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From Our President...



Hello ASHE! The recent warm temperatures and talk of Reds Opening Day (even if possibly delayed) have many already thinking about spring and summer. This winter has been a rough one with multiple snow and ice events, and the temperature swings have resulted in perfect conditions for potholes on the roadway surface to appear. Our state, county, city, and local road crews worked hard to keep our roads safe and clear during the snow and ice, and they are working hard to patch the roadways as temperatures warm up. Please help keep them safe by reminding family, friends, and especially younger drivers to be aware and slow-down when they see a maintenance vehicle on the road.

Our last general membership meeting was the ASHE Schramm Award Presentations. Thank you to all the Owners, Consultants, and Contractors on the teams that submitted projects for consideration. We are lucky to live in an area with great transportation

projects, and designers and contractors that truly take pride in their craft. Five project teams made presentations at our last meeting. All the project teams did an excellent job presenting their projects to the group. We will be recognizing the Schramm Award winners at our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. Our March meeting will be the annual CIP Presentations. As in years past, this meeting will be held in partnership with the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA). We are appreciative of our collaboration with OCA and look forward to hearing about the many upcoming design and construction projects from our local capital improvement programs. Looking further ahead, we are currently collecting applications for our scholarship awards. ASHE Triko Valley in conjunction with Jurgensen Companies Infrastructure Solutions has scholarships available for college students expecting to graduate from a transportation or construction related program within the next two school years (2022 and 2023). The scholarship application is due by April 8th. Instructions can be found on our website at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Jurgensen family and the generosity of the players and sponsors of the annual ASHE Golf Outing. Speaking of the golf outing, we are also looking forward to this year's outing that will be held on Monday, May 2nd at Glenview Golf Course. Sponsoring the golf outing is a terrific way to get your company name recognition, playing in the golf outing is a great way to get out and enjoy some fellowship with colleagues, and both help support future young highway engineers as they make their way through college. The month of May will be packed with opportunities to get involved with ASHE, as later that month, May 11-15, the National Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio. You can review the conference agenda and register by visiting http://2022conference.ashe.pro. Finally, it is hard to believe but this time of year is when we typically start asking for nominations for individuals to serve as a First-Year Director on our Triko Valley Board. Nominations can be made at the March 15th meeting or can be submitted to any Board Member. Elections are scheduled to happen at our May meeting, so if you are interested in getting involved with ASHE, please get your nominations in!

With all these things going on in our group, it is hard to keep up. You can find a complete schedule of events on our website. ASHE Triko Valley has also started a page on LinkedIn, so you can follow us there to stay up on all the events and latest news. Thank you to our membership for continuing to support ASHE. We hope to see everyone at the many upcoming activities!

Brian Rhodes, City of Cincinnati

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ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH / VIRTUAL MEETING

On January 18, 2022, the ASHE-Triko Valley Section held the first general membership meeting of 2022. The meeting was also available virtually to membership that could not attend the meeting. President Brian Rhodes called the meeting to order at 11:37 am, welcoming attendees and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the ASHE National Conference will be coming to Columbus, Ohio in May 2022 and with it being local to Ohio, there are advertising opportunities. Brian announced that the social activities at the conference will be the Columbus Zoo, Cosi and High Bank Distillery see the www.2022.ASHE.pro website for more information. Brian then welcomed Shawn Mason to the Board of Directors as a first-year director. Afterwards, Brian announced Dan Springer as the new Secretary of the Triko Valley Section.

For the Secretary's report, Dan Springer announced that there was nothing to report. The approval of the November 16, 2021, General Membership Meeting minutes will be approved at the next general membership meeting.

Brian Rhodes asked meeting attendees for nominations for the ASHE Triko Valley Lifetime Achievement Awards.

On behalf of Treasurer Kistner, Brian presented the treasurer's report, see below.

Brian also mentioned that Steve Shadix will be taking over Treasurer duties from Eric Kistner in the coming months. Steve Mary raised a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by an attendee in general membership and carried unanimously.

	TREASURER'S REPORT	
OPERATINO	G CAPITAL AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021: (LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING)	\$24,390.83
INCOME:	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$40.00
	HOLIDAY PARTY SALES	\$1,050.00
	MEETING/LUNCHEON SALES	\$750.00
	NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE SPONSORSHIPS	\$450.00
	TOTAL CREDITS:	\$2,290.00
EXPENSES:	PAYPAL FEES	\$110.13
	HOLIDAY PARTY EXPENSES	\$2,745.75
	MEETING/LUNCHEON EXPENSES	\$1,052.01
	NATIONAL ASSESSMENT FEE	\$3,215.00
	REGISTRATION WEBSITE FEES	\$226.60
	REGISTRATION WEBSITE TRANSACTION FEES	\$2.92
	ZOOM PRO ACCOUNT MONTHLY CHARGE	\$31.92
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$7,384.33
OPERATING	\$19,296.50	
	MEMBERSHIP	
		150
NUMBER OF	STUDENT MEMBERS	9
	TOTAL	159
	(NO NEW MEMBERS)	

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that the Federal Infrastructure Bill has passed but not much has been announced since its passing. She understands that appropriations from the bill will begin in February 2022. There is likely to be seventeen (17) additional funding sources, some of which will be available to locals through an application process. However, there is currently not much information available regarding these additional funding sources. Caroline also discussed the \$27.5 billion Bridge Formula Program where funding will be allocated to states by the number of poor bridges currently on the state's inventories and will be 100% funded. More details will be released by ASHE in the coming months.

Regional Representative Aaron Muck was not present and did not have a report.

Katie Dillenburger will be putting the newsletter together within the next week. Katie also reminded the general membership of opportunities to be a sponsor for the newsletter and scanner.

Brian Rhodes announced that there was nothing to report from the student program committee.

Steve Mary asked the general membership for ideas for future meeting presentations and that ideas should be communicated to either him or other members of the Board of Directors.

Brian Rhodes reminded the general membership that the Triko Valley Section is looking for new members and that membership is currently down from previous years.

Terry Dull was not in attendance so there was no scholarship report presented.

Dan Ficker mentioned that there was nothing new to note on the community service report. Dan then announced that there will be a Spring 2022 event and more information will be coming soon.

Terry Dull was not in attendance to provide the social committee report. Brian Rhodes announced that Terry is currently planning a Sporting Clay Shooting event for October 2022.

Katie Dillenburger announced that she is currently planning the 2022 golf outing for either May 2nd or May 9th. She asked the general membership for ideas for the venue and that ideas should be communicated to either her or other members of the Board of Directors.

Paul Durham was not in attendance, but Brian Rhodes announced that the ASHE Triko Valley Section has eliminated the Shuttlepod website and will be migrating to a new website prior to the next General Membership Meeting.

Brian Rhodes introduced Matt Speck, head of the University of Cincinnati's CANstruction. Matt then gave a presentation and overview of CANstruction. Brian then presented Matt with a \$500 check as ASHE Triko Valley's contribution to the project. CANstruction will take place in February 2022 and be held at the University of Cincinnati's library.

Todd Gadbury led the coordination of the Schramm Award presentations. The following projects were presented:

	Project	Project Cost	Contractor	Consultant	Owner
1	Intersection of Bauer Road and SR 32, CLE-032-9.95	\$ 4,866,167.05	Barrett Paving	WSP USA	ODOT
2		\$ 3,768,842.00	Rack and Ballauer	TEC	City of Mason
3	Intersection of Wayne Madison Rd & Hamilton Trenton Rd	\$ 2,500,000.00	RB Jergens	Burgess & Niple	Butler County Engineer
4	Columbia Parkway Landslide Stabilization	\$17,800,000.00	Beaver Excavating Co.	Geotechnology	City of Cincinnati
5	Montgomery/Ronald Reagan-HAM-SR126/US22-20.00/13.19	\$ 7,300,000.00	John R. Jurgensen	Strand	City of Montgomery

Projects 1 thru 3 were in the less than \$5 million category, while projects 4 and 5 were in the greater than \$5 million category. Todd announced that meeting attendees will receive an e-mail for award voting.

Brian Rhodes asked for a motion to adjourn, which was raised by Steve Mary and seconded by Todd Gadbury, then was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.





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ASHE PIN Report - March 2022

The ASHE PIN is anxiously awaiting the appropriations bill to be passed to fund the \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure bill that passed last year. The appropriations bill is anticipated to provide ODOT with \$1.6 billion over a 5-year period for new money, which is a 30% increase over the funding provided by the FAST Act. However, this money will not be available to ODOT until the appropriations bill passes, which is anticipated to be on March 11, 2022.

The passage of the federal infrastructure bill has led to two bills that would affect the existing gasoline users fee. The first bill is in the Ohio State House (Senate Bill 277) introduced by Sen. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) to reduce the motor fuel tax by 10.5 cents per gallon over a five-year period. It would also cut the diesel fuel tax by 20 cents per gallon. His logic is that the new federal bill will cover the cost of new transportation improvements. However, the monies coming from the new federal bill requires a local match. If Senate Bill 277 is passed, ODOT may not have the match to accept all of the federal monies from the new federal transportation bill.

On the federal level, several House Democrats have introduced companion legislation, the Gas Prices Relief Act, to the Senate bill to temporarily suspend the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon until January 1, 2023. This is meant to counteract the inflation and the rising gasoline prices due to the Ukraine conflict with Russia. This legislation would be included in a larger economic package that is coming together in Congress. This 'tax holiday' would result in an estimated loss of \$20 billion from the already struggling Highway Trust Fund that supports existing state funded projects that are in process.

The largest project that will be affected by additional federal funding is the Brent Spence Bridge project. Governors Beshear and DeWine have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to apply for bridge funding from competitive grants in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA) which could take away the need for tolling the project. This is significant progress in moving this critical infrastructure project in southwest Ohio forward.

What can ASHE do about these issues? Contact your state and federal representatives and express your concern about these proposed users fee eliminations and/or reductions that would affect the transportation industry. Let them know you support funding the Brent Spence Bridge funding without tolls!

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PROGRAM

Please contact Steve Mary, program chair, with ideas for future meeting presentations.

SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship application is online due Friday, April 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM EDT. Please spread the word.



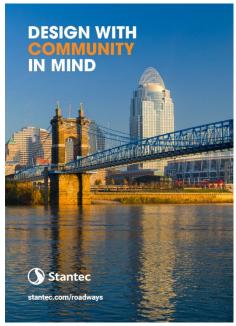
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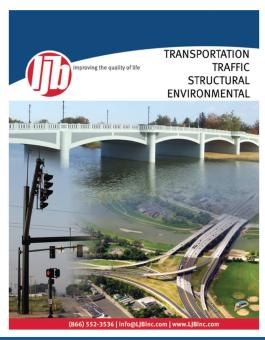
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SOCIAL

The social committee is planning a sporting clay shooting event that will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022. Stay tuned for more information.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thanks to those who volunteered for cleaning up the ASHE Adopt-a-Highway site at the I-71SB entrance ramp to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126) in the past. Our next cleanup date is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022, starting at 10:00 AM. Please consider coming out for some highway style spring cleaning.

GOLF OUTING

The 2022 LlyodWallace Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at Glenview Golf Course. Please support our scholarship fund and register to play or sponsor the event today.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting Capital Improvements Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN / VIRTUAL MEETING

This will be a joint meeting with the Ohio Contractors Association.

Please register online.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

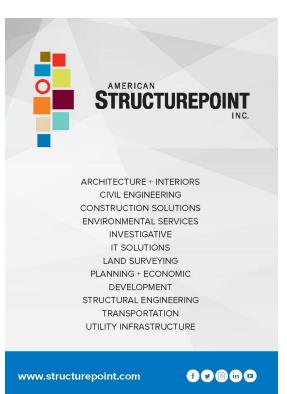
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if interested, contact Katie Dillenburger at katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com



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2022 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will hold its annual golf outing on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Glenview Golf Course.

Our outing is named after Lloyd Wallace, former ODOT District 8 Deputy Director, in tribute to his contributions to the highway engineering field. The outing will be a scramble format with registration beginning at 10:00 am and **shotgun start at 11:00 am**.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your firm to join us at the golf outing. The registration fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes greens fees with cart at an excellent golf course, box lunch with soft drinks, and hors d'ouevres following golf. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Contests will include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt.

This outing is our sole means of raising money for the **ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Annual Scholarship Program** which provides yearly scholarships to college students who are scheduled to graduate in a transportation or construction program within the next two years.

A donation of \$175 would give your firm a sponsorship at the golf outing, either as a hole sponsor or as a beverage sponsor, with your firm's logo or name placed on a sign at the tee box or on the beverage cart circulating the course. A sponsorship donation of \$250 will provide golfers with a box lunch. Your firm's logo or name will be placed on a sign at the lunch pickup location. Special recognition for each sponsorship will be provided throughout the event as well.

Another method of advertising for your firm is to provide a "Door Prize" or "Cart Prize" (e.g., sleeve of golf balls, golf glove, divot repair tools, etc.). This is a great opportunity to market your firm as approximately 70 transportation and construction industry personnel will be participating, from consultants and contractors to clients and owners.

Please see registration and sponsorship information on the next page. Registration is also available at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 513-492-9837 or at katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Katie Dillenburger Golf Committee Chairman

2022 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

Monday, May 2, 2022 Glenview Golf Course 10965 Springfield Pike Cincinnati, OH 45246 (513) 771-1747

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10:00 am to 10:45 am Registration and Lunch 10:45am Announcements 11:00 am **Shotgun Start**

4:00 pm (or following golf) Hors d'ouevres and Prize Presentation

Cost per Golfer: \$100

- A box lunch will be provided on your cart at registration. During golf, a beer and snack cart will be on the course to accept tickets and/or cash payment. Hors d'ouevres will be served immediately aftergolf.
- Please consider a hole or beverage sponsorship for \$175 or a lunch sponsorship for \$250. All sponsorships will allow your firm special recognition during the event.
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Contests will include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt.
- Registration deadline is Monday, April 18, 2022. Payment can be made by mail, online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/ or the day of at the sign-in table.
- Please contact Katie Dillenburger at 513-492-9837 or katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com with any questions.

Register online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/ or send a copy of this form and check, payable to ASHE TRIKO Valley, to: Bayer Becker, 6900 Tylersville Road, Suite A, Mason, Ohio 45040, Attn: Katie Dillenburger

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Golfer's Name & Company	each)	Circle One		Circle One		No.	
	1	Yes	No	Yes	No		
	2	Yes	No	Yes	No		
	3	Yes	No	Yes	No		
	4	Yes	No	Yes	No		
Amount Due:	\$	\$	-	\$	-		

Sponsors/Donations

		Hole Sponsor (\$175)		Beverage Sponsor (\$175)		Lunch Sponsor (\$250)	
Company	Circ	le One	Circl	e One	Circl	e One	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
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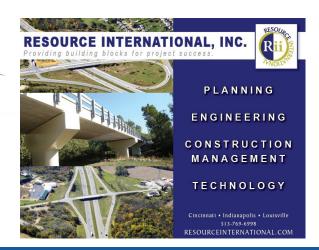
Committee Chair Person Contact Information

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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