



# Newsletter

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## President's Message

By Ron Mattox

In May I was elected President of the Central Ohio Section of ASHE. For my first President's message I thought it would be appropriate to provide some background on who I am and what I would like to see happen with the section in the coming year.

I have been involved in transportation for more than 30 years now. Initially focused on bridges I have since broadened my perspective to include roadways, traffic, environmental, geotechnical, and funding. I chose Civil Engineering as a career back in High School because I wanted to see projects get built and I wanted a career that would benefit as many people as possible. Transportation has done that for me. Over the years I have had the good fortune to be involved in several major projects, and a couple of unique ones, but for the most part the projects have been less complex and not as high profile. For the owners these projects were no less important than the big award winning projects. I still enjoy seeing each project through to completion.

As my career progressed I felt it was more and more important to be involved at a professional level in organizations that promoted engineering. I attended luncheons, took part in technical seminars and became a board member in different professional organizations. I expanded out to working with students in grade school, high school and college to get them interested in becoming Civil Engineers. All of this is a way to promote engineering and giving back to our profession.

Most recently I became an ASHE board member primarily because it has a transportation focus but also because of the people I have met. The makeup of the Board changes each year but in general we have worked to improve the section and promote transportation. I intend to continue to reach for these goals. For me this means increasing our membership by broadening the groups of people we serve and represent. A majority of our members are from consulting firms. We need to increase our membership from other groups including ODOT, counties, municipalities, public agencies, MPOs, contractors, vendors and manufactures. We also need to increase our diversity with regard to race and gender. To achieve these goals we need to understand what it is that we need to provide to individuals in these groups to make them want to be a part of ASHE.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 18, 2012**

Adopt-A-Highway  
Loose Goose Restaurant

**August 23, 2012**

GIS Systems Presentation  
Hilliard, OH

**September 25, 2012**

Capital Improvements Luncheon  
Villa Milano

**October 30, 2012**

OTEC Luncheon  
Columbus, OH

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND  
PAYMENT FOR ASHE EVENTS IS  
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE  
THROUGH PAYPAL. IF YOU NEED  
ASSISTANCE CONTACT PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR JOESEPH RIKK.

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### President's Message Cont.

We have already had several discussions on this topic and will be reaching out to all our current members to hear your ideas and thoughts. We are also reaching out to other groups to understand their needs and reasons for not joining.

We really are a strong group of dedicated people. As we get larger both locally and nationally, and we represent more diverse groups of people, we can have more say in policy matters and make more of a difference in our profession. I plan on making this year one step in that direction.

While large numbers can be great it is just as important to have participation by our members in our programs, seminars and activities. I give my time and energy because I believe it is important to give back to my profession and because I have found I very much enjoy working with the other members and meeting new people. I encourage everyone to get involved. If you feel so inspired please contact any of the board members. I will save more on this topic for another President's Message.

On a final note I would like to thank Patrick Herl for his leadership of ASHE, Central Ohio Section last year. Under his leadership we have moved forward to establish and implement a scholarship fund for Transportation Students at The Ohio State University. He is currently leading the Scholarship Committee and providing continued support to the Board.

### **ASHE Websites:**

Local: [www.centralohioashe.org](http://www.centralohioashe.org)

National: [www.highwayengineers.org](http://www.highwayengineers.org)

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

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## **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 Central Ohio Project of the Year

The 2011 ASHE Central Ohio Project of the Year winner was announced at the May luncheon. The winning project was the **Alkire Road Widening and Railroad Bridge Replacement**. It was Designed by TranSystems Corporation. The construction was completed by Shelly and Sands, and the project owner is Franklin County. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!



Central Ohio Members,

ASHE is cosponsoring a GIS Systems luncheon with the Central Ohio section of APWA on Thursday August 23rd. See below for more details.

### GIS Systems Presentation

**Dates**                      Event Date                      Thursday, August 23, 2012  
   Registration Dates              July 10, 2012 to August 20, 2012

**Location:**                      [Joint Safety Services Building](#)  
   5171 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026

**[Register Online Here!](#)**

**Description:**

COAPWA and the Central Ohio ASHE Section are hosting a lunch presentation on GIS Systems.

**Location:**              Joint Safety Services Building, 5171 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026

**When:**                      August 23, 2012 from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

This presentation will provide attendees with a better understanding of how GIS systems are being used with current technology.

**Cost:**                      \$10.00 and includes lunch.

**Register at:**              <http://ohio.apwa.net/events/9809/> (You will need to have a free APWA account to register.)

**Workshop Sponsors:**



**Schedule:**

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Registration  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM - GIS Systems Presentation

**Contact:**

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**Rumor has it that a winning lottery ticket was found by a volunteer picking up trash along the highway!!  
Another great reason to join us for cleanup of our adopted interchange!**

**Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00**

**Our last cleanup in May went very well with 15 volunteers getting together for breakfast and fun on the highway.**

Our ASHE section will be cleaning up the I-670/Grandview Ave. interchange on Saturday August 18, 2012. We will be meeting at the Loose Goose Restaurant located in the northeast quadrant of our interchange. At 10:00, we will get together for a safety briefing after which we walk to the interchange for a about an hour of cleanup. The following will be provided:

- Leather gloves
- Bright, stylish safety vests
- Pickers
- Trash Bags
- Bottled Water
- Men Working Signage

Suggest you wear sturdy boots, long pants, light weight long sleeve shirt and hat. All are welcome!



**After the cleanup we will gather at the Loose Goose for lunch and vote for the most unusual item collected.**

**Gift cards will be awarded for the most unusual item and the most trash collected.**

If you plan to participate, please contact Ron Mattox so that we can ensure we can have plenty of stylish equipment



# Annual Golf Outing

The 2012 golf outing at Fire Fox Golf Club was a huge success! There were 50 golfers that participated in the outing that was followed by buffet dinner. The winners of the outing were Rob Riley, Ryan Mraz, Jeff Griffin, and Aaron Call with a score of 60. Thanks to generous contributions over 400 dollars was raised for the scholarship fund! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen. We look forward to seeing you all out there next year.



Congratulations to the winning team pictured above!



## 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.

## 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.



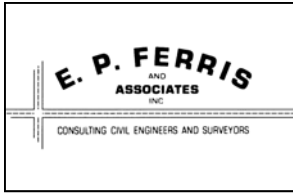
## \$\$\$\$ Money Matters \$\$\$\$

### Annual Dues Invoice

You should have received your annual dues invoice via e-mail on May 7. Payment was due by June 4. If you have not sent in your payment, please do as soon as possible. See your e-mail or the ASHE website [ASHE 2012-2013 Dues Renewal Online Payments](#) for more information or contact [Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org](mailto:Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org).

# The Central Ohio Section of ASHE

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