



# TRIKO Valley News

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## From Our President...



Happy New Year! Welcome to 2023 and to the January edition of the ASHE TRIKO Valley newsletter. While we are starting a fresh new year, we find ourselves in the middle of the ASHE calendar, which is filling up quickly with some great programs and events.

Before providing our next set of plans, I would like to share the success that was our holiday party. ASHE members, along with members from WTS and ACEC, gathered on December 9<sup>th</sup> at deSha's. As part of our holiday season celebrations, we also held a canned food drive and our group donated more than 100 canned food items plus \$70 in cash to the Hope House in Middletown. Thank you to all who attended and

participated. What a great way to close out 2022!

Coming up, our next General Membership meeting is set for this Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. Please join us to learn more about some projects completed around the Tri-State and to cast your vote for the Schramm Awards. In March, for the annual Capital Improvements Program, we will join the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Association at their dinner meeting. Please save the date, Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm, for this joint event.

Beyond our typical meeting schedule, the board of directors is also considering tour options. Please contact Steve Mary, our program chair, with any ideas. Further out in the Spring, we will complete our Adopt-A-Highway volunteering duties and we will hold our golf outing fundraiser, plus, the board intends to bring back the Reds game social. More details are to come for each of these events but please reach out to the various committee chairs or to the board to offer input or assistance.

The next few months are shaping up to be busy ones. And so, I continue to thank all of our membership and our board of directors on all of the work that it takes to keep the ASHE Triko Valley Section running. Thank you and bring on 2023!

Sincerely,  
Katie Dillenburger  
Bayer Becker

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# ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH

On November 15, 2022, the ASHE-Triko Valley Section held the fifth general membership meeting of 2022. However, the meeting was not available virtually to membership that could not attend the meeting.

President Katie Dillenburg called the meeting to order at 11:46 am, welcoming attendees, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She presented Brian Rhodes with the past president pin and announced that the 2023 ASHE Conference will be held in Atlanta this year from June 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. Katie reminded members to go to ASHE Triko Valley's LinkedIn page and follow for important information.

Katie asked for a motion to approve the September General Membership Meeting minutes. The motion was raised by Todd Gadbury and seconded by Brian Rhodes.


For the Secretary's report, Dan Springer had nothing to report.

Eric Kistner presented the treasurer's report (see right). Katie then asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was raised by Todd Gadbury and seconded by Steve Mary.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report.

Over the last forty years, the midterm elections have typically seen control of Congress turn away from the party of the elected President. While the Democrats had control of both the Congressional houses before this year's midterm election, this year, the Republicans failed to make as many gains as predicted. The actual makeup of the House and Senate have yet to be revealed, as key races remain too close to call in two Senate contests and thirty-three House races as of this writing. It is projected that whichever party is the majority in both the House and Senate will be so by a very narrow margin.

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association reported that voters in 18 states approved 88 percent of the 380 state and local ballot initiatives dedicated to improving infrastructure across the county. To further emphasize that point, all six House Republicans who ran for reelection, after bucking their leadership and voting YES on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, won their reelection bids on Tuesday.



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### Triko Valley

MEETING DATE: 11/15/2022

LOCATION:  
ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN  
MONTGOMERY, OHIO

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>OPERATING CAPITAL AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:</b>		<b>\$23,481.35</b>
	(LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING)	
<b>INCOME:</b>	MEETING/LUNCHEON SALES	\$1,320.00
	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$200.00
	CLAY SHOOT SALES	\$600.00
	INITIATION FEE	\$50.00
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$2,170.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	BANK FEES	\$50.00
	MEETING/LUNCHEON EXPENSES	\$1,339.30
	CLAY SHOOT EXPENSES	\$495.35
	NATIONAL ASSESSMENT	\$3,155.00
	REGIONAL POY ENTRY FEES	\$100.00
	REGISTRATION WEBSITE FEES	\$226.60
	REGISTRATION WEBSITE TRANSACTION FEES	\$83.15
	PAYPAL FEES	\$6.07
	SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT	\$6,500.00
	ZOOM PRO ACCOUNT MONTHLY CHARGES	\$63.90
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$12,019.37</b>
<b>OPERATING CAPITAL AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2022:</b>		<b>\$13,631.98</b>
	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>NUMBER OF REGULAR MEMBERS</b>	<b>149</b>	
<b>NUMBER OF STUDENT MEMBERS</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	VERNON STULTZ - KDG CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS	

So what does this mean for our transportation industry? The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was passed just over a year ago to provide monumental funding to fix our nation's infrastructure. However, each of the next four years will need an accompanying appropriations bill to implement the funding set out in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This passage of the total \$110 billion for roads, bridges, and major projects must be authorized yearly, or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has no standing. Please continue to contact your representative, especially the newly elected ones, and become an advocate expert for them to rely on when these authorizations come up. Let's do our part to advocate to the elected officials to keep the funding for our industry on track.

For the Regional Representative report, Brian Rhodes announced that Circle City Chapter in Indiana held its first chapter meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the Detroit, MI area is currently trying to set up an ASHE chapter.

For Triko Valley Membership, Brian Rhodes announced that there was one new member added (Vernon Stultz of KDG) and one guest (Alex McDole of LJB) at the meeting.

Brian Rhodes announced that has begun planning the 2023 golf outing and it will likely be at Glenview, potentially on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Katie Dillenburg mentioned that the Newsletter went out on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

For the Student Chapter report, Shawn Mason announced that he will be coordinating with the University of Cincinnati in January 2023.

Steve Mary presented the Program Report and mentioned Schramm award projects will be presented at the January meeting. In March, we are going to do a combined meeting with the Ohio Contractors Association again but this year, we will be joining their evening dinner meeting instead of our traditional lunch meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will confirm the details and send out more information. Steve also asked the membership for any ideas about a future meeting that would involve a project tour.

Katie Dillenburg presented the Scholarship report on Terry Dull's behalf. Scholarship recipients were announced in the newsletter. Congratulations to Ryan Shoab and Lucia Egula. We will be accepting applications for next year soon. More information is to come.

Katie Dillenburg presented the Social Events report on Terry Dull's behalf. Our Holiday party is scheduled for Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm to 7 pm at deSha's. We are doing a combined event with WTS and ACEC and we will be running a canned food drive. Registration online is open.

Dan Ficker announced that the next adopt a highway cleanup will be held in March 2023. More information is to come.

Paul Durham announced that the website is currently down, and he is continuing to work to resolve the issues.

Todd Gadbury presented the Schramm Awards report. Our Schramm award winners in the under \$5M category, Wayne Madison Road/Hamilton Trenton Road, won the Great Lakes Region regional project of the year award. Information for the 2023 Schramm awards was posted in the newsletter. The entry deadline is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Katie Dillenburg introduced Susan Willeke to present on Engineering Ethics. After the presentation, Susan answered questions from the members.

Katie Dillenburg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Mary made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Brian Rhodes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROGRAM

Our next General Membership meeting, the Schramm Award project presentations, are coming up on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 11:30 am, at the Original Montgomery Inn. On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm, we will join the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Association to hear about the annual Capital Improvements Programs. For future meeting presentations, please contact program chair, Steve Mary, with ideas.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Ryan Shoab and Lucia Egula, recipients of the 2022 ASHE Triko Valley scholarships. We will be accepting applications for next year soon. Please see our website for more information.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Again, thanks to those who volunteered back in September for cleaning up the ASHE Adopt-a-Highway site at the I-71SB entrance ramp to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126). Be on the lookout for a spring cleanup date in March 2023!

### GOLF OUTING

The golf committee will soon start planning the 2023 ASHE Triko Valley Section LlyodWallace Golf Outing. Please reach out to our new committee chair, Brian Rhodes, to offer assistance or to provide feedback so that we can make continue to support and make successful this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

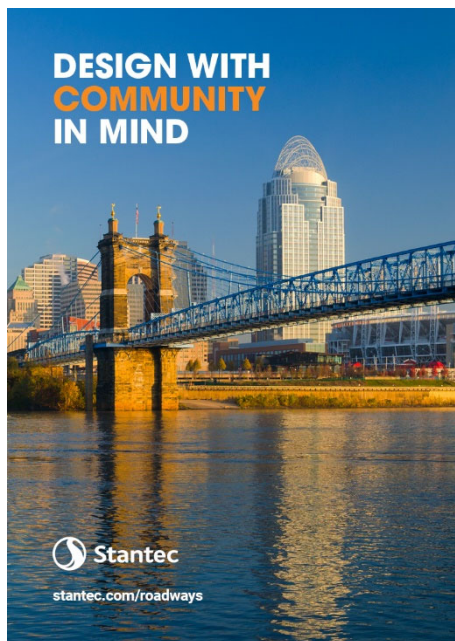


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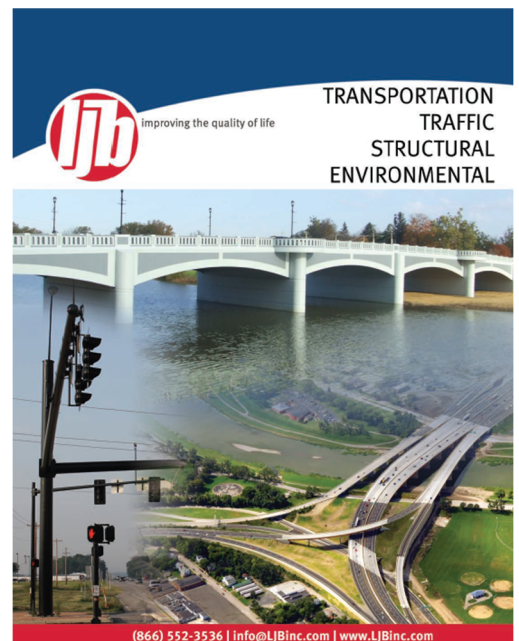
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# ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

## General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN

Please join us for our next General Membership meeting. Presentations will be given for the annual Schramm Awards. Voting by ASHE members only will take place after the presentations are given and awards will be presented at the next General Membership meeting in March.

Cost is \$30 online or at the door. Please RSVP whether paying online or at the door.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, members of ASHE, WTS, and ACEC gathered at deSha's in Montgomery for drinks and appetizers to celebrate the holiday season.

As a group, we donated more than 100 canned food items plus \$70 in cash.

Thank you to Terry Dull for organizing the event and for delivering our donations to the Hope House in Middletown. And thank you to all for participating!



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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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