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The President's Message



This past May, I was lucky enough to be sworn in as this year's ASHE Central Ohio President. This is a true honor for me to follow in the footsteps of so many great ASHE presidents. They have set the standard high due to their hard work and dedication they put in to make our Central Ohio ASHE section what it is today. I hope to continue this progression of building a successful ASHE section during my presidency.

Many of you might not know me, so let me take a second to introduce myself. I am originally from Akron, Ohio and attended The Ohio State University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 2007. Through my coursework and internships I had developed an interest in Transportation design. After graduation I was hired as an engineer locally at Parsons Brinckerhoff. I worked there for 6 years before changing positions to my current employer, OHM Advisors. I became involved in ASHE right out of college by attending luncheons and serving on the younger members board. My involvement with ASHE is invaluable. It continues to be a resource for networking and meeting so many wonderful and talented colleagues. I am truly honored to serve as this year's president.

This year my goals for our section are to increase the involvement we have with the students that attend The Ohio State University. I would like to do this in two ways. First, we have already established a scholarship fund through the university where we award at least one \$2500 scholarship to a student. I would like to expand this fund to increase the number of awards given annually. Second, I would like to provide our members an opportunity to interact with the students through mentoring events. Through these activities, I would hope to gain enough interest from the students and ultimately start up a student chapter of ASHE at the university. I hope with these activities we can lay the groundwork for future members and continued growth of our section.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank last year's Central Ohio president, Aaron Call, for his hard work and dedication to our section last year. I would like to continue Aaron's enthusiasm he had for trying to find ways to improve the benefits to our membership.

There is a great group of people on our board that I am excited to work with this year and I thank them for volunteering their time to serve on the board. Much of what happens for the section is because of them and I look forward to this year and all that we hope to accomplish. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to lead this organization and I will do my best to continue to strengthen our section.

Sincerely,
Angela Fedak, PE

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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.

Spring Technical Seminar

The Central Ohio Section of ASHE hosted our annual spring technical seminar on May 8th at the Crown Plaza in Columbus. The topic was "Improving Central Ohio's Major Roadways Through Safer Interchanges" A great lineup of speakers were assembled from ODOT and Engineering Consultants to discuss the Dublin I-270 / US-33 Interchange and the Columbus – Worthington North Side Super Fix at the I-270 / US-23 & I-270 / SR-315 interchanges. The event was perfectly timed, as funding was just secured for the SR 315 Interchange and the construction for I-270 /US-33 was in its initial stages. The seminar touched on the benefits of schedule reviews and we were provided a glimpse of how 3-D animation and social media plays key role in educating the public on what the finished project will look like and keeping the public informed of changes in construction traffic patterns.

The event kicked off at 8am and everyone was on their way back to their offices by lunchtime. ASHE provided a large continental breakfast spread with plenty of refreshments to fuel the attendees for the day. Vendors and engineering firms exhibited during the breaks and the morning registration period. The Central Ohio ASHE Spring Seminar provided PDF credits to the 50 design professionals who attended and was a good source for networking and growth in Central Ohio's engineering community.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please go to our website, www.CentralOH.ASHE.pro, or contact Scott Seaman,

SSeaman@GPDGroup.com

* Email addresses will not be released but are available to members.

INTERCHANGE CLEAN UP

ASHE Central Ohio Adopt-A-Highway

Our latest cleanup of the Granview/I-670 Interchange occurred on Saturday, August 8th. The high temperatures had us seeing double as only 6 members made it out to the cleanup and we had to double our powers to get the job done. Alex Monda and Andrew Schwab won the gift cards for participating in their first cleanup and finding the most interesting items. After the cleanup we enjoyed a nice lunch together at Woodland's. Thank you to all of the volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway event: Jennifer Cross, Ted Beidler, Aaron Call, Adam Dahlfors, Alex Monda, and Andrew Schwab.

Hopefully we will have more volunteers at our next cleanup this fall!





1st Place Team - Angela Fedak, Troy Euton, Darrell Miller, Justin Meranda



Great volunteer help at the Hole in One Challenge... Thanks Chrissy and Libby!



ASHE Golf 2015, PGA Tour May Have Interest

ASHE Central Ohio had another great showing at the 8th annual Ronald L. Zook Memorial Golf Outing at Foxfire Golf Club. On Friday July 17th 60 golfers came out to enjoy the warm weather and a great fellowship. Throughout the day, cheers could be heard around the Players Club Course as teams were having a blast and trying to use their talent and/or luck to win some of our skills prizes and overall score prizes. The hole-in-one challenge was again held on hole 17 and though several players made the green, no one was able to walk away with the \$10,000 prize this year. After the day on the course, everyone headed back to the clubhouse for dinner. We had tons of great prizes provided by ASHE and also donations from various local

firms. Door prizes went fast before handing out the skills and placement prizes. This year, a team from OHM comprised of Angela Fedak, Darrell Miller, Troy Euton, and Justin Meranda rocked the competition, shooting 16 under for the day and also winning the skins game. Several of their members also won skills competitions on various holes. Tiger Woods announced soon after that he was hiring a new swing coach.... coincidence, I think not! 2015 was another successful ASHE golf outing. Thanks to all who came out and the firms that helped sponsor the event. Next year's outing is already scheduled for July 15, 2016, which should give everyone plenty of time to work on dropping a few strokes.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ASHE Members got together for Habitat for Humanity Build Day on Saturday, September 19. The weather was great and we had 10 members who worked from 8:30 am to 3 pm. By the end of the day, we put up soffit and fascia and installed handrails on the exterior of the house. ASHE is planning to have another Habitat for Humanity Build Day in early summer of 2016.



HAPPY HOUR TRANSPORTS ASHE TO MUNICH

ASHE held our first happy hour event of the year at the newly opened Hofbrauhaus in Grandview Yard on May 19th. The Hofbrauhaus franchise is well known for their delicious Bavarian fare and on site brewery. ASHE Central Ohio provided a variety of tasty German appetizers for the attendees and all were treated to drink tickets allowing our members to sample some of the great brews from the in house brewery. The weather was gorgeous though a bit chilly that day and we hope to make a trip back soon to take advantage of the great patio at Hofbrauhaus. Thanks for all who attended. Look for more membership events to be organized by our membership director, Emily Steva.



2015 Project of the Year Award Winners

Civil engineering is a humble profession. Day after day, civil engineers work tirelessly to provide a quality of life that is taken for granted by most Americans. Rarely do we take the time to step back and think about all the good that we have accomplished, let alone share our accomplishments with others.

The Central Ohio Chapter of ASHE appreciates all the hard work that civil engineers do. Every year, we call on our colleagues to share their accomplishments with us, so that we can recognize them for their efforts. We do this through our annual Project of the Year Awards competition.

Once again this year, an esteemed panel of judges comprised of an owner's representative, a design firm, and a contractor had the difficult task of evaluating six entries, three for projects with a construction value under \$5 million and three projects with a construction value over \$5 million. These projects included:

- Emerald Parkway Improvements, submitted by Burgess & Niple
- FRA-Scioto Bikeway Connector submitted by Jobes Henderson



The Crossroads Project



The Crossroads Project

- I-71/670 Interchange Reconstruction submitted by CH2M Hill
- Lithopolis-Winchester Road Bridge Rehabilitation submitted by Jones-Stuckey
- Main and Market Street Roundabout submitted by OHM Advisors
- Rickenbacker Intermodal Connector submitted by Transystems

These projects were evaluated on Benefits to the Public, Complexity, Innovation/Unique Features, and Aesthetics/Sustainable Features.

All of the teams that entered the competition presented their projects to the ASHE Central Ohio membership and other guests at the Annual Meeting on May 28, 2015. These presentation were the basis of a Peer's Choice Award which was chosen by attendees casting their vote for the project that they believed best represented the evaluation criteria.

The winning project in the under \$5 million category was the Lithopolis-Winchester Road Bridge Rehabilitation. The winning project in the over \$5 million category and the Peer's Choice Award was the I-71/670 Interchange Reconstruction.

ASHE Central Ohio extends their appreciation to all of the teams that took the time to participate in this year's Project of the Year Award Program. Your participation allows us to share and recognize the good work that civil engineers do every single day.



The Lithopolis Project



The Crossroads Project Winners



The Lithopolis Project Winners

ASHE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

A significant milestone for our section was reached last year, it marked the 30th anniversary of our Central Ohio Section. To celebrate, we threw a party! We held an anniversary dinner on April 30th at The Ohio State University Ohio Union. All ASHE members were invited and encouraged to bring a guest. Appetizers and beverages were served while everyone arrived and allowed guest to mingle with each other. We invited guest speakers, Ed Lentz, the Executive Director of the Columbus Landmarks Foundation and Mary Rathke, from WOSU, to present to us on the history of Columbus neighborhoods from streetcars to the interstate. Ed talked about how the construction of the interstate through downtown impacted the surrounding neighborhoods and how many original residents still try to preserve their history today. It was a good opportunity to take a look back on the history of Columbus and how different it is today. It was a great event to network with ASHE members include some of the original charter members. Thanks to everyone involved to help plan the event.



Upcoming Events & Announcements

OTEC LUNCHEON

- 11:30 Registration, Crowne Plaza Downtown
 - Speaker: ASHE National President
 - The Great Lakes Regional Project of the Year and ASHE OSU Scholarship Recipient will be awarded at the luncheon
 - Eventbrite Registration
 - Questions, Contact Mike Taricska, 614-459-2050 (Mike.Taricska@burgessniple.com)
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OTEC HAPPY HOUR

- Joint event with ASCE, WTS, Engineers Club of Columbus, & ABCD
 - Brothers Bar & Grill, 477 Park St, Across from the Convention Center
 - Tuesday October 27th, 6-8pm
 - Drink tickets provided at the event
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OTEC BOOTH

- Come visit us at the Booth #643
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OHIO STATE FOOTBALL TAILGATE

- October 17, 2015 vs Penn State
 - Tailgate @ BAD Gate from: Noon to 11:45 pm
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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT @ WOODLAND'S BACKYARD RESTAURANT

Central Ohio ASHE will again be cleaning up the I-670/Grandview interchange on the morning of Saturday, October 24 from 10:00am-12:00pm. We'd love to have as many participants as possible. Look for emails coming soon or contact Aaron Call (aaron.call@ohm-advisors.com) for more details.

ASHE CENTRAL OHIO SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR POSITION

Our board of directors are looking for individuals who are interested in helping with our ASHE Scholarship. We would like to create a new position as chair. You'll have plenty of guidance and help from the current board members and hopefully it'll be a fun task. If you have interest in participation in ASHE, please contact Josh Epperson (josh.epperson@parsons.com) for more information.



invites you to join us for our second annual

OSU TAILGATE

**Help cheer on the Buckeyes as they take on Penn State
Saturday, October 17th**

Tailgate is located at 2010 Coffey Road.

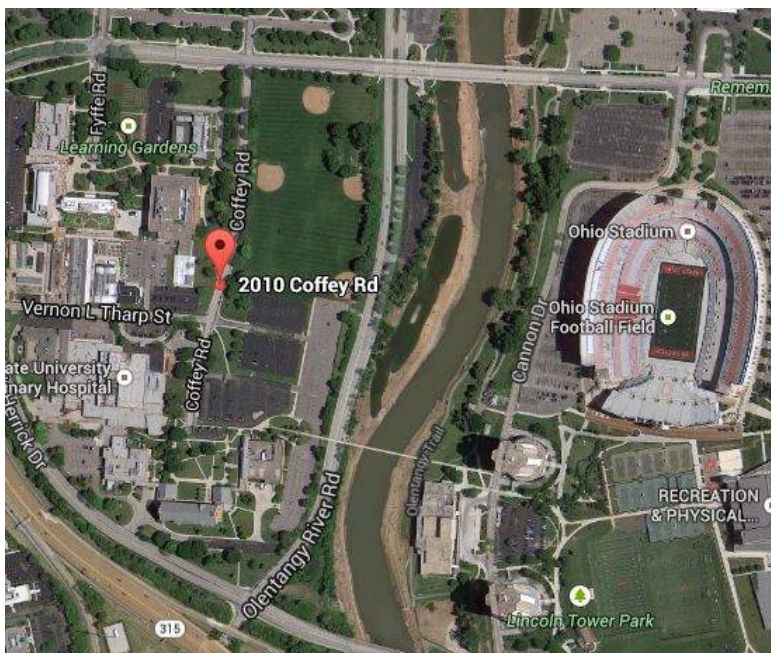
(It is across the street from Kottman Hall and be sure to look out for the **BAD GATE** banner on one of the tents)

Feel free to stop by anytime after 12 PM

Food and beverages provided, just bring yourself and your friends!



A cornhole tournament will be held to raise money for the ASHE Scholarship fund, it's a \$20 entry fee per team, so be sure to bring some cash with you. Tournament will start at 5:30 PM, so be there before then if you want to play!



Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Any questions contact Aaron Call
Aaron.call@ohm-advisors.com or

614-474-1118





The Ohio Section Chapters of the American Society of Highway Engineers are pleased to announce an All-Ohio ASHE Luncheon at OTEC:

National Update: A Message from the ASHE National President

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 (during the OTEC lunch hour)

- Registration: 11:30 am
- Lunch: 12:00 pm
- Program: 12:15 pm

Crowne Plaza Columbus Downtown

33 East Nationwide Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43215

(Follow the ASHE signs from the Convention Hall)



Robert Hochevar, PE
ASHE National President

Bob has been a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Section of ASHE since 1988. He has served in several officer and director positions over the years, including section and region President. On the national level, Bob served as the Great Lakes Region National Director from 2000 to 2006. Bob continues to serve on several National Committees as well. Bob received the Great Lakes Region "Outstanding Leadership and Dedication Award" in 2006 and the Cuyahoga Valley Section "Outstanding Member Award" in 1993, 1994 and 1998.

Bob has over 33 years of experience in the highway industry working on a variety of projects from bridge replacements to multi-million dollar interstate upgrade projects. Bob has worked at regional and global engineering consultant firms in various positions including: chief bridge engineer, project manager, transportation business practice manager, office manager and vice president. Currently, Bob is the District 3 Planning and Engineering Administrator at the Ohio Department of Transportation. In this role, Bob is responsible for overseeing the planning and design of all transportation infrastructure projects in north central Ohio. This includes 1,419 bridges and 4,150 lane miles of Interstate, US and State Routes throughout the eight counties in the district.



Menu: Deli sandwiches, soup, and dessert.
Special dietary needs can be accommodated.

Cost: Students/Life Members Free, Government Rate \$10, Guests \$35
Prepayment is required online via [Eventbrite](#) or by mailed check to:

Eventbrite

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Reservations: RSVP by Friday, October 23rd
at: [ASHE October Luncheon](#)
or contact Mike Taricska at 614-459-2050
or Mike.Taricska@burgessniple.com.

OTEC Joint Association Happy Hour

Tuesday October 27th

6:00-8:00 PM

Brothers Bar & Grill

477 Park St

Columbus, OH 43215

Walk across the street, have a drink and chat with your peers and colleagues after the first day of the 2015 OTEC Conference

- **Drink Tickets will be provided**

Please contact Zach Stolarsky with any questions.

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ASHE's Interchange Cleanup Event

Come out and join us on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 A.M., for our fall cleanup (and our last one of the year) at our adopted I-670/Grandview Ave. interchange. The Buckeyes play Rutgers at 8 PM that day, so you'll be finished in plenty of time to catch the game!



Our ASHE section will be cleaning up the I-670/Grandview Ave. interchange on **Saturday, October 24th**. We will be meeting at **10:00 A.M. at Woodland's Backyard Restaurant** (668 Grandview Ave) located in the northeast quadrant of our interchange. We start with a quick safety briefing and then we walk to the interchange for about an hour of cleanup. The following will be provided:

- Leather gloves
- Safety vests
- Pickers
- Trash Bags
- Bottled Water
- Men Working Signage

Suggest you wear sturdy boots, long pants, long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt and hat. All are welcome! **After the cleanup we will gather at Woodland's Backyard for lunch and gift cards will be awarded.** If you plan to participate, please contact **Aaron Call**, aaron.call@ohm-advisors.com or (614) 474-1118, so that we can ensure we can have plenty of equipment.

Thanks to the Central Ohio Section of ASHE sponsors for their generous support

