will also be discussing a joint initiative with the local chapter of WTS International and in partnership with the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative. We are hoping to leverage the vast experience of our two organizations' memberships in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to bring educational opportunities to area youth while encouraging them to eventually join our industry. You can think of it as community enrichment or a long-term recruiting strategy. Either way, it's an exciting opportunity. We hope you are at the meeting to learn more and/or contact Aaron Muck, Tom Nicholson, or me to get more information.

Nathan Moore The Kleingers Group

ASHE PIN Report - September 2016

The race for the Presidency is the top story nationwide. So where do the candidates for President in the 2016 election stand on transportation funding? Neither are in favor of raising the gasoline tax, the traditional method of funding the Highway Trust Fund. Both agree that infrastructure funding needs to be increased. Clinton says \$275B over 5 years will be enough, (\$250B for public investment and \$25B for an infrastructure bank). Trump says \$1T is needed (fully funded by selling bonds and repatriation monies). While both candidates are pushing lofty goals for transportation funding, similar to President Obama, the real test will be if Congress will be able to reach a compromise for the next transportation bill, or even agree to fund the current bill, the FAST act. Already Congress is backtracking on funding for the recently passed \$305B FAST act. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters Sept. 8 that he was discussing a temporary measure with Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to extend government-wide funding at current levels through Dec. 9, 2016, even though the 2017 fiscal year starts in October, 2016. Some members of Congress would like this extension to the end of September, 2017. As the funding legislated in the FAST act is being circumvented, state DOT's are unable to tap into the authorized 2017 levels for planned construction projects in the coming year. Even more disturbing is a movement to rescind billions of dollars of already authorized contract authority, which could cause further delay in needed transportation projects.

As the elections approach and the decision of who to vote for President weighs heavily on all of our minds, please use even more deliberation in considering your vote for Congress. Both of our Presidential candidates have shown support for transportation funding, but our Congress has the real power in this case. Who will vote to fund the FAST act? Our industry must also look at building momentum to fund future transportation acts beyond the FAST act, as the funding sources cobbled together for the FAST act are neither sustainable or replicable. Who will support transportation funding? The future of our industry depends on it.

2015-16 Membership Renewal Dues

Payment of your annual renewal dues deadline is September 30, 2016. 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!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016 - Montgomery Inn

President Eric Beck called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:45 AM, and recognized several guests.

President Beck stated that Secretary Dave Emerick could not be present and indicated that the minutes of the March meeting were published in the Section newsletter and were available on the back table. A motion was raised by Steve Mary to accept the minutes which was seconded by Mike Zwick and passed.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurer's report, noting an operating capital of \$30,187.19. Expenses totaled \$1,872.28 and income totaled \$9,150.00. There are currently 188 members including three student members. A motion to approve the report was made by Steve Mary and seconded by Stan Harris and passed.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report. The FAST Act has provided funding for the next four years but a long term funding solution is still needed. It is estimated that an additional \$1 trillion is needed over the next decade. Representatives Sam Graves (R-MO) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) are calling for a permanent solution in any broader tax form proposal. Members are encouraged to contact their representatives to let them know how important a sustainable funding stream is for the economy of the country.

Stan Harris presented the regional report, noting that he will be attending the National Conference in Pittsburgh this week. Stan announced that we would like to get articles lined up for the Scanner and newsletter and encouraged members to place ads in the newsletter in the coming year.

David Orr announced that the annual golf outing will be held on June 24th for same cost as last year of \$95 per person. Sponsorships are still needed, including a beverage sponsor. Members were asked to let David or another member of the golf committee know if they would be playing/sponsoring.

Brian Rhodes presented the membership report. He welcomed the guests and encouraged them to pick up membership forms on their way out. A drawing was held to present Yard House gift cards to those who brought guests today. Winner include Caroline Duffy, Matt Loeffler, and Bill Shefcik.

Aaron Muck asked members to encourage their co-op students and interns to join the student chapter, or start a chapter if one is not active at their school.

Steve Mary presented the program report. The Land-Between-the-Lakes bridges will be the topic for the September general membership meeting. We are looking for tours for the summer, including possibly the Portsmouth bypass.

Eric Beck stated that there is no activity on the Schramm Awards at this point but to watch for the announcement in the fall.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Nathan Moore gave the scholarship report. We had a really good response with 11 applicants. The committee will make the scholarship selections before the golf outing in June.

Steve Mary introduced the speakers, Tommy Arnold from ODOT District Eight, and Jake Stremmel of HDR, who presented on the Martin Luther King Interchange project in Cincinnati.

President Beck presented the following slate of officers for 2016-2017:

President Nathan Moore Vanessa Nghiem 1st VP 2nd VP Steve Mary Treasurer Eric Kistner David Emerick Secretary 3rd Year Director Tom Nicholson 3rd Year Director Aaron Muck Brian Rhodes 2nd Year Director 1st Year Director Joe Schmeltzer

No other nominations being made from the floor. A motion was made by Dennis Brunton and seconded by Joe Vogel to close nominations and accept the slate. The motion passed. National Treasurer Frank O'Hare conducted the induction ceremony.

President Beck announced that tickets to the Reds game could be picked up at the Will Call window and that PDH certificates were available at the registration table.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stan A. Harris for Dave Emerick TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH) Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for the first General Membership Meeting of 2016-2017. The presentation for this month's meeting will be on the "Land between the Lakes" Project. Ron Ebelhar with Terracon will be the presenter providing a geotechnical perspective.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

Please register whether paying 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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Dear Fellow ASHE Member,

The National Association of County Engineers is hosting the 2017 National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 9 - 13, 2017. The 61st year of this exciting conference is a great way to showcase Cincinnati to the nation with fun districts to explore, such as Fountain Square, Over the Rhine, The Banks, Arts & Backstage, and Riverside Parks.

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We are asking you to mark the date for this upcoming conference, and the make a line item in your 2017 budget to be attending and to become a sponsor. Please see the enclosed page for sponsorship opportunities and associated Application for Exhibitors and Sponsors.

In advance, we thank you for the support of the 2017 National Association of County Engineers Conference. We look forward to seeing you in April!

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- Banquet Wed

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- Exhibit Hall Reception Sun
- Guest / Spouse Program

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- Large banner at event
- Listing on premier sponsor sign
- 3 full conference registrations

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- Executive Committee Dinner
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- Hospitality Room Cosponsor Sun, Wed

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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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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!

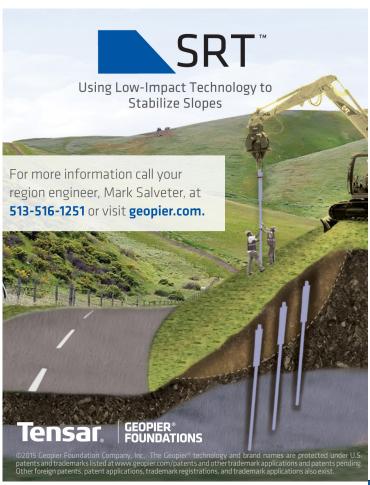
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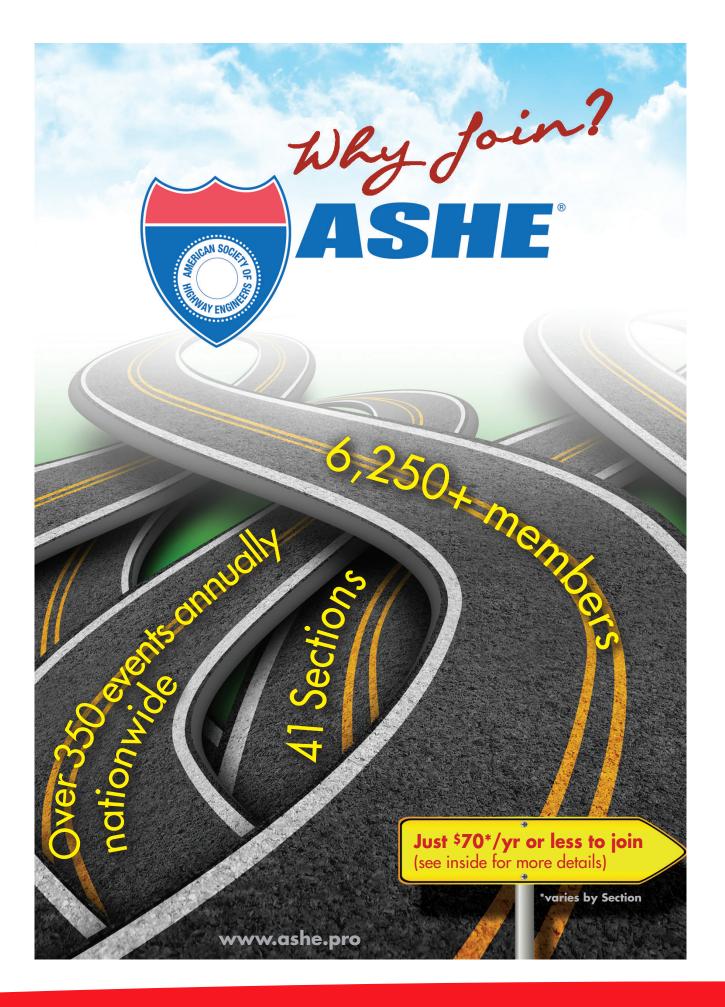


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