

TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Hello ASHE TRIKO Valley! It is hard to believe, but we are headed into the 2023 Holiday Season. It seems just a few months ago we were requesting Schramm applications.

As we head into the next couple of months, there are some ASHE TRIKO Valley events planned. Up first we have our General Membership Meeting, which is set for November 21st at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. We will then hold our Holiday Party on December 11th from 4-7pm at DeSha's with WTS and ACEC. We will be doing the Food Bank Can Drive again this year so bring your canned goods. DeSha's is located at

11320 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249; I look forward to seeing everyone there. Thanks, Kevin Hendrickson, for putting the holiday party together! Please join us!

It is Schramm season again and we will be accepting applications on Friday, December 15th, 2023. There are two categories: Construction projects over 5 million and under 5 million. Good luck and hope to see lots of submittals.

While we are closing out 2023 and looking forward to 2024, I am excited to see what our next series of programs will bring. We will continue to serve our members with our typical meeting line-up, but we also hope to bring back some tour opportunities and more social events. Please reach out to any Board member or committee chair with any ideas that you may have or to offer your assistance. We appreciate all of you and we need all of you to ensure a successful ASHE TRIKO Valley Section!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season,

Todd Gadbury
Hamilton County Engineer's Office

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ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH

On September 26, 2023, the ASHE-TRIKO Valley Section held the fourth general membership meeting of 2023. Past President Katie Dillenburger called the meeting to order at 11:44 am, welcoming attendees, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced Kevin Hendrickson and Dave Westendorf as our new directors. Katie introduced Jim Shea, 2nd Vice President for National to complete the installment of the new Board of Directors for TRIKO Valley. Katie then handed off the meeting to the new President Todd Gadbury. The previous general meeting minutes were not raised for approval and will be done at our next meeting.

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

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

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report.


ASHE PIN September 2023

General Revenue Fund Budget Bill approved early July.

The general revenue fund appropriates \$500 million to Connect4Ohio that prioritized TRAC funding that focuses on

- (1) Completing existing corridor projects, particularly corridor projects that benefit two or more connected rural counties;
- (2) Eliminating traffic impediments on county, township, state, and federal highway routes, particularly within rural counties;
- (3) Funding such projects at one hundred percent of the project cost, when appropriate, particularly for projects that are located in a rural county or that extend between two or more connected rural counties; and
- (4) Providing the necessary matching funds to receive TRAC approval for any construction projects that are related to the Program and its purpose.

The bill also alters the definition of “rural county” given in the House version to mean a county that does not contain a municipal corporation with a population greater than 55,000 residents, according to the most recent federal decennial census.



MEETING DATE: 9/26/2023

LOCATION:
ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN
MONTGOMERY, OHIO

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| OPERATING CAPITAL AS OF MAY 23, 2023: | | \$21,486.96 |
| (LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING) | | |
| INCOME: | MEETING/LUNCHEON SALES | \$1,230.00 |
| | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES | \$1,120.00 |
| | DISPUTED ITEM REIMBURSEMENT | \$224.97 |
| | INITIATION FEES | \$50.00 |
| | NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE SPONSORSHIPS | \$950.00 |
| | 2023 GOLF OUTING SALES | \$530.00 |
| | TOTAL CREDITS: | \$4,104.97 |
| EXPENSES: | BANK FEES | \$100.00 |
| | 2023 GOLF OUTING EXPENSES | \$362.00 |
| | MEETING/LUNCHEON EXPENSES | \$1,902.96 |
| | REGISTRATION WEBSITE FEES | \$576.80 |
| | REGISTRATION WEBSITE TRANSACTION FEES | \$175.84 |
| | SCHOLARSHIP PAYOUTS | \$6,500.00 |
| | NATIONAL CONFERENCE (PRES. REIMBURSEMENT) | \$1,741.86 |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$11,359.46 |
| OPERATING CAPITAL AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023: | | \$14,232.47 |
| MEMBERSHIP | | |
| NUMBER OF REGULAR MEMBERS | 150 | |
| NUMBER OF STUDENT MEMBERS | 9 | |
| TOTAL | 159 | |
| NEW MEMBER: | SURAJ KHADKA - GEOTECHNOLOGY | |

The bill also restores House language regarding taking a distracted drive safety course in lieu of paying a fine and incurring points for violations. The bill also retains the senate appropriation on Orphan Rail Crossing, Wayside detector grants (with some new guardrails on funding) and Rail Safety Crossing Match funds (\$100 million).

In addition, several economic development, environment, and miscellaneous funding was also included in this bill.

For the Regional Representative report, Katie Dillenburger announced that the regional board met on June 20th and have another meeting on October 16th. Katie also announced that the two 2023 Schramm Award winners submitted for the ASHE National Project of the Year Award.

Brian Rhodes was not in attendance, so there was nothing to report on membership.

Brian Rhodes was not in attendance, so there was nothing to report on the golf outing.

Katie Dillenburger mentioned that the Newsletter and Scanner will be sent out soon.

For the Student Chapter report, Shawn Mason announced that ASHE is looking to present at a future UC ASCE student chapter meeting.

Steve Mary presented the Program Report. Steve announced that the November meeting will be on the topic of ethics and is looking for future program presentations, maybe a tour.

Samantha Poehner presented the Scholarship report and mentioned that the committee had 8 applications. Two were awarded, one to Colby Sipos and one to Derek Rauh, both from UC.

For the Social Events report, Brian Hendrickson mentioned that the sporting clay shooting event will not take place in 2023, but he is thinking of other ideas.

Dan Ficker announced that the next adopt a highway cleanup will be held this fall. More information is to come.

Paul Durham didn't have anything to report on the website.

Todd Gadbury mentioned that the application process will begin in December.

Craig Litmer presented the Plainfield Road Roundabout presentation.

Todd Gadbury made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Steve Mary.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.



ASHE PIN Report – November 2023

On October 3, 2023, by a 216-to-210 vote in the House, marked the first time in history that the House removed its leader, with eight Republicans voting with 208 Democrats to remove Kevin McCarthy. Then over the next three weeks, chaos reigned in the House as several candidates ran for speaker and could not get enough votes to win the speakership. Then a little-known lawmaker, Mike Johnson from Louisiana, was able to secure the needed 220 votes to become the new speaker on October 24. Johnson now faces a daunting list of challenges, with a fast-approaching government shutdown chief among them. The House is staring down a deadline of Nov. 17, when current government funding expires. In his blueprint for the next few months, Johnson said a stopgap measure extending funding until January or April may be needed to approve more spending and avoid a shutdown. Many are waiting on this looming federal government shutdown.

On the local front, voters approves Issue 22 on November 7 which will allow the City of Cincinnati to sell the Cincinnati Southern Railway, the only city-owned railroad in country, to Norfolk Southern Corporation for \$1.6 billion in March, 2024. The majority of this sale will be kept in a trust overseen by the railroad board, which will produce no less than \$26.5 million a year (interest only) to the city to fix or replace city streets, bridges, buildings and other public spaces. Supporters say it's a great deal and believe the annual disbursements could be substantially higher than the \$25 million Norfolk Southern currently pays to lease the railroad, which runs 337 miles from Cincinnati to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The City Officials will now be held to the agreement that they campaigned on to address the \$400 M in infrastructure needs within the city limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

Our next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 11:30 am, at the Original Montgomery Inn for our annual ethics program. For future meeting presentations and tour ideas, please contact program chair, Steve Mary.

SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients, Colby Sipos and Derek Rauh!

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GOLF OUTING

Continued thanks to those who attended and sponsored the 2023 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Golf Outing. Please provide feedback to committee chair, Brian Rhodes, or any board member so that we can make improvements to this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On September 9, 2023, ASHE Triko Valley cleaned up our Adopt-A-Highway location at the SR 126 and I-71 interchange. Thanks, to Dan Ficker for organizing and completing this task for our Section. Stay tuned for a future clean up date.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN

Please join us for the next general membership meeting for our annual ethics program.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Up next for the social committee is the Holiday Party, which is set for Monday, December 11th, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

deSha's
11320 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

Members from WTS and ACEC will also be joining us. Please register online. Registration is \$35 (\$40 at the door), which includes 2 drink tickets plus hot appetizers.

And with the spirit of the season, as part of our community service and outreach program, we will also be running a canned food drive. Please bring a donation.



SCHRAMM AWARDS GREAT LAKES PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Our winners of the Schramm Awards, the Five Points Roundabout project and the Graves Road Interchange project, were submitted to the ASHE Great Lakes Region for consideration of the regional Project of the Year award.

On October 17th,
at the All-Ohio ASHE luncheon at
OTEC, the Graves Road Interchange
project received the award for the
over \$10 million category.

Congratulations to the
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet,
Palmer Engineering, and Eaton
Asphalt!



Some important dates for the 2023 Schramm Awards are coming up. Please stay tuned.

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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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