



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Happy New Year! At Terracon, we stress safety as part of our culture. During winter, safe driving is a common reminder I hear as we approach another January weekend with predicted snow in 2019. As a bridge engineer, my safety tip for the winter is to never change lanes while driving across a bridge. Prepare your vehicle for winter driving, including a roadside safety kit, water, sleeping bag, flashlight, salt or sand, jumper cables, etc. Be safe so you can get home to your family.

On December 5th, we held our Holiday Party at DeSha's on Montgomery Road in partnership with ACEC and WTS. We had a good turnout and the appetizers were stupendous. Since this newsletter is a little behind schedule we already had our Schramm Awards Presentations. Seven presenters

were given a whole seven minutes each to explain their projects, and they all did a fine job. The voting was not easy as all seven projects had some interesting details and challenges. Thanks to all who prepared and delivered the presentations. Thanks to Eric Beck, who had to recount the ballots as the voting was close in both categories. Once the Board approves the final ballot counts, the winners will be posted to the website.

Our next General Membership meeting at Montgomery Inn will be on March 19th. This will be our CIP meeting. Invitees will include Utility Companies as well as ODOT, KYTC, County Engineers, and Municipalities.

Mark your calendars for the ASHE National Conference. The Middle Tennessee Section is hosting the conference in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The first time I stayed there I got lost and it took me 45 minutes to return to my room, it's really that big. The conference will take place from May 8th-12th. Hopefully I will see you there.

Steve Mary
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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.

ASHE PIN Report - November 2018

The beginning of a new year has the ASHE PIN hopeful that meaningful change is in our future. Aside from the fact that we have started off 2019 with our Federal government in a stalemate over border security that has yielded us the longest government shutdown in American history, there is hope that 2019 may be a change year at both the federal and state levels.

The federal shutdown is bending the backs of not only the furloughed employees but also extends into the several businesses that depend on the federal government to operate, including numerous construction projects. Hopefully, the outcome of the stalemate will be a deal and a strong future working relationship between the president and the house will be established. Another federal issue that needs to get resolved this year is a federal transportation bill, as the Highway Trust Fund will be bankrupt in October 2020. Senate, Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), the Senate majority leader told reporters, "The one issue Speaker Pelosi and I have discussed this morning where there could be a possible bipartisan agreement would be something on infrastructure." The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chair, Peter DeFazio wants to produce a major bill with \$500 billion for highways and transit, plus funds for airport and water projects in 2019.

At the state level, the new Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine, is faced with a transportation budget facing a major funding crisis, as the transportation budget that is set to be \$1.5 billion in 2020 is down from \$2.4 billion in 2014. Ohio's 28-cent gas tax has not increased since 2005, and the \$1.5 billion in turnpike bond funding that was approved in 2013 has run out. Ohio's 28-cent rate is about 6 cents lower than the national average, has a thirty five percent less value than it did in 2005 because of inflation, and is lower than that of four of the five neighboring states: Pennsylvania (59 cents), Michigan (44), Indiana (43), and West Virginia (36). Kentucky's rate of 26 cents is on the brink of being increased as there is a growing movement to do so. The Fix Our Roads–Ohio (FOR Ohio) Coalition has been formed by a number of transportation/construction organizations in Ohio, including the Contractors Association of Ohio and the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC). We urge you to get involved with FOR Ohio to help shape the future of transportation funding in Ohio. Any grassroots efforts of this organization that ASHE can support will be brought to attention of this membership in upcoming newsletters.

Golf Outing

Save the date! The 2019 Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Ashton Oaks Golf Club. More information on registration and sponsorship opportunities to come.

Adopt-A-Highway

Pending coordination with ODOT, the Triko Valley Section will cleanup one quadrant of the I-71/Ronald Reagan Highway interchange on Saturday, April 6. This is a fun way to spend time with your ASHE friends and help our community. Watch your email for more details.

Life Members

ASHE Triko Valley Section Life Members recognized at the November 13, 2018 meeting. (L to R) John Kerr, Bill Fair, Ted Hubbard, Jack Pflum and Gerry Berding.



Great Lakes Region Open Positions

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

- To assist the sections in establishing student chapters at local universities; and
- To coordinate with other student chapters in other regions for “best practices” on how they are successful.
- To assist sections in developing “STEM” initiatives with high schools.

Chair: Open

Committee Members:

Aaron Muck - University of Cincinnati

Matheu J. Carter - National Student Membership Chair

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

- To develop and coordinate fundraising events for the Region; and
- To coordinate with section fundraisers for ideas.

Chair: Open

Committee Members: Paul Denny

If interested, please contact Caroline Duffy at 143engineers@gmail.com.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018 - Montgomery Inn

President Steve Mary called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:40 AM and recognized several guests. Guests included Corrin Gulick, Matt Hoying, Michael Seeger, Andrew Shuman and Bill Madden.

President Mary asked for approval of the September meeting minutes. After a motion by Brian Rhodes and second by Vanessa Nghiem, the motion passed.

President Mary announced that Triko Valley is instituting a Life Members program to recognize members for 25 continuous years of membership in the Section. The following members were recognized and presented with certificates and Life Member cards: Jack Pflum, Ted Hubbard, Gerry Berding, Dave Emerick (absent), John Kerr and Bill Fair.

Eric Kistner presented the Treasurer's report, noting an operating capital of \$31,515.59. Expenses totaled \$5,803.32 and income totaled \$4,080.00. Stan Harris made a motion to approve and Dan Unger seconded. The motion was approved.

President Mary introduced Paul Durham as the new web site coordinator. Paul stated that he would be working to update the web site and make it more modern and user friendly.

Stan Harris gave a Newsletter/Scanner report and noted that the newsletter was late coming out, but it would be posted on the web site and emailed out to the members in the next day or two.

Vanessa Nghiem gave the Region report. The Great Lakes Region is looking for candidates for VP and has several committee chair positions open. Anyone that is interested should contact Vanessa or Caroline Duffy, Region President. Central Ohio is planning on submitting a bid to host the 2022 National Conference and Triko Valley will submit a letter of support. The 2019 National Conference will be in Nashville in May and preparations are well underway.

Vanessa announced that the Holiday party will be held on December 5 at DeSha's, along with ACEC and WTS. RSVP's are needed as soon as possible.

Caroline Duffy gave the PIN report. The November election resulted in a split Congress which may make it difficult to get a federal transportation bill passed. Democrats and the President have indicated a willingness to work together. Ohio's newly elected Governor, Mike Dewine, has stated he will form a commission to study transportation needs. The Fix Our Roads-Ohio (FOR Ohio) coalition has been formed by numerous transportation/construction organizations to support funding solutions. Steve Mary presented the program report. A follow up tour of 5/3 Arena was taken in October and the January program will be the Schramm Awards presentations.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Brian Rhodes presented the membership report. He welcomed four new members and noted that there are only a few more weeks in the year to become eligible for the \$100 Amazon gift card drawing for people who sponsor new members. If anyone fills out the membership application, they should note the name of the sponsoring member.

Steve Mary gave the Scholarship Committee report. Judging has been done for the 2018 competition and the winners will be announced/notified soon.

Tom Nicholson announced that our Adopt-A-Highway sign is up near the northwest quadrant of the I-71/SR 126 interchange. A cleanup will be scheduled for the spring now that construction has wrapped up at the site.

There were no reports on the Student Chapter or Golf committees.

Eric Beck gave the Donald Schramm Awards report. Applications are due 12/15 and the information is on the web site. Please get your entries in on time.

At 12:35, Steve Mary introduced our speaker, John Greenhalge, from the Ohio Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors. John gave an informative presentation on the ethics requirements for Engineers and Surveyors. Topics covered included properly sealing engineering and surveying work products; legal and ethical requirements when reviewing engineering and surveying work and reporting violations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Emerick
TRIKO Valley Section Secretary

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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

Capital Improvement Program

Location: Original Montgomery Inn (Montgomery, OH)

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 11:30 AM

After the general membership meeting, there will be a panel discussion with our local public officials. Take this time to gather a question for your local official. Handouts will be provided summarizing the list of design and construction projects for the year. Also, the winners of the Schramm Awards will be announced.

Cost: \$25 online or at the door

Please RSVP 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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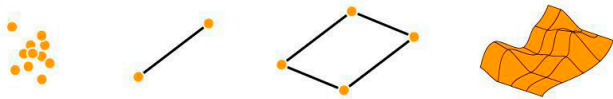


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