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### From our President . . . Caroline Duffy, P.E.

Happy 50th Anniversary ASHE! In 1958, ASHE was started in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. ASHE now has 6,100 members nationwide and is growing by leaps and bounds. At the most recent National Board Meeting, a national expansion plan was adopted and the objective is that ASHE will include every state in the Union. Please mark March 1, 2008 on you calendar, the date that registration will



become available for the 2008 ASHE National Conference in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. This National Conference marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of ASHE. It will provide a great experience to learn about the history of ASHE and to read the histories of the various sections.

A meeting of the Co-Chairs for the **2010 National Conference** was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting emphasized the coordination of the various committees. All of the Co-Chair positions are filled and the committee positions are beginning to fill up. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know and we will best fit you with a committee. The various sections in Region 1 are voting on the Theme for the conference and we should be able to announce the winner soon! To further foster teamwork within the sections of Region 1, we have created a new position within the various sections just for the conference called Conference Ambassadors. The goal is to have a point person to assist with the conference in each section. Be watching soon for details about Advance Sponsorships, which aim to make sponsoring the conference better fit within the budget of your company.

We want to thank everyone that sponsored a student at the first 'Student Event' at our December Holiday Meeting. We were very pleased that 10 students were able to attend, as your sponsorship helped make this a reality. Our goal is to increase the applications for the ASHE Scholarship (available at <a href="http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/ASHE%202008%20application.pdf">http://www.ashe-trikovalley.com/ASHE%202008%20application.pdf</a>) and to expose students to ASHE so that they will join after graduation. The ASHE scholarship has been in existence since 2004 and we were informed by the National Board that of all of the sections in Region 1, the TRIKO Valley Section has given away more money in the form of scholarships and charity than any other section. This could not be possible without the success of the ASHE Golf Outings and the generosity of our members. THANK YOU! You are making a difference!

Our Board of Directors will have **two open positions** that will be voted on in March, 2008. These positions are for a First Year Directors Position and a Regional Representative, both three-year terms. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please contact one of the current Board of Directors of the TRIKO Valley. Nominations will be accepted until March 11, 2008 and voting of the membership will take place at the March meeting.

Our meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the annual **Schramm Award** meeting. We had a <u>RECORD 13 APPLICATIONS</u> that made it very difficult for the Board of Directors to narrow it down to 6 projects. We really appreciate receiving <u>ALL THE APPLICATIONS</u>. We look forward to seeing the competition between these great projects. The winners will be announced and presented with plagues at the March meeting.

#### ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT 01/08/2008

#### 1. THUD Signed

President Bush signed the H.R. Bill 3074 into law (Transportation Housing and Urban Development). The bill was approved at 98 percent of the levels authorized by SAFETEA-LU. The highway portion was passed with a 7 percent growth over the present levels and there was a 5 percent growth rate for the transit side of the bill.

2. <u>Commercial Activity Tax</u> – OCA is seeking additional plaintiffs for the lawsuit. The money generated by CAT tax is currently being divided into three state treasury funds:

General revenue fund, school district tangible property tax fund, and local government tangible property tax replacement fund.

The OCA is asking for a declaratory judgment by the Courts. They are also seeking two additional plaintiffs to join in this lawsuit. The first plaintiff would be an entity that sells vehicle fuel in Ohio and that therefore pays CAT relating to the sale of vehicle fuel. They would be incurring injury by virtue of having to pay a tax that is being applied to vehicle in an unconstitutional manner (not to road and bridge fund).

The second type of plaintiff they would like to see in this lawsuit is a County Engineer or similar official that depends on the state tax money for roadway improvement projects, which is harmed by the diversion of the CAT tax.

#### 3. ODOT 08-09 Business Plan

Director Beasley will urge TRAC to re-adjust major new construction funding budget. ODOT is anticipating a \$3.5 billion deficit in major new funding by 2015 due to construction inflation along with no growth and the uncertainty of federal funding.

As part of the 2008-2009 Business Plan, a statewide 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force will be created. The task force will convene meetings with communities and stakeholders throughout the state to discuss state and local transportation challenges and how best to focus investments to balance the movement of people and freight, promote safety and reduce congestion, create jobs, encourage responsible growth, and help build sustainable communities.

Some sources of new funding found in different states are as follows:

- Fuel Sales Tax This option charges a set percentage of the fuel cost. Revenue is proportional to consumption.
- · Vehicle Sales Tax Dedicates revenue collected from vehicle sales tax to highway improvements.
- Vehicle Registration Fee Charge for an annual vehicle registration fee based on the age and estimated value of the vehicle.
- Tolling Can be based on mileage, travel time, and location, as well as road and vehicle characteristics.
- Transportation Bonds California approved bonds to finance improvements and repairs, add lanes that will reduce traffic congestion and expand local transit.
- · Highway Use Tax In North Carolina, the tax is assessed each time a title is transferred.
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Charge The system uses an in-vehicle global positioning system device to track miles traveled.
- 4. <a href="NCEES Model Law">NCEES Model Law</a> Policy 465 states that starting in 2015, a master degree or 30+ post graduate work will be required prior to being able to sit for the Professional Engineers Exam. NCEES has made Policy 465 into Model Law in August of 2006. The accepted curriculum for the additional course work includes several specialty items but does not include surveying, making duel registration more difficult. The general feeling is that education is not a substitute for practical experience and that the proposed model law has strong support within a majority of states at present and it will be a challenge for all of us to keep from being adopted as a NCEES standard.



#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

#### Montgomery Inn Holiday Meeting

President Duffy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that board members submitted a letter recommending that Mr. Horn be voted an Honorary member because of his work through the years.

Bill Lawall presented the treasurer's report indicating a current balance of \$6,220.52 (previous balance or \$8,837.32, deposits of \$2,181.70, and expenditures of \$3,798.50). A balance of \$6,000 remains in the scholarship fund. There are currently 157 members in the Triko Valley Section. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2008 at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse and the next Director's meeting will be held on January 8, 2007 at the CDS Offices on Kenwood Road.

Dave Emerick read the minutes from the September 25<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting.

Greg Wilkens presented the P.I.N. report, touching on the Model Law, Eminent Domain changes, the Federal Transit Program and the ODOT business plan. The NCEES is pushing for requirements of a Bachelors Degree plus 30 credit hours before engineers can sit for the P.E. exam. The Eminent Domain bill (Ohio Senate Bill 7 and House Bill 5) went into effect on October 10, 2007. Businesses will be entitled to a loss of goodwill as a result of relocation and payment for economic loss. This bill will result

in higher right of way costs and longer acquisition times (at least 30 days).

In Fiscal Year 2009, required rescissions of federal apportionments will total 8.5 billion dollars. The THUD conference agreement provides \$9.68 billion for public transportation programs in FY 2008 (a 7.8% increase over FY2007). The amount appropriated in the bill is \$53.2 million less than the amount authorized and guaranteed by the SAFETEA-LU, therefore, the President is threatening a veto.

ODOT director Beasley will urge TRAC to re-adjust major new construction funding budgets. They are anticipating a \$3.5 billion deficit in major new funding by 2015 due to construction inflation along with no growth and the uncertainty of federal funding. States will look to initiate innovative financing mechanisms, including mileage based roads fees. Texas is also looking at new tolls.

Jim Collins submitted the regional report to President Duffy. The Model Law provisions were discussed at the October 27<sup>th</sup> National Board Meeting. Frank O'Hare will vote no on the proposed initiation fees raise as ASHE is in the black now. New chapters were started in Indianapolis and Detroit as well as Long Island. The next regional meeting will be Tuesday February 5, 2008.

The next golf outing will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

Jim Jurgensen, Jr. reported that the membership committee has set a goal of 15 new members this year.

On behalf of Paul Pfennig, Joe Vogel reported that there is a goal of three

applications for the Schramm awards in each category. No applications had been submitted yet.

Cindy Minter praised David Jones for his help in making decisions for the 2010 National Conference, All volunteers were thanked. The date has been set, the facility selected and 24 committee chairs and co-chairs have been picked. A schedule has been developed, website established and an initial budget set. The committees must give thought to the sessions and speakers. There will be a meeting of the committee chairs on January 3rd at DCS offices. This is a regional conference so the proceeds will be shared; however, 85% of the efforts are from the Triko Valley section to date. Section One has asked for an Ambassador from each section. Several proposed themes will be voted on during dinner. Write ins will also be accepted. Joe Vogel suggested that the work green be included. %158 was raised in 2005, \$8,000 in 2006 and \$16,000 in 2007. Koren Sprinkle was recognized for her fundraising efforts. The conference will be held on June 9th through June 13th, 2010.

Under new business, a motion was raised and seconded that \$200 be donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. All members in attendance voted in favor.

Paul Schoelwer introduced Glen Sample, who spoke about his life experiences and careers in the athletics department at U.C. and as the Cincinnati Reds official scorer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.







#### General Membership

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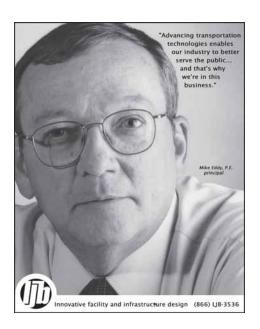
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#### RSVP!!

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.

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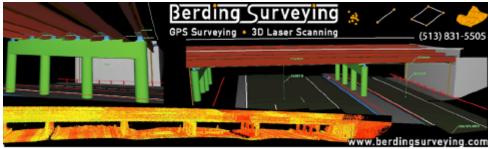
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## ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:30 a.m. The Montgomery Inn Boathouse

Schramm Award Finalists
Presentations

Lunch Cost: \$20.00 RSVP to Bill Lawall at 513-807-2245 by 4:00 January 21, 2008

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