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President's Message

ASHE Members, Colleagues, and Friends-

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your 2022-2023 Central Ohio Section President since stepping into this new role earlier this past summer. I would like to start off by recognizing and thanking our Past President, Justin Soltesz, for his strong leadership, hard work, and overall dedication to our ASHE Section. Even though he has stepped down as President, he continues to remain actively involved and provide important guidance to myself and the other board members.

Despite all the challenges that COVID has presented, our Section remains as strong as ever and continues, in many ways, to advance ASHE's mission to promote a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system through education, innovation, and fellowship. Most notably this past May, with the generous volunteer and financial support of our membership, our Section hosted an educational and fun-filled 2022 ASHE National Conference that continues to receive the praise of many. This event not only provided technical education and fellowship opportunities to all ASHE members near and far, but it also put a national transportation spotlight on Columbus. In June, our Section continued the tradition of recognizing transportation related projects that excel in complexity, innovation, aesthetics, sustainability, and overall public benefit through our annual Project-of-the-Year luncheon. In July, ASHE members convened at the Safari Golf Course for a round of golf and networking. Just recently, many of us hung out and enjoyed a beautiful evening happy hour at Land Grant Brewery. Most recently, our Section joined forces with several other professional industry organizations to attend a Columbus Crew game together. Upcoming events include a Highway Club Cleanup, and the annual OTEC luncheon and evening happy hour. There is no shortage of opportunity to be active in this group!

Several of my personal goals for the upcoming year include improving communication, continue increasing the number of in-person meetings and events, and improving the networking and technical education value of our membership. With the incredible caliber of leadership and assistance found in our current board officers and directors, I am confident that we will not only accomplish these goals but also witness another great year of success.

Thank-you for your interest and membership in our Central Ohio Section. If you have any suggestions or ideas or would like to help in a leadership capacity, please don't hesitate to reach out. It is a fantastic time to be a part of this very active organization and we appreciate and look forward to seeing each of you in-person throughout the coming year!

***Respectfully,
Mike Killian, PE
Central Ohio ASHE President***



Project of the Year Luncheon June 28, 2022

In a year that for many marked a slow but sure return to the routines, comforts, and interactions that make up our daily lives, The Central Ohio ASHE Section was excited to contribute to that shift with the reinstatement of our in-person Project of the Year Awards Ceremony held at the WatersEdge Event Center in Hilliard. Also, in keeping with a tradition that has never wavered regardless of the circumstances, there were several outstanding projects that were submitted to the competition for the 2021 POY Award. Many of the individuals that collaborated to make these projects possible gathered to share their journeys through the various stages of project development, design, and construction for each entry. There were roughly 40 attendees at this event and the Award winners are listed below:

POY Less than or equal to \$5 million: SR-61 and Wilson Road Peanut Roundabout

To address safety concerns at a skewed intersection in Delaware County, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 6 designed and administered the first Peanut Roundabout in the state.

Located at the State Route (SR) 61, SR 656 and Wilson Road (TR56) intersection in Kingston Township, a high number of crashes, including one fatality, resulted in the intersection being ranked fourth on ODOT's 2015 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) list. Multiple alternatives were investigated, but a roundabout was ultimately selected. Even though a peanut-shaped roundabout had not been implemented in Ohio previously, it was demonstrated that the unique shape would provide the most benefits over the more common circular and oval roundabout designs.

Owner: ODOT District 6

Consultant: Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Contractor: Trucco Construction Company, Inc.

Construction Cost: \$2.02 Million



POY Greater than \$5 million: Lazelle Road Widening

The Lazelle Road Widening project was a vital railroad bridge replacement project in Columbus, OH. Two bridges operated by CSX and Norfolk Southern (NSRR) span over a narrow Lazelle Road but accelerated urban growth had created a bottleneck on this road and at its intersection with Flint Road. A multi-phased construction plan of replacement bridges included the demolition of shoring and temporary structures. Construction on this difficult-to-access site challenged the designers more than typical railroad bridge projects. Using detailed phasing was key to smooth progress while keeping traffic flowing on Lazelle Road and freight rail moving above it.

Owner: City of Columbus, OH

Consultant: Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Contractor: Shelly & Sands

Construction Cost: \$23 Million



POY Peers Choice: Scioto Darby Road and Walcutt Road Roundabout

The City of Hilliard tasked American Structurepoint with evaluating several alternatives for alleviating capacity and operational problems along Scioto Darby Road. This evaluation led to the identification and execution of a preferred alternative, a proposed single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Scioto Darby Road and Walcutt Road. This improvement was selected based on its ability to improve the overall Scioto Darby Road corridor and to alleviate operational problems at both the intersections of Walcutt Road and Leap Road, east of the proposed roundabout. This improvement would benefit both the City of Hilliard and the City of Columbus and meet the goal of ensuring the project location remained within the City of Hilliard's municipal boundary only.

Owner: City of Hilliard, OH

Consultant: American Structurepoint

Contractor: Trucco Construction Company, Inc.

Construction Cost: \$1.54 Million



ASHE Golf Outing

The 2022 ASHE Ronald L. Zook Memorial Golf Outing was a wonderful event, hosted at the Safari Golf Club in Powell, Ohio. The foursome of Patrick Herl, Chissy Reynolds, Tom Bolte and Bill Waller defeated a total of 18 other foursomes to claim the trophy!

Congratulations to all the finishers and we look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Golf Outing! Please reach out to Paul Denny at paul.denny@woolpert.com if you have any suggestions to improve the event.



Happy Hour at Land Grant

In August, ASHE Central Ohio hosted a membership appreciation happy hour at Land Grant Brewing Company. Members got together to relax, have a drink and enjoy socializing with one another. Join in the fun at our next happy hour after OTEC at Brother's Bar and Grill!



Crew Outing

ASHE ventured out to the Arena District to attend a Crew Game at the new Lower.com Stadium. The game was on Sunday, September 18th, and featured the Columbus Crew against the Portland Timbers. The afternoon began with a happy hour at Boston's, where the group enjoyed beers and pizza out on the patio. They then participated in the Crew "march" down Nationwide Boulevard to the stadium. We had a great turnout, with 38 tickets sold in the ASHE Group block for members and their families. Members with season tickets also joined in the fun at the happy hour.



Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE:

ASHE is holding a joint ethics luncheon with ASCE and the Engineers Club of Columbus on November 17 at the Berwick (3250 Refuge Road). John Greenhalge will present and discuss the Registration Act and Professional Ethics for Engineers & Surveyors. This presentation will provide 1 professional ethics development credit hour. More details and a link to register will be sent out soon.


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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 25, 2022

Registration: 12:00 pm
 Lunch: 12:20 pm
 Program: 12:30 pm

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33 East Nationwide Blvd Columbus, OH 43215

Follow the ASHE signs from the Convention Hall

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OTEC LUNCHEON

Our luncheon at OTEC will feature an update from the ASHE National President, Leigh Lilla. In addition, the Great Lakes Region Project of the Year winners will be announced.



LEIGH LILLA, PE – ASHE National President

Leigh has been an ASHE Member since 2010, starting as the Tampa Bay Section's Membership Chair. She climbed the ranks in the Tampa Bay Section, eventually serving as President in the 2013-2014 year. Ms. Lilla went on to join the Southeast Region Board as Secretary for the 2014-2015. From there, Leigh joined the National Board as a Southeast Region Director, completing 1 year of a vacated term and serving a second 3-year term. She is honored to serve as Vice President for the upcoming year. Additionally, Leigh continues to serve at the local level and is on the Tampa Board as a Section Director for the 2020-2021 year.

Leigh works for a general contractor based out of Palm Harbor, Florida, David Nelson Construction Co. They are the oldest family-owned contracting business of its size in the state of Florida. Ms. Lilla primarily works as a project manager for heavy civil projects ranging from \$500,000 to \$40 million for the various local municipalities, the FDOT, and the aviation authority. Ms. Lilla is a graduate of the Florida Engineering Leadership Institute (FELI) and Leadership Pinellas. In addition to her professional engineering license, Ms. Lilla is a licensed General Contractor and a LEED accredited professional.

Leigh studied civil engineering at Florida State University and was able to work as a design engineer prior to switching to the construction side of business. In addition to ASHE, Leigh enjoys participating in events hosted by the Florida Transportation Builder's Association (FTBA) and the Suncoast Utility Contractor's Association. She also serves on the steering committee for Tampa Bay's Construction Career Days event which showcases career options for high school students in the construction industry.

Outside of ASHE, Leigh enjoys playing golf and participating at her local CrossFit gym. She and her husband Matt live in sunny Safety Harbor, Florida with their two dogs, Molly & Ginny.

MENU

Sandwich & Soup Buffet with Dessert

Special dietary needs can be accommodated by request

TICKETS

Students Free – Government Employees \$10 – All Other Guests \$35

Prepayment is required online via [Eventbrite](#)

Eventbrite

Or by mailed check to:

Central Ohio ASHE
 c/o American Structurepoint
 2550 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 300
 Columbus, OH 43231

RSVP

By **Friday, October 21 at 4pm** at [ASHE OTEC Luncheon on Eventbrite](#)

or contact Giovanni Furio at gfurio@gfnet.com

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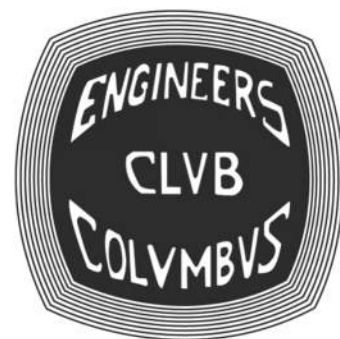
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5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Brother's Bar and Grill

477 Park St.

Columbus, OH 43215

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2022 ASHE National Conference Columbus, Ohio

The 2022 ASHE National Conference took place May 12-15th in Columbus, Ohio. The event included various events throughout the city including the Downtown Renaissance, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Golf Club of Dublin, Ohio Stadium, and more!

The event brought together more than 450 industry professionals together for education, networking, and a great time was had by all.

Thursday

The conference kicked off with a golf tournament at the Golf Club of Dublin. 33 teams participated in the outing...132 individual players! For those that chose not to golf, a guided walking tour of the German Village neighborhoods of Columbus took place. Thursday evening wrapped up with the Welcome Reception and Ice Breaker with Exhibitors event at the Downtown Renaissance hotel. More than 45 exhibitors welcomed attendees for an evening of fun, food, and drinks.



Friday

The opening session kicked things off and featured Hari Kalla, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure at the Federal Highway Administration. The day included more than 10 technical sessions covering everything from highway safety and bridges to community connectivity and technology. The Luncheon Honoring National Past Presidents featured Dr. Jack Marchbanks, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, and a presentation from Ed Lentz, a local historian and storyteller who presented on the history of Columbus. The award presentations for ASHE National Project of the Year and the Robert E. Pearson/Person of the Year were also handed out during the luncheon. In addition, the day featured guest tours of Ohio Stadium, the North Market, and High Bank Distillery. The night ended at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for an evening of animal entertainment and interaction, great food and drink, and even better relationship development.



Saturday

The conference came to an end with another day of technical sessions and guest tours. Tours included the Franklin Park Conservatory and Easton Town Center. The National Board Meeting wrapped the end of the technical program, but it kicked off the start to the evening's entertainment at the President's Reception and Annual Banquet. Magician Drew Murray provided the crowd with mind blowing tricks and there were games galore including, casino games, ping pong, giant Jenga, and more!



Many thanks to all who helped to make the 2022 ASHE National Conference a success!

Special thank you to our volunteers, committee chairs, sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees. We hope you enjoyed Columbus!

Photos from the 2022 ASHE National Conference can be found on the conference website:
<http://2022conference.ashe.pro/>

