



# TRIKO Valley News

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## From Our President...



November 2020 is here. Despite all that has happened this year that will forever be part of our history, I find it somewhat consoling that time continues to march forward. It serves as a reminder that wherever we find ourselves today or whatever circumstance we find ourselves in currently, it won't remain that way. In fact, it is already changing whether we view it that way or not. While none of us would wish the current state of our world on anyone, I hope

you firmly share my belief, and are maybe even encouraged, whether we find these situations or they find us, we can become better as a result of having participated in a history such as this. In fact, we are already doing just that.

Although virtual, our regular meetings continue to occur. While we were not able to enjoy the annual golf outing, you can still participate by donating to our annual student scholarship and participate in the future of our industry. And while we are not seeing each other physically, I hope the "meetings" you do have – safely in person or virtual – are that much more intentional and meaningful. Avoidance of change is not an option, so choose to change for the good.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on November 17th. The meeting will include our regular business agenda followed by a presentation on ethical dilemmas by David Orr, PE, director of the Cornell Local Roads Programs of the New York State Local Technical Assistance Program. Register here for the upcoming virtual meeting on the 17th. The ASHE TRIKO Valley section board of directors is currently evaluating options for December. More details will follow. While our plans include topics and a meeting schedule that is like past years, we anticipate a virtual setting for the foreseeable future. As such, it will be different than the past. I welcome your thoughts and feedback as we navigate ahead. Email me at [aaron.muck@terracon.com](mailto:aaron.muck@terracon.com). One thing that is not changed is the strength of this group. I challenge each of you to ask your friends and coworkers to consider joining the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section. Let's make ASHE even stronger!

Aaron Muck  
Terracon

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | Zoom Video Conference**

President Tom Nicholson called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM with a moment of silence for Mike Lenett who recently passed away. He also announced that the next general membership meeting will be on November 17th and the topic is typically ethics.

For the secretary's report, a motion was raised by Stan Harris to approve the May 19th General Membership Meeting notes which are posted in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Eric Beck and carried.

Treasurer Kistner reported that as of May 19th the operating capital for the section was \$20,952.46. After income of \$3,455.00 and expenses of \$698.23, the current operating capital is \$23,709.23. We currently have 182 members and welcome Amanda Beiting and Kassidy Buschor as new members this month. Steve Mary raised a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Katie Dillenburger and carried unanimously.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that the transportation industry is approaching a perfect storm. Travel and income from gas tax is down resulting in layoffs in the transportation design industry and cancellation of the ODOT TRAC program. We are also seeing states diverting gas tax revenue to other programs. The Senate Republicans are refusing to include the AASHTO-backed \$37 billion package for the transportation industry in any stimulus bills. The Fast Act, which is set to expire on September 30th, is expected to be extended a year at current funding levels. Highway Trust Fund insolvency will occur in 2021; therefore, many DOT's will have to adjust their programs accordingly. Caroline urged us to contact our Congressional Leaders to request that the transportation industry is included in a future stimulus package.

There was no regional report or Scanner information presented. The Triko Valley newsletter was sent out yesterday and it was announced that we can still accommodate additional newsletter sponsorships.

Aaron Muck noted that Friday September 25th was the first ASHE National Student Conference held at Mercer College. The conference went well with 81 persons participating. There was nothing to report regarding local student activity.

Steve Mary indicated that he is working on confirming the speaker for the November meeting.

Brian Rhodes thanked those that renewed their ASHE memberships and reminded everyone that they can sign up at the ASHEPRO site.

Todd Gadbury announced that the Schramm Awards project information has been mailed to the region.

President Nicholson indicated that the section received 14 scholarship applications which were evaluated and forwarded to the John R. Jurgensen Company for their consideration. The winners will be announced in a week or two.

President Nicholson said that ODOT has cancelled the highway cleanup program for this year, so the next community service event will be held next spring.

Katie Dillenburger noted that the golf outing has been cancelled and asked us to provide ideas for scholarship funding. The virtual sponsorships received are very much appreciated.

Tom Nicholson indicated that there was no website report.

President Nicholson then introduced the slate of officers proposed for the 2020-2021 year as follows:

President	Aaron Muck
First Vice President	Brian Rhodes
Second Vice President	Joe Schmeltzer
Fourth Year Director	Katie Dillenburger
Third Year Director	Terry Dull
Second Year Director	Todd Gadbury

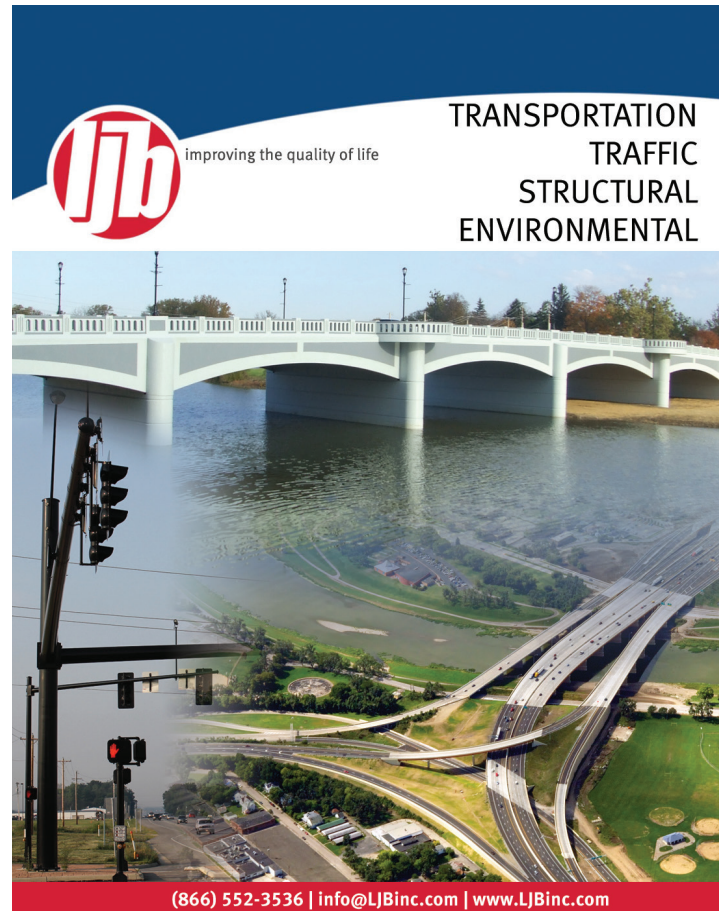
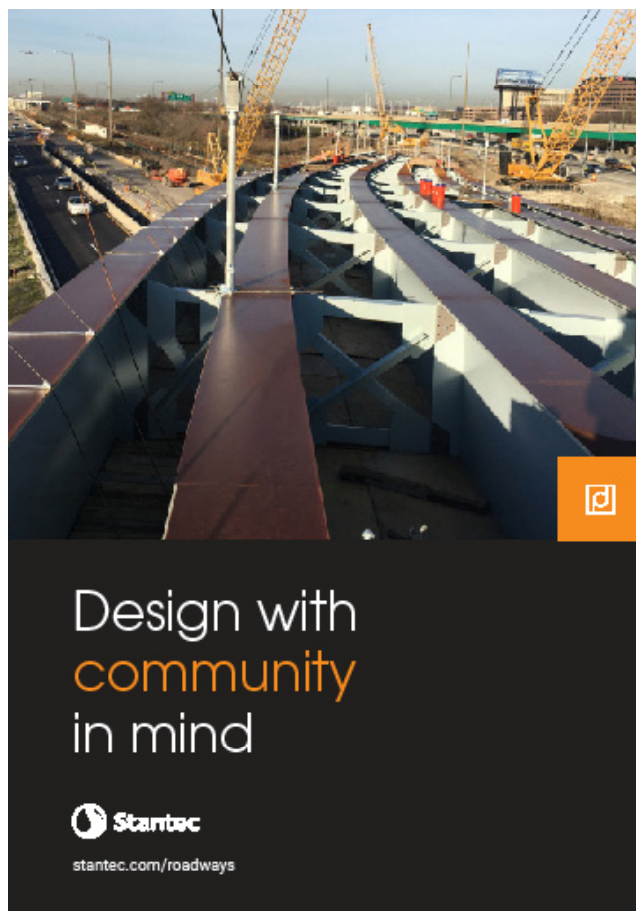
Nominations for First Year Director were Daniel Springer (LJB), Tim Casto (Kleingers), and Daniel Ficker (Palmer Engineering). If the slate above is accepted, voting will be conducted by email to determine the First Year Director.

Stan Harris noted that David Emerick would be continuing as Secretary and Eric Kistner would continue as the Treasurer. Eric Beck moved to accept the slate as presented, which was seconded by Caroline Duffy and passed unanimously. The slate was then installed by National Director Stan Harris.

Tom Nicholson then introduced Nedav Marcus and Natan Elsberg from RDV Systems who presented on the Road Safety Audit 3D Technology. After the presentation, members were encouraged to visit the RDV Systems website to see additional webinar opportunities.

Tom Nicholson reminded members to look for an email regarding the First Year Director voting, after which Steve Mary raised a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Eric Beck and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Emerick, TRIKO Valley Section Secretary





# ASHE PIN Report - November 2020

The ASHE PIN hopes this article finds you healthy in this time of COVID-19. The ASHE PIN is glad that we do not live in Georgia, where election commercials are still active until the runoff election of the two Georgia Senate seats are decided in January of 2021.

History has taught us that only when the House, Senate, and Presidency are the same party, will the gridlock of Washington DC be broken and laws will actually be passed. (Obamacare and tax reform are two examples) With the declared win of Democrats Biden-Harris for the presidency and the Democrats keeping the majority in the House, the Georgia race is even more at the center of the future. If Democratic Senate candidates Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock can unseat their Republican opponents in Georgia, the Senate will have an equal number of Republican and Democrat representation. In that case, the Vice President, a Democrat, would cast all deciding votes.

One thing for sure is that President-elect Biden will have a new cabinet and a new head of the Department of Transportation. New leadership may reverse the most recent ruling that the Department of Transportation was not going to support federal funding for the Brent Spence Bridge. In addition, grants such as TIGER and BUILD will probably have a different selection criteria. It is anticipated that President-elect Biden will reverse several of the Trump-era executive orders that relaxed many transportation processes. So while the country voted for a change, it may also get a government that will pass a number of Democrat policies into law. Let's hope that if this happens, that a transportation bill and a funding mechanism for transportation is a high priority for the new administration that will result in securing a healthy funding source and law that can take the transportation industry into the future.

## 2020 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing - **CANCELLED**

As you all know, the 2020 ASHE Triko Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing was cancelled. Please consider sending in donations or virtual sponsorships via the ASHE Triko Valley Section website, under the golf section.

A special thanks goes to the following sponsors:

LJB Inc. – Virtual Hole Sponsor  
Bayer Becker – Virtual Lunch Sponsor  
Eric Beck – Virtual Golfer

Thank you for your continued support.

As always, please contact Katie Dillenburger or a board member with any questions, comments, or suggestions for our future outings/fundraising events.



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Send website logos to Paul Durham at [paul.durham@stantec.com](mailto:paul.durham@stantec.com)

# ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

## General Membership Meeting (Ethics Topic)

**November 17, 2020 | 11:30am - 1:30pm**

*Eligible for 1 Ethics PDH! Space limited!*

This general membership meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZYvcu2sqzke9IM5\\_UqDGJPjnl1mvzl4HG](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZYvcu2sqzke9IM5_UqDGJPjnl1mvzl4HG)

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President Aaron Muck will address the attendees and reports will be given by committee chairs during the general membership meeting. Dan Ficker will also be sworn in as 1st Year Director. The general membership meeting will be followed by a presentation about ethical dilemmas by David Orr, PE, the director of the Cornell Local Roads Programs of the New York State Local Technical Assistance Program.

Deadlines for sponsorship opportunities have been extended! Follow the links below for newsletter/website and virtual golf sponsorship details:

<https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/event/ashe-triko-valley-2020-2021-newsletter-website-sponsorships/>

<https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/event/2020-lloyd-wallace-memorial-golf-outing/>

A special thanks goes to LJB, Terracon, and Eric Beck for their generous sponsorships.

Best Regards,

ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors

## Scholarship Winners

The Chapter has concluded its Scholarship season for 2020, thank you to everyone who has applied to and supported the scholarship program. This year we are excited to announce the winner of our joint JRJ/Triko "James P Jurgensen Memorial Scholarship", and the winner of our ASHE Triko Valley Scholarship.

The candidate selected for the joint JRJ/ASHE scholarship, and awarded \$5000, is Blake Brower. Blake is a student and the University of Cincinnati graduating in Spring of 2021, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management. He participates in numerous volunteering events, has performed in several civil engineering coops, wrote and outstanding essay letter, and was highly

recommended by his coop supervisors. Congratulations to Blake!

The candidate selected for the ASHE scholarship, and awarded \$1500, is Samantha Cotterell. Samantha is a student and the University of Cincinnati graduating in Spring of 2021, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. She is very active with volunteering, has worked with ODOT on all of her coops, wrote a very thoughtful essay letter, and was highly recommended by her coop supervisor. Congratulations to Samantha!

Please extend notice to eligible students for our 2021 Scholarship program, more information will be available on the ASHE Triko Valley website in January.

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## Committee Chair Person Contact Information

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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