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From Our President...



Greetings ASHE! I hope everyone is as excited for Spring as I am. Your ASHE TRIKO Valley Board is making plans as the warm weather is hopefully approaching. 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 26, 2023, at 11:30 am. Please see the instructions that follow on how to register. Since OCA is joining our meeting, we will keep the business part of our meeting brief.

Please mark your calendars for the spring highway cleanup, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM. In scholarship news, information is posted

on our website. 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 2, 2024, 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 2024 Schramm awards which will happen during the meeting on March 26th with plaques to be handed out. 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 5th through 9th in Raleigh, North Carolina. 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,
Todd C. Gadbury
Deputy Engineer, Hamilton County

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ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH

On January 23, 2024, the ASHE-TRIKO Valley Section held the first general membership meeting of 2024. President Todd Gadbury called the meeting to order at 11:39 am, welcoming attendees, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Todd reminded attendees that the 2024 ASHE National Conference will be held in Raleigh, NC from June 5th through June 9th. Todd also briefly discussed the ASHE & OCA Work forecast for March, and more information will be coming in the next few weeks.

The September 2023 general meeting minutes were raised for approval. Steve Mary made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dave Westendorf. The November 2023 general meeting minutes were raised for approval. Steve Mary made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Dave Westendorf.

Stan Harris was not in attendance and no ASHE National update was presented.

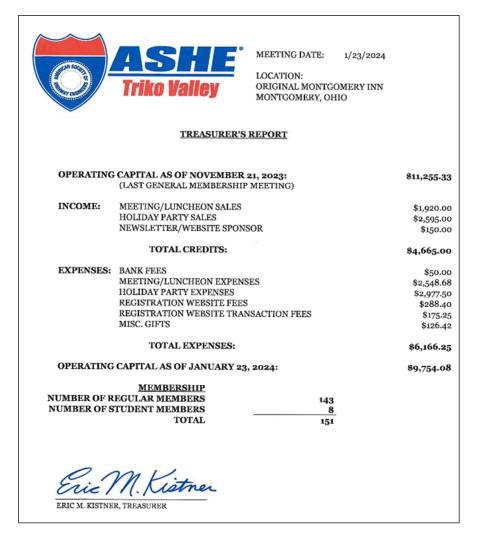
For the Secretary's report, Dan Springer reminded the attendees that he has the new membership certificates and pins.

Eric Kistner presented the treasurer's report (see right). A motion to approve the report was not taken.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report.

The return of Congress on January 7th had the announcement that \$1.7 trillion budge agreement had been reached by Senator Chuck Schumer and Speaker Mike Johnson, which is the first step in averting a government shutdown for the fiscal year that began on October 1, 2023. Congress still had until January 19th to negotiate the budget for the Transportation-Housing appropriations. On January 18th, the House and Senate passed a stopgap measure to extend the transportation bill deadline to March 1. Speaker Johnson has faced substantial criticism from conservative GOP members for working with Democrats to extend the shutdown deadline.

The Kentucky legislature is currently in session. HB 110 introduces the Governor's recommended



Transportation Cabinet Budget for approval. Another bill, HB 246, will establish the procedures for the Transportation Cabinet and local governments to enter into a lease agreement with private entities for the naming rights of roads or bridges and for the installation of signage. Here's to naming the Brent Spence Companion Bridge the "Who Dey" bridge! Stay tuned as the outcome of these bills are decided by the republican lawmakers and the democratic governor by mid-April.

The sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, which is slated in March 2024, will add \$2.6M to the City of Cincinnati coffers to spend annually. The streets and sidewalks wish list includes the following:

- 1. Mill Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation;
- 2. Street rehabilitation;
- 3. Converting electrical lights to LED;
- 4. Improving traffic signals citywide;
- 5. Traffic calming: asphalt speed hump reconstruction citywide;
- 6. Streetlight replacement in Central Business District; and
- 7. Replacing pavers in the crosswalks and sidewalks in Central Business District.

Stay tuned for more information on these movements as we move forward in 2024!

For the Regional Representative report, Katie Dillenburger reminded attendees about the ASHE National funding campaign to promote Regional Chapter growth and membership.

Brian Rhodes was not in attendance to present the membership report.

Dave Westendorf presented the golf outing report. Dave said that the golf committee is still evaluating the location for the 2024 event and it has been narrowed down to Fairfield and Glenview.

Katie Dillenburger informed attendees that the Newsletter and Scanner went out last week.

For the Student Chapter report, Shawn Mason was not in attendance and no report was given.

Steve Mary presented the Program Report. Steve is looking for speakers for May and September 2024.

Samantha Poehner was not in attendance and no Scholarship report was given.

For the Social Events report, Brian Hendrickson was not in attendance and no report was given.

Dan Ficker announced that he is looking to schedule a highway cleanup event in March.

Paul Durham provided the website report and mentioned that he is currently receiving help with updating the website.

For the Schramm Awards presentations, Todd Gadbury introduced each project and presenter and facilitated the presentations.

Project		Cost	Contractor	Consultant	Owner	
1.	S.R. 32 & Eight Mile Road Intersection Improvements	\$4.9M	John R. Jurgenson Co.	Stantec	ODOT	
2.	Lamme Road Improvements	\$2.6M	Eagle Bridge	EL Robinson	Montgomery County Engineer's Office	
3.	Princeton Road at Mauds Hughes Road Roundabout	\$4.6M	Rack & Ballauer, Eagle Bridge	LJB, TranSystems, Mead & Hunt	Butler County Engineer's Office	
4.	Plainfield Road Roundabouts	\$15M	RB Jergens	American Structurepoint	City of Blue Ash	
5.	I-71/I-75 & KY 338 Interchange Improvements	\$65M	Eaton Asphalt, JRJ, Haydon Bridge	HDR & Parsons	KYTC	

Katie Dillenburger made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Steve Mary.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.

ASHE PIN - March 2024

Congress passed the spending package on March 8th, 2024 that had an original date of September 30, 2023. The overall package represents a good deal that will prevent the shutdown of key federal agencies programs and provide stability in federal funding through to September 30, 2024. The bill unlocks the authorized funding levels for highway and transit formula programs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which makes no changes to the advanced appropriations for transportation programs, which is great for the industry. This authorizes \$60.835 billion in Highway Trust Fund formula funding for 2024, plus provides an additional \$9.454 billion in advanced appropriations from the General Fund for 2024. In addition to those totals, the bill provides \$1.88 billion in congressionally directed community project funding, \$100 million for Appalachian highway development, \$50 million for bridge reconstruction and repair in states with low population density, and \$10 million for the regional infrastructure accelerator program.

In Kentucky, Governor Andy Beshear has unveiled a 2024 Recommended Highway Plan featuring more than 1,300 projects throughout the state has been authorized during the 2024 General Assembly. The plan includes almost \$600 million yearly in state and federal funding for 1300 projects. The recommended highway plan is based on anticipated revenues of \$8.65 billion through 2030 - \$7.7 billion in federal-aid highway program funding and the required state match plus \$950 million in anticipated state road fund revenues. During the 2024 General Assembly, funding for the first two years of the highway plan is expected to be authorized on or before April 15th.

Ohio is operating under the funding bill that was signed into law last year and will expire next year.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting – Capital Improvements Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN

This will be a joint meeting with the Ohio Contractor's Association. Please register online.



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2027 National Conference

Three sections, the Derby City Section, Bluegrass Section, and the TRIKO Valley Section, have been awarded the 2027 ASHE National Conference. The conference will be held in Louisville with technical tours, guest events, and entertainment to be held in the geographic region of the three sections. We are looking for volunteers from the TRIKO Valley section for the various committees, as noted below.

- 1. Financial Manages conference budget (~\$250k-\$300k), prepares quarterly treasurer's report, obtain EIN from IRS, prepares yearly tax forms.
- 2. Sponsorship In charge of program booklet ads, sponsorships for conference events, maintains master contact list of sponsors.
- 3. Technical Plans technical sessions for conference, coordinate AV needs for conference sessions, provide adequate signage to get people to their sessions, coordinate with speakers on their arrival time and obtain speaker gifts, manage CEUs/PDHs.
- 4. Exhibit Coordinate exhibition hall, solicit exhibitors, coordinate exhibitor registration with other subcommittees.
- 5. Program Develop conference logo/theme, produce conference program booklet, plan opening session, coordinate keynote speakers and awards banquet presentations, investigate electronic program (on mobile devices) in addition to printed program.
- 6. Registration & Reception Coordinate online registration platform for conference and develop registration form, provide attendee name tags, handle on-site registration, coordinate attendee hospitality room.
- 7. Entertainment coordinate entertainment for opening reception and opening session, past president's luncheon and evening dinners/banquets.
- 8. PR/Publicity Prepare publications for advance coverage to interested parties, prepare ad for 2027 to be printed in the 2026 program booklet, prepare Scanner article publicizing the conference, prepare and maintain conference website, responsible for photography of the conference.
- 9. Golf Secure golf course, solicit prizes, establish foursomes, coordinate other off-site "fun" events (i.e. clay shoots, etc.).
- 10. Transportation Coordinate shuttles for off-site events, contact local transportation sources about discounted rates for attendees.
- 11. Guest Program select and make arrangements for guest activities and establish cost for each activity, provide guest registration material for registration form.
- 12. Facilities solicit and procure conference hotel and meeting space accommodations, serve as primary point of contact with hotel facilities.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Caroline Duffy at 143Engineers@gmail.com.

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SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship window is still open...encourage your co-ops to apply! Please see https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/scholarships/ for the ASHE TRIKO Valley 2024 Scholarship Application. The scholarship deadline has been extended to March 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM EDT with award decision and notification no later than April 12, 2024. There will be one \$5,000 scholarship and one \$1,500 scholarship awarded. Scholarships are open to undergraduate college students expecting to graduate from a transportation or construction related program within the next two school years (graduating in 2024 and 2025). Contact Samantha Poehner at spoehner@compassinf.com with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Cleanup dates for our Adopt-A-Highway work at the SR 126 and I-71 interchange are set for this year:

April 13, 2024 | July 20, 2024 | September 28, 2024

Please add these dates to your calendar and let's join Dan Ficker and his team in completing a successful community service event.

GOLF OUTING

The golf committee is currently planning the 2024 ASHE Triko Valley Section LlyodWallace Golf Outing, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Glenview Golf Course. Please reach out to our committee chair, Brian Rhodes, to offer assistance. We thank Brian and his team for their work on this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY – ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024, 10:00 AM

We will be meeting at 10:00 AM at the Rear Parking Lot of The Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery and carpooling to the site. Please register online or contact Dan Ficker via email dficker@palmernet.com or call/text 513.498.6921, if you plan to attend, so we can make sure to have enough equipment. Suggested attire includes sturdy boots, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and a hat. Ages 12 years and up are welcome! (Ages 12-18 will require a special release form which will be supplied). If you plan to participate, please watch the Adopt-A-Highway Safety Training before the event at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwTaEDNNFLA

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

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

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







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Ohio • Kentucky • Florida Tennessee • West Virginia 2024 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will hold its annual golf outing on Thursday, May 2, 2024, 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 \$125 per golfer, which includes greens fees with cart at an excellent golf course, entrance into contests, mulligans, lunch at the grill with drinks, and a buffet dinner 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. Last year, in conjunction with JR Jurgensen we awarded a combined \$6,500 in scholarships to Colby Sipos (CO 2025, Construction Management) and Derek Rauh (CO 2024,

Civil Engineering), both University of Cincinnati students.

A donation of \$175 will give your firm a hole sponsorship. Your firm's logo or name will be placed on a sign at a tee box. A donation of \$250 will give your firm a beverage cart or lunch sponsorship. Lunch sponsors are recognized with signs at the grill and at the post-outing reception. Beverage cart sponsors are recognized with signage on the

beverage cart making its way around the course throughout the outing.

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

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2024 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

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10:00 am to 10:45 am 10:45 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm (or following golf) Registration and Lunch Announcements Shotgun Start

Dinner Buffet and Prize Presentation

Cost per Golfer: \$125

- Lunch at the clubhouse grill will be provided prior to the shotgun start. During golf, a beer and snack cart will be on the course to accept tickets and/or cash payment. Buffet dinner will be served immediately aftergolf.
- Please consider a hole sponsorship for \$175, or a lunch or beverage 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. Mulligans and entrance into contests are included in the registration.
- Registration deadline is Thursday, April 25, 2024. 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	(\$125 each)
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Amount Due:	\$

Sponsors/Donations

		Hole Sponsor (\$175)		Beverage Sponsor (\$250)		Lunch Sponsor (\$250)	
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Committee Chair Contact Information

ASHE TRIKO Valley has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair 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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