



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



ASHE Triko Valley Section is celebrating 30 years this year of helping to promote the transportation industry in the Greater Cincinnati Area! Wow, time sure goes by fast, what were you doing 30 years ago? I wasn't a ASHE member 30 years ago but some of you were, and are still active in ASHE. We appreciate your service and the fact that you have used your skills and abilities to enhance our profession. Thanks to our long-term members! For those of you that have been attending more recently, I want to thank you for being a part of ASHE and encourage you to continue being a part of this organization as well as recruiting others to join. **Go big and join a committee!** Serving on the ASHE Board has been a privilege for me. I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know many people, which can only enhance your career.

Speaking of long-term members, the Triko Valley Board has been discussing inviting those members who have been active in ASHE for over 25 years to become honorary life members. The details have yet to be finalized but will come with great benefits. We will discuss this more at our September meeting.

At the September meeting President Richard Cochrane will be giving us an update on ASHE from a national perspective. President Cochran will also help us celebrate 30 years as the Triko Valley Chapter.

Plan to be there as this will be a memorable event. We also will have Andrew Bremer with us to give a presentation concerning Drive Ohio and all the CAV/Smart City projects occurring in Ohio. There is much happening on this front and your firm needs to be knowledgeable as this will have a significant impact on the transportation industry.

On the funding front, Congress is discussing different ideas and bills that have been introduced to the Transportation Subcommittee but it appears that nothing will be passed this year with mid-term elections just two months away.

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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.

Scholarships will be promoted earlier next year so that at least two scholarships can be awarded in the summer before the start of Fall Semester. So, let your co-ops/interns and Civil Engineering students know to apply for an ASHE scholarship. The John R Jurgensen Scholarship will be \$5000 for students in Civil Engineering with a construction emphasis.

John Greenhaldge will be speaking at our November General Membership Meeting and will be making another presentation on Engineering Ethics. This is an important topic and a requirement for our PE license renewal, so you will not want to miss that easy opportunity to collect that Ethics PDH.

ASHE will be touring the renovated 5/3 Arena at UC on October 5th at 4:00 pm. There will be a signup on the ASHE website in the near future. The group will be limited in number and you will have to provide your own PPE.

Steve Mary
Terracon

ASHE PIN Report - September 2018

The summer has been a hot one in Ohio, both with the heat and humidity as well as politically. An Ohio gubernatorial forum was held in July with candidates Dewine and Cordray, where infrastructure funding was addressed in different ways by each candidate. Mike DeWine would establish a blue-ribbon commission to study how to best pay for infrastructure needs, with the commission reporting recommendations very quickly and how to fund a fix. While DeWine stopped short of endorsing an increase in the fuel tax, or a sales tax on fuel purchases, it is not out of the question. Rich Cordray would seek a 'sizable' bond financing package that would be paid off with existing revenues over many years for road and bridge repairs, transit, improving the grid, and expanding broadband then paying it off from existing revenues over many years. His bond package would be voted on by the citizens of Ohio. Both candidates stated they want to work with interested parties to craft such solutions admitting they don't have all the answers. In preparation for working with the candidates for Governor and the Ohio General Assembly on the issue of transportation funding, the Fix Our Roads–Ohio (FOR Ohio) Coalition has been formed by a number of transportation/construction organizations in Ohio. ASHE is exploring membership in this organization. According to the American Consulting Engineers Council, the idea behind "FOR Ohio" is to educate and champion a funding package that will be sustainable for the future of infrastructure. While the gas tax is a short-term fix, the funding package will need to consider how new technologies, fuel efficiency, alternative fuel vehicles (to name a few) will impact the traditional revenue structure and recommend different sources of funding. An innovative funding source that may be explored further was introduced by Ohio state representative David Greenspan last spring, who wants to legalize sports betting and using the profits to fund transportation in Ohio. In light of the inactivity in transportation funding at the federal level that has plagued the country for over a decade, this movement is needed as numerous states surrounding Ohio have passed legislation to increase transportation funding at the state level, which puts Ohio at a disadvantage economically.

On the federal level, President Trump's transportation plan that was revealed in February appears all but dead in Congress, with little chance of passage before the election. The outcome of the midterm elections and how well the new Congress will work with President Trump will determine if a federal transportation bill will get passed in the next two year, with the ever looming expiration of the FAST act approaching in October of 2021.

What can ASHE do about this? Have your firm join the (FOR Ohio) Coalition to show support for a transportation bill in Ohio. Contact the gubernatorial candidates. And most importantly VOTE!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2015 - Montgomery Inn

President Vanessa Nghiem called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. with the announcement of our presenters for today. Jack Sutton from the Hamilton County Park District and Jeff Koehn from IBI Group presented on the Ohio River Trail and Oasis Transportation Corridor. After that Vanessa led the pledge of allegiance and recognition of guests.

Secretary Emerick announced that meeting notes from last general membership meeting are on the table by badges. The treasurer's report was read by Eric Kistner. Four guests were recognized and information was provided for builder's day at Coney Island on June 10th.

Caroline Duffy discussed that there is no movement on a replacement to the FAST act, although it is funded for this year. Kentucky passed a six year highway plan-details were provided. This will fall short of needs. Caroline noted that we are in a crisis mode with regard to highway program funding and urged us to contact those running for governor and educate them on the need for additional transportation funding in Ohio.

Stan Harris noted that the ASHE National Conference is this coming weekend and that the last newsletter of the year has been sent out.

Vanessa Nghiem announced that the National President will attend our September meeting to celebrate the 30th section anniversary.

Aaron Muck announced the second annual student chapter conference and review of guidelines that will be held at Widener University on October 6, 2018. They are currently reviewing and updating best practices for developing and sustaining student chapters. He continues to look for student reps at colleges. Aaron also gave information on the Builders Day event, with a goal of full scholarships for UC Engineering students. All profits will go there.

Steve Mary noted that on Tuesday, Sept 18th, we will be celebrating the sections 30th anniversary and have Jim Barna talk about Drive Ohio.

Vanessa Nghiem noted that we are still doing the membership drive for Amazon gift cards. There was no SCHRAMM awards report. The scholarship application deadline is May 18th.

Tom Nicholson held the first community service event, which was a highway cleanup with good weather. We will be planning another cleanup in the fall.

There is a slow turnout for the upcoming Reds triple joint event. Please sign up!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Katie Dillenburger reported that we had 56 golfers and 22 sponsorships to support this year's student scholarships.

Stan Harris conducted the installation of officers for the next year.

New President Steve Mary asked for a motion to adjourn. Vanessa Nghiem raised the motion which was seconded by Eric Beck and carried.

President Mary adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

2018 ASHE TRIKO Valley Golf Outing

The 2018 ASHE Triko Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at Aston Oaks Golf Club. We had a beautiful day of golf at a great course with 56 golfers and 21 sponsors. Thank you for all of your support and participation and a special thanks to the golf committee for creating a successful event!

Please contact Katie Dillenburg with any suggestions or comments so that we can hold another great outing next year.





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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH)

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Andrew Bremer from Drive Ohio will speak about AV/CAV and Smart City Initiatives in Ohio. In addition, ASHE National President Richard Cochrane will speak.

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