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### From Our President...



Greetings ASHE! I hope this winter is treating you well and that good things are happening as we move into spring. Your ASHE TRIKO Valley Board is making plans as the warm weather is hopefully approaching (to stay).

This edition of the newsletter is packed full of new information and announcements. In particular, remember that for our annual Capital Improvements Program, we are joining the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Association on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Please see the instructions that follow on how to register.

Since we are attending OCA's meeting, we will keep the business part of our meeting

brief, only providing announcements for some upcoming ASHE events and opportunities. Please mark your calendars for the spring highway cleanup, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. In scholarship news, information will be posted on our website soon. Continue to check online for application deadlines and be sure to share with your co-op students and interns. The annual golf outing will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Glenview Golf Course. We hope you will participate as a golfer, sponsor, volunteer, or all of the above! We are excited to announce the winners of the Schramm awards which will happen during the meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> with plaques to follow in May. The board and Schramm committee extend our thanks to the teams that submitted and presented their projects. The competition is always tough and this year was no exception.

It is also time to start thinking about our next ASHE TRIKO Valley Board First-Year Director. We are currently accepting nominations and the General Membership will vote at our May meeting. Please consider volunteering and serving on the board. I have learned so much and have found it so rewarding and I think our other board members would agree. Feel free to reach out to any of us for more information. And finally, don't forget about the ASHE National Conference which is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta. The technical sessions, tours, and events planned are quite impressive.

With all of these events on the calendar, these late winter and spring seasons will be busy. Please join us for some or all of them and while doing so, help me thank our board of directors and committee chairs for their great work.

Sincerely,

Katie Dillenburger Bayer Becker

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# ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH

On January 24, 2023, the ASHE-Triko Valley Section held the first general membership meeting of 2023.

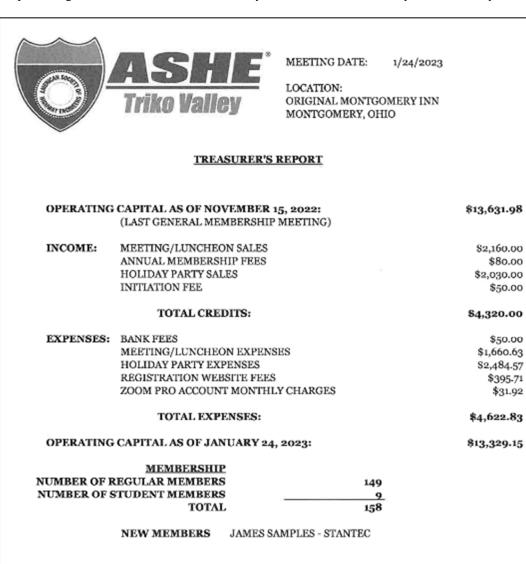
President Katie Dillenburger called the meeting to order at 11:41 am, welcoming attendees, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded members that the 2023 ASHE Conference will be held in Atlanta this year from June 7th through 11th. Katie then reminded members to go to ASHE Triko Valley's Linkedin page and follow the page for important information. Katie then asked for a motion to approve the November General Membership Meeting minutes. The motion was raised by Eric Beck and seconded by Caroline Duffy.

For the Secretary's report, Dan Springer notified members that the National ASHE Membership Register was reviewed and updated match the Triko Valley Membership Register, which was completed in December 2022.

Kistner presented 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 Shadix.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report.

Miracles are happening in Cincinnati! First, the Bengals are having a history making season by going back to the AFC championship in back-to-back seasons for the first time in the history of the franchise! Second, the Brent Spence Bridge project has obtained full funding for the companion bridge! While both feats seem like a miracle, in reality, a lot of planning and preparation by talented people have taken place overall several years that has brought success to both endeavors. Kudos to those involved with both efforts that are now coming to fruition for the Queen City. Anyone know how to suggest to Joe Burrow that he buy the naming rights of the companion bridge and call it the Dev' bridge 'Who programmable LED lights that can change to orange and black? Who



For the Regional Representative report, Brian Rhodes announced Jim Shea from our Region has accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position on the National Board, so he is vacating his current role as National Director for the Great Lakes Region with 2 years remaining on his term. We

ERIC M. KISTNER, TREASURER

are looking for a replacement to serve the remaining 2 years. The National Director position that was recently solicited by the Region was filled by Dave Stills from the Derby City Section. If you have any questions or are interested in serving a 2-year term as National Director for the Great Lakes Region, please let Jim Shea or Caroline Duffy know.

With Brian Rhodes not in attendance, for Triko Valley Membership, Katie Dillenburger had nothing to report.

On behalf of Brian Rhodes, Katie Dillenburger announced that the 2023 golf outing is scheduled for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Glenview Golf Course. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Brian Rhodes.

Katie Dillenburger mentioned that the Newsletter went out on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

For the Student Chapter report, Shawn Mason announced that he will be coordinating with the University of Cincinnati in April 2023. Looking to schedule a Fall 2023 ASHE meeting at UC.

Steve Mary presented the Program Report. Our next meeting, the CIP program, will be held with the Ohio Contractors Association again but this year. We will be joining their evening dinner meeting instead of our traditional lunch meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Steve announced that he is currently looking for a May 2023 presentation, so members were notified to contact Steve if interested in presenting.

Katie Dillenburger presented the Scholarship report on Terry Dull's behalf and mentioned that scholarship applications will be coming soon.

Katie Dillenburger presented the Social Events report on Terry Dull's behalf. Our Holiday party was a success. We are currently looking into the potential for a Reds game in Spring 2023.

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

On Paul Durham behalf, Katie Dillenburger announced that Paul is currently updating the website.

Todd Gadbury led the coordination of the Schramm Award presentations. The following projects were presented. For the under \$5 million category, the 019B00003N Bridge Rehabilitation project with Prus, AECOM, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Five Points Roundabout project with Rack and Ballauer, Strand, and the Butler County Engineer's Office. For the over \$5 million category, the Little Miami Scenic Trail – Beechmont Connection with Kokosing, IBI, and the Great Parks of Hamilton County, and the Graves Road Interchange with Eaton Asphalt, Palmer Engineering, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Voting for the Schramm Awards will be done online, and members will be receiving an e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.





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## ASHE PIN Report – March 2023

The various grant programs generated from the Bipartisian Infrastructure Bill are now being awarded, such as <u>The Safe Streets and Roads For All</u> and the <u>Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program</u> grants. Still looming in the federal realm is the debt ceiling issue. Discussions in Congress about where to cut to reduce the debt include social security, medicare, and defense. Many in Congress deem these areas as 'untouchable' for reductions. Be aware that Congress may look for other programs to cut, including the appropriations for the Bipartisian Infrastructure Bill. Stay tuned.

On the Ohio state level, House Bill 23 has been introduced to the House Finance Committee on February 20. Reports show that the bill includes the creation of a \$1B Rural Highway Fund. Eighty percent of this fund will be used to finance projects on rural state highways and twenty percent will be used for local governments as local matching funds for TRAC eligibility. The bill also permits a community that is not part of a Transportation Improvement District (TID) to contribute toward the financing of a TID project. It would allow a TID to enter into an agreement with a group of contiguous counties, if the project is partially contained in each of the counties and has received federal funding. The bill would appoint a commission to determine additional connection points for the proposed Cincinnati-Columbus-Cleveland high-speed passenger transportation. And it will also require ODOT to ensure that limited access exit and entrance ramps exist on interstate highways every 4.5 miles in adjacent municipal corps, if each has a population of 35,000, they are in different counties and one of the counties has a population exceeding 1 million. While the bill is being discussed in committee, nothing has been passed as of February 28.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PROGRAM**

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm, when we will join the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Association to hear about the annual Capital Improvements Programs. On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 11:30 am, we will hold our last meeting of the season with Advanced Drainage Systems presenting about their recycling and sustainability efforts. For future meeting presentation and tour ideas, please contact program chair, Steve Mary.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

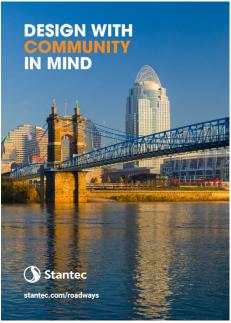
We will be accepting applications for the 2023 ASHE Triko Valley scholarships very soon. Please visit our website for more information.

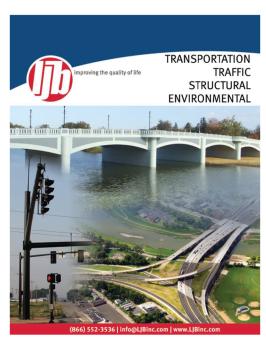


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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Come out and join us on Saturday, April 15, 2023 for the spring cleanup at our adopted interchange, the I-71 SB entrance ramp to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126). We will meet at 10:00 am at the rear parking lot of the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. We will start with a quick safety briefing and then carpool to the interchange for about an hour of cleanup. Please register online at https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/event/ or contact Dan Ficker at dficker@palmernet.com for more information.

#### **GOLF OUTING**

The golf committee is currently planning the 2023 ASHE Triko Valley Section LloydWallace Golf Outing, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Glenview Golf Course. Please reach out to committee chair, Brian Rhodes, to offer assistance. We thank Brian and his team for his work on this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

### ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

### General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, 5:00 PM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN

Please join us for our next General Membership meeting where we are joining the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Associations for the annual Capital Improvements Program.

Cost is \$75. Please register online at ohiocontractors.org/Shared\_Content/Events/Event\_Display.aspx?EventKey=SWFORE23.

### **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!**

\$50/year for newsletter ad \$150/year for newsletter ad and corporate link on theTRIKO website

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



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### 2023 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will hold its annual golf outing on Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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 online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 513-373-6469 or at brian.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sincerely,

**Brian Rhodes** Golf Committee Chairman

#### 2023 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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 Thursday, April 27, 2023. Payment can be made by mail, online at www.trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/ or the day of at the sign-in table.
- Please contact Brian Rhodes at 513-373-6469 or brian.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov 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: City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attn: Brian Rhodes.

Golfer's Name & Company	(\$100 each)	Contests (\$20)		Mulligans (\$5 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:	\$	\$	-	\$	-	

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Company	Circle One		Circle One		Circle 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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