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From our President . . .

**Greg Wilkens, P.E., P.S.,
Butler County Engineer**

By now we have settled back into our daily routines, but it's not too late to say that I hope everyone had a joyous and peaceful holiday season. It is so easy to become distracted by the flurry of activity that usually accompanies the holidays. It seems to me that a number of years ago the pace would slow down in late December and January, but that doesn't seem to be the case any more. So, here's hoping that you had a chance to focus on your families and all that is meaningful to you.



It's been somewhat difficult for us to get entries this year for our Donald C. Schramm Awards, perhaps because everyone is in fact so busy. The final date for submission was January 16, 2007. I realize it's tough to find time to put together a presentation, but hopefully we can do better next year. Thanks to those who have been involved with this.

As you know, Triko Valley will be hosting the 2010 ASHE National Conference. Our Conference Chairpersons, Cindy Minter and Caroline Duffy, are doing an excellent job of coordinating and getting things in place. And thanks to Mary Beth Elfers' leadership we should have the facility or hotel determined by the end of the month. There are still two chair positions open which need to be filled – Advertising and Program – and three vice-chairs that are open. Don't hesitate to step up. We need your help preparing for this major event.

Another quick reminder – balloting is under way for the election of the Valley board position for First Year Director. You should have received a ballot by now. Please be sure to cast your vote and send it in no later than January 22. Amy Pursely has decided to withdraw, leaving Paul Schoelwer and Steve Profitt as candidates.

One of my goals for our Section in 2007 is to increase membership. I want to again encourage everyone to invite friends and associates in the highway industry who have a common interest in 1) promoting a safe and efficient highway system, and 2) reaching out to local college students through our scholarship fund. More members means that we can have a greater impact on our community and keep our industry healthy by bringing in today's best and brightest students.

After much debate, the ASHE National Board has decided to raise dues \$10 per member. This will affect our section dues, which we will cover in more detail at our upcoming January 23 meeting held at 11:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. Hope to see you there.

Notes from Your ASHE PIN (Political Information Network)

Students that enter a Civil Engineering program in the fall of 2007 will not be eligible to take the Professional Engineer (PE) exam unless they have an additional 30 credits of acceptable upper-level undergraduate or graduate-level coursework from approved providers, in addition to the traditional requirements of a bachelors degree and passing the engineering fundamentals examination. The 30 hours is based on semester hours, so if the student is attending an institution that is on a quarter schedule, the student will need 45 hours of additional course work. At the 2006 Annual Business Meeting held September 13–16, 2006 of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), delegates voted to modify the NCEES Model Law requirements for licensure to require additional education for engineering licensure. This will take effect January 1, 2015. The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors has NOT adopted the NCEES Model Law yet and is contemplating doing so.

How does this affect the engineering industry? Here are the pros and cons.

Pros:

1. It will increase the salary of the PE's as the number of PE's decreases.
2. The PE's would have an increase in college education.
3. It will increase the prestige of being a Registered Civil Engineer.
4. More engineers without a Masters Degree will migrate to Ohio, if Ohio does not adopt the NCEES Model Law, as they cannot practice as a PE in states that do adopt the NCEES Model law.

Cons:

1. It will decrease the number of students choosing Civil Engineering Programs at universities over other engineering fields, as other engineering fields do not require licensure.
2. Less Cooperative Education Students will be available because of a smaller amount of students choosing Civil Engineering.
3. Less Cooperative Education Students will be available because, if the students are in the ACCEND program at the University of Cincinnati (a combined bachelors/masters degreed program), the student will have one less quarter available for Cooperative Education, as they will divert that quarter to research.
4. It will decrease the numbers of Professional Engineers in the field even further. Many firms are facing shortages currently. This requirement will only make the situation worse.
5. It will increase the cost of public works projects to cover the additional costs of the Professional Engineer.
6. If other states follow this National Boards Model law, then getting an Ohio license by the process of Comity will be an issue with states that do not follow the Model Law.
7. The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors will relinquish its rights to the Engineering Intern and Professional Engineering test.
8. Engineers not seeking a Masters Degree will migrate from Ohio and further reduce the pool of engineers in the State.

What can the TRIKO Valley ASHE organization do about this?

Even though the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying delegates voted to modify the NCEES Model Law in September 2006, **the decision to follow the Model Law in Ohio has not been decided!** Please follow the lead of the Board of Directors of the ASHE TRIKO Valley section, and write a letter to the Executive Director of the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, John Greenhalge, stating your opposition to adoption of the NCEES Model Law. Below is the address to send your letter. It is imperative that these letters be sent sooner than later.

John Greenhalge
Executive Director
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77 S High St Rm 1698
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108



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President Wilkens opened the November 28, 2006 Holiday Meeting at the Montgomery Inn with the Pledge of Allegiance and recognition of guests.

Bill Lawall presented the treasurer's report, indicating a current balance of \$5,193.69 plus the \$5,000 scholarship fund plus \$200.00 in the 2010 National Convention fund (previous balance of \$3,985.93, deposits of \$3,168.68 and expenditures of \$1,960.92)

The ASHE scholarship committee announced increased scholarship amounts. The next scholarship applications are due on April 27th, 2007. The ASHE Pin reported that after the recent election, power has shifted to the Democrats in the US House and Senate as well as the Ohio Governor's Office. This shift in power may offer new opportunities for infrastructure funding.

In October, the ASHE Board sent a letter of opposition to the proposed State House Bill 661 requiring bidding for professional design services. The bill did not receive the necessary hearing and is currently dead.

The 2007 Golf Outing will be on June 14th at Pebble Creek. Let Jim Collins know if you are interested in joining the golf committee.

ASHE National decided to rescind the \$25 initiation fee increase and will instead increase the annual dues by \$10. In other regional news, the Louisville Derby City section started up. Comments on the bylaw revisions must be received by February 2007. There are openings on the regional bylaws committee and nomination committee. Our section sent a letter supporting Dave Jones for National Treasurer.

Cindy Minter presented a National Conference update, indicating that 66 items were sold at the silent auction at

OTEC to raise \$8,000. Special thanks were given to Dave Jones who donated the Ohio State game tickets. The split the pot and silent auction will be continued next year at OTEC.

Three persons have expressed interest in the open Director position on the board. Paul Pfennig stated that the election must be by mailed ballots. The section will send out ballots before the next meeting.

Under new business, a motion was made to donate \$200 to the Children's Fund. This motion was seconded and all members voted in favor.

The meeting was suspended for dinner, after which there was a presentation on the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame. The meeting was then adjourned.

RSVP!!

Please be sure to RSVP for meetings! Space is limited and an accurate head count helps the Montgomery Inn and the ASHE officers to better plan for meetings.

Split the Pot!

A Split the Pot contest will be held at future general membership meetings to raise start-up funds for the 2010 conference. 1 ticket for \$1, 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.

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Scholarship Opportunity!

The ASHE Triko Valley Section is offering two scholarships (\$1500 & \$1000) for students entering their final year of a highway transportation related program.

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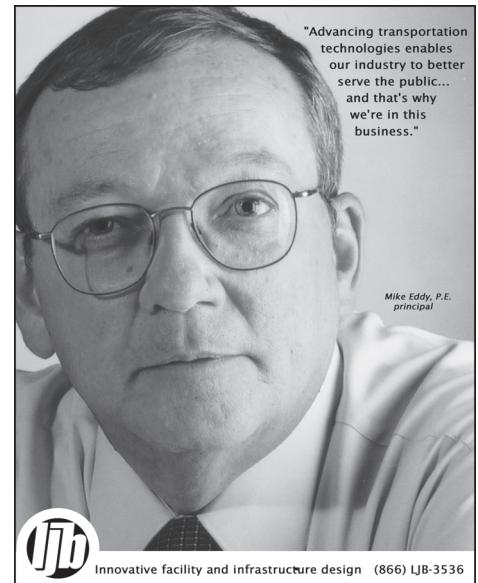
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Steve Profitt
Paul Schoelwer

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