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President's Message

By Patrick Herl



Happy New Year! The holiday season has ended and the ASHE board is busy planning another year of activities for our membership. Recently, we held a "learn to curl" event at the Columbus Curling Club. This was a great event that provided the attendees with a better appreciation for the sport and to experience how difficult throwing stones and sweeping can be. On January 17th, we had a technical luncheon where Brian Stevens, from Woolpert, presented on Mobile Mapping. It was an interesting topic and a great way for our members to obtain a professional development hour. I hope to see everyone at our next luncheon scheduled for March 27th. This combined event with ASCE will highlight Franklin County's Dodridge Street bridge replacement project, which is currently under construction. The luncheon includes a walking tour of the jobsite. I encourage you to reach out to your friends and associates that work for contracting companies and extend our invitation to join the luncheon. Speaking of contractors, we would like to see our membership continue to grow and we feel that the contracting community would be a great place to target new applicants. If you have any suggestions for the board on ways to get more contractor involvement, please let one of us know.

While on the subject of membership, I would like to welcome our newest members and introduce them to our Central Ohio section:

Troy Kyle – Burgess & Niple
 Josh Epperson – HNTB Corporation
 Matthew Lorenz – RW Armstrong
 Andrew Gall – Flexible Pavements of Ohio
 Stephanie Phillips – PB World
 Chris Jackman – McCormick Taylor
 Ryan Hutson – ME Companies

In an effort to attract new members, we have created a membership drive that is explained in more detail later in this newsletter. Our Membership Director, Mike Raubenolt, has designed a really fun program that will reward several new members and their sponsors alike. I am eager to see what becomes of this exciting promotion.

In our last newsletter, I briefly mentioned our plan to formalize a Scholarship program. Dave Jones, Past President, and I had a meeting with representatives from The Ohio State University to discuss options and the necessary steps for creating an annual scholarship fund with the College of Engineering. A major benefit of working with

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23, 2012

Engineer's Week Luncheon

March 27, 2012

Luncheon

May 3, 2012

Spring Technical Seminar

May 2012

Annual Luncheon

June 7-12, 2012

National Conference

July 20, 2012

Golf Outing

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PAYMENT FOR **ASHE** EVENTS IS
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE
THROUGH PAYPAL. IF YOU NEED
ASSISTANCE CONTACT PROGRAM
DIRECTOR SCOTT ROE.



President's Message Cont.

OSU on this program is that our board will not be required to manage the scholarship program after the initial framework is set. OSU will solicit candidates and select a deserving winner based on very specific criteria that we will establish. Our goal is to reward a current student in the engineering program for their academic and professional achievements. By rewarding a student each year, we will be promoting our industry to college students and attracting them to a career in the Highway industry. I have formed a committee of other ASHE members to help me put the finishing touches to our Scholarship fund. If you are interested in being a committee member or if you have general questions, please let me know. I am always eager to hear your feedback. Email: herlp@contech-cpi.com

Finally, Spring is just around the corner and better weather is sure to follow. I hope to see everyone in the coming months and later this summer. Perhaps at our Ron Zook Memorial Golf outing in July? It will be here before you know it!

New Membership

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please contact Scott Seaman:

Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org

Email addresses will not be released.



ASHE Websites:

Local: www.centralohioashe.org

National: www.highwayengineers.org

You can find information about the Central Ohio Chapter, view upcoming events and even register for ASHE events.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable highway system through education, innovation and fellowship.



ASHE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA June 7-12, 2012

For more information, go to www.highwayengineers.org

The ASHE Central Ohio Section Needs You!



Volunteers are needed for several board and committee positions. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Herl at pherl@contech-cpi.com

ASHE Central Ohio Project of the Year

Applications have been received for Project of the Year, and the judges are in the process of making a selection. Award announcement will be at the Engineers Week Luncheon on February 24.

Change of address?

If you have recently changed employers, moved, or otherwise have changes to your contact information, please update your information on the ASHE national website at <http://www.highwayengineers.org/membership.html>. Updated information entered here will automatically be sent to Scott Seaman, the Central Ohio Section Secretary. Just choose the Great Lakes Region | Central Ohio Section from the scroll tab.



Membership Drive

In order to encourage the growth of our section the board is sponsoring a membership drive which continues up to the luncheon on the 27th of March. During this period all new applications are put into a raffle and the winning application wins a \$50 card for BOTH the new member and the sponsor. A total of three applications will be drawn in the raffle for a total of \$300.00 in prizes. There is a one prize per person limit for this raffle. If the same sponsoring member's name is pulled during the raffle an additional application will be pulled and that sponsoring member will win the prize. Interested participants should fill out the [membership application](#) and be sure to include the sponsoring member's information on the top right of the form so that both are entered for a chance in the raffle. Current members can sponsor an unlimited number of new applicants. If you have any questions please call Mike Raubenolt at 614.827.6105

ASHE Spring 2012 Technical Seminar *Innovating the Project Development Process* *Cost & Time Savings from Planning to Construction* *Thursday May 3, 2012*

Those responsible for the planning, design and construction of transportation projects have faced a number of new challenges over the past few years. As a result, the cost and schedules of these projects tend to grow with each passing year. This seminar will focus on ways to minimize roadblocks and open doors. Sessions will include:

- ◆ Financing Projects
- ◆ Avoiding Environmental Hurdles
- ◆ Generating Public Support
- ◆ Efficient Design Methods
- ◆ Coordinating with Challenging Stakeholders
- ◆ Contractor Perspectives on Construction Issues.

All day seminar includes continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks.

Hotel rooms are available at special pricing.

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43229

For more information contact Jen Alford at JAlfordPE@Gmail.com and check:

<http://www.centralohioashe.org/news.html>

REGISTER TODAY FOR CENTRAL OHIO ENGINEERS WEEK LUNCHEON

WHEN: Thursday, February 23, 2012
11:30 AM Registration
12:00 Noon Luncheon

WHERE: Bridgewater Conference Center
10561 Sawmill Parkway
Powell Ohio 43065
(614) 734-9800



The Keynote Speaker is Bryan Palaszewski of NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center.

John will speak about impacts NASA has made on the average American life.

Bryan has worked at the NASA Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field since 1989 and is currently directing research on high performance propellants and atmospheric entry. He currently leads work related to human Mars entry, descent, and landing (EDL) where rocket deceleration is planned for the final descent to the planet's surface. He is also investigating outer planet atmospheres and the challenges and benefits of mining them for future space missions.

\$25 Early Bird Registration (by February 9th)

\$35 Late Registration (depending on availability, walk-ins may not be accepted)

Students FREE - Bring your resume

***Registration begins January 9. Register online at <http://ohio.apwa.net/events/8509/>**

Payment in advance via credit or debit cards strongly encouraged.

If paying by check make check payable to the Ohio APWA

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Society of Manufacturing Engineers (Chapter 36)

Ohio Society of Professional Engineers

Engineer's Club of Columbus

American Society of Civil Engineers

Woman's Transportation Seminar

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (Ohio Chapter)

Institute of Transportation Engineers

American Society of Highway Engineers



January Luncheon



Scott Roe extends thanks to speaker Brian Stevens

The January luncheon was held at the Crowne Plaza on January 17. Brian Stevens of Woolpert spoke on mobile mapping and laser scanning. Brian explained how static scanning technology is used including the current ability to collect data at highway speeds.

Adopt-a-Highway



The Central Ohio Section has adopted a section of highway! We have joined the more than 1,400 ODOT Adopt-a-Highway groups statewide that volunteer to clean a two-mile long section of highway four times a year. Each year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is forced to spend \$4 million on litter pick-up...a preventable problem. That money could be used to install 323 culverts, pave 40 miles of a two-lane road, install 340 miles of guardrail, or purchase 28 snowplow trucks. Statewide last year, ODOT spent \$4.4 million and 206,221 hours picking up 392,305 bags of trash.

The Central Ohio Section is responsible for the section of I-670 adjacent to Grandview Avenue. The first event is tentatively scheduled for April. Stay tuned for more details !

March Luncheon Tuesday, March 27, 2012



Dodridge Street Bridge Rendering

The March luncheon will be a tour of the new Dodridge Street Bridge, currently under construction. The tour will start at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road.

This is a joint luncheon with ASCE.

See the ASHE website for more details.

CURLING SUCCESS!

In one of the more unusual ASHE social events ever held, more than 20 brave souls showed up at the Columbus Curling Center (Silver Drive near I-71 and Weber Road) to receive an introduction to curling. We are glad to report that no known casualties were reported. Everyone got to learn and try the four positions—the thrower, the sweepers, and the skip. The ice actually is pebbled, which is achieved by spraying the ice with a special device before play (still plenty slippery though!) Everyone had fun delivering the stone to the house!



**Relaxing in the “Warm House”
Post Curling**



All the Brave Souls



Delivering the Stone



Sweep! Sweep!

The Central Ohio Section of ASHE

Wishes to thank our sponsors for their generous support.



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