

**ASHE Triko Valley Section  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**October 20, 2009  
Cincinnati City Hall, Room 420A**

In Attendance: Joe Vogel  
Cindy Minter  
Caroline Duffy  
Jim Jurgensen, II  
Paul Schoelwer  
David Emerick  
John Davidson  
Carol Callan-Ramler  
Kevin Savage  
Matt Loeffler  
Steve Proffitt  
Stan Harris

The meeting was called to order by President Vogel at 11:50 pm welcoming the new board members.

Goals of the Board of Directors

The section membership goal was revised to 185. President Vogel asked for comments on other agenda items and received none.

Secretary's Report

Dave Emerick handed out meeting minutes from the September 22nd general membership meeting and the August 25th board meeting. After some minor corrections, Stan Harris raised a motion to accept both sets of meeting minutes which was seconded by Kevin Savage. All members present voted in favor.

Political Information Network Report

Caroline Duffy reported that the surface transportation bill reauthorization timeframe has not been decided yet. Kevin Duris, ASHE National President, has scripted a letter to send to all congressmen asking for authorization by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. State discretionary funding was rescinded. Until the health care has been approved, the focus will not return to the highway bill. We are urged to send letters.

### Scholarship Report

John Davidson understands that there will not be a scholarship offering this year since we are having a poster board session at the National Conference. There is some concern about losing the momentum of the scholarship program if it is deferred due to the poster session this year. All college grade levels including graduate students are eligible for the poster session. Joe made the suggestion that we continue the scholarship program as a standalone, independent from the poster contest. Cindy Minter raised a motion to offer the scholarship as a separate program which was seconded by Carol Callan-Ramler. The motion was carried. Cindy asked if we want an award for the poster session as well. John indicated that this is a great opportunity for the contestants to present and no other incentive is needed.

### Regional Report

Nothing to report.

### Treasurer's Report

Dave Emerick read the treasurers report from Bill Lawall, indicating a beginning balance of \$ 6,382.00, deposits of \$ 2,470.00 and expenditures of 2,649.32 for an ending balance of \$ 6,242.68 plus \$6,000.00 in the scholarship fund. There are currently 167 members in our section. The next general membership meeting will be the December 8<sup>th</sup> holiday meeting at the zoo and the next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at Cincinnati City Hall.

### Program committee

The next meeting will be Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Zoo. Doors open at 4 pm to enjoy the zoo exhibits. The cost will be \$50, which covers the festival of lights, zoo, dinner, Thane Maynard as the speaker and parking. Cindy Minter suggested that the section supplement \$15 per person for a cost of \$35. The cost should be \$45 for non-members, other than spouses. Per Paul, dinner is at 6:30 and cost will be \$35 per member and spouse, \$45 for non-members. We will be required to pay a minimum \$130 per hour for the cash bar. An invitation will be sent to all members and will be posted on the website. Cindy raised a motion that Joe be allowed to sign the Zoo contract on behalf of the ASHE Triko Valley Board for the holiday meeting. Caroline seconded the motion and all voted aye. John Davidson asked if the Board is covered by liability insurance. Cindy replied that we have a policy. The section decided at the general membership meeting that children will not be invited to the holiday meeting. Deadline for confirmation with zoo is one week before the event, so the reservation deadline should be two weeks before the event. Carol asked if notices can be sent out by e-mail to all members also. Paul suggested auctioning off a set of tickets to the zoo event at OTEC and placing invitations on the silent auction table. Joe would like to keep the business meeting short at the holiday meeting.

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John Davidson is holding a NKCC LEED program where an attorney will present on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Marriot Cincinnati Airport for lunch. Caroline would like to see the May meeting be a sustainable topic. Paul is asking if we still want to consider Congressman Dreihaus for May as this is our best opportunity to have him. Joe suggested that we pursue both the Congressman and a “green” program.

#### National Conference Committee

Caroline Duffy talked about the upcoming silent auction. A good selection of items has been donated. Caroline passed around a signup sheet for the booth. They are still looking for major prize items for the auction and plan to sell chances for the Ohio State / Iowa game – one for \$10 or three for \$20 or seven for \$50. Caroline indicated that there are three remaining free registrations with the OTEC booth. Let her know if there are members that can use these registrations in return for working the booth. Members are asked to wear their ASHE 2010 tee shirts to the conference. We were all asked to check out the 2010 conference website now that the video has been loaded. The next conference committee meeting will be in November. We are looking to renegotiate the contract with the hotel to reduce the room count. Let Cindy know if there are other items that we would like to renegotiate. Call for papers are due in November 1<sup>st</sup>. Joe Vogel will e-mail the call for papers to Caroline Duffy. Mike Hancock from Kentucky may be available to attend the opening ceremony of the conference. Per Cindy, ASHE non-members should pay an additional amount equal to the annual membership fee plus \$5 to attend the conference.

#### Newsletter Report

Stan Harris discussed sending out the newsletter on the Monday before thanksgiving so that there was enough notice to make reservations for the Holiday meeting. The board asked that the newsletter be sent out the week before Thanksgiving, so information for the newsletter must be sent to Stan by the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### New business

Joe was cautioned that there is a difference between PDH's and CEU's. Bill has obtained a booklet describing these units and has taken training to ensure that credits will be awarded for the 2010 conference.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm by President Vogel.

Respectfully Submitted:

David M. Emerick  
Secretary