

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

**August 25, 2009  
Cincinnati City Hall, Room 420A**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Vogel at 12:10 pm welcoming the new board members.

Joe reviewed the dates for meetings which were set as follows:

General membership meetings

- September 22, 2009
- December 8, 2009
- January 26, 2010
- March 23, 2010
- May 25, 2010

Board of Directors meetings

- October 20, 2009
- January 5, 2010
- February 23, 2010
- April 27, 2010

National Conference

Cindy Minter announced that September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 at CDS is the next conference meeting. The next push is for items for the silent auction again this year. The deadline to obtain auction items is October 16. Cindy passed out the silent auction add and a signup sheet. A Pearson award is given at the conference luncheon each year.

Nominations are taken from the locals. Cindy is asking for our nominations before October 1<sup>st</sup> so that a nomination can be finalized at the October board meeting. These are persons that have made a difference in regional transportation.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bill Lawall gave the treasurer's report. There was a beginning balance of \$7,477.30, disbursements of \$12,017.92, and deposits of \$11,004.53 for an ending balance of \$6,463.91 plus \$6,000 in the scholarship fund. There are currently 170 members. Matt Loeffler raised a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Kevin Savage. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April 28, 2009 board meeting and May 19, 2009 general membership meeting were passed out. Cindy Minter raised a motion to accept the minutes after verification of Treasurers report numbers and minor revisions to name spellings. Caroline Duffy seconded the motion and it was carried.

#### PIN Report

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, reporting that per President Obama's request, congress is considering an 18 month extension to the SAFETEA-LU since the funding methods have not been determined.

Model Law – the case of how to make better engineers will be studied further. The committee is going back to square one with respect to implementing model law.

#### Scholarship Committee

John Davidson reported that two scholarship awards were made at the golf outing in June to Joe Moeller and Greg Saylor. John Davidson will reconvene the committee in January. He was reminded that proceeds from the National Conference golf outing cannot be directly utilized for scholarships. Caroline suggested that the current balance is used to fund scholarships this year as well as fund the student poster session at the conference. John Davidson will assist with reaching out to the students to participate in the poster contest.

#### Regional Report

Stan reported that the region one board met in July. Frank Bronzo conveyed that we will have awards for the region one project competition. Joe suggested that this topic be discussed at the next conference committee meeting. Cindy suggested that a special region one meeting be held at the conference. Frank also wants to do the installation of the officers at the national conference.

### Golf Committee

The 2010 golf outing is set for June 11<sup>th</sup>. A few sponsors have not paid from this year's outing. We will need a new committee chairman after this year. Everyone liked the Kenton County course. The management is willing to take care of arrangements such as posting signs. The number of golfers and sponsors was down this year and the number of hole sponsors may be low for the conference in 2010.

### Newsletter

Stan needs articles by September 11, 2009. We will continue to send out a post card two weeks before meetings and e-mail the scanner before meetings. We will need another scanner article for July. Suggestions include an article on the collaboration for the Brent Spence or the Banks. Regarding the advertisements, we have been lax about collecting payment. Ads will now be removed for non-payment. The committee discussed running ads for jobs in the newsletter, similar to what is done in the scanner. Emily and Stan should be recognized for their work on the newsletter. President Vogel will recognize Emily at an upcoming meeting. Matt was also thanked for his work on the website

### Program Committee

Steve, Paul and Joe have been working to line up speakers. Steve will contact Thane Maynard for the December meeting. Steve Drehaus is still a possibility for the holiday meeting or for May. Stan will contact John Sackstedter regarding speaking on Louisville bridges in September. We are still considering holding the holiday meeting at the Union Terminal or Zoo. The date of the holiday meeting could be moved to another Tuesday if venues or speakers are available. The committee discussed the location of meetings. Attendance has dropped to 75 people on average at the Montgomery Inn. More board members were in favor of the Boathouse than Montgomery Inn. Jim Jurgensen raised a motion to move the meetings back to the Boathouse that was seconded by Paul Schoelwer. Joe Vogel commented that the move back is worth a try and that attendance has been down, so the upstairs room at the Boathouse should accommodate the number attending. All voted in favor of moving meetings to the Boathouse starting in September.

In summary, September will be the Louisville bridge presentation at Boathouse;  
December will be Thane Maynard at the Peacock Pavilion;  
January is Schramm presentations;  
March is the annual infrastructure presentation;  
and May's tentative presentation is Driehaus.

### Old business

The national board must be added as an insured.

## New Business

Goals of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010:

- a. Membership: 175
- b. Meeting Attendance: 90 to 95
- c. PIN; to have members contact their congressmen regarding SAFETEA-LU, Caroline to attend Transportation Matters meetings.
- d. Golf Attendance/Sponsors; 144 golfers and 18 sponsors
- e. Scholarship Applications: minimum of 10
- f. Schramm Award Applications: five in each category-It was noted that potential applicants must be personally contacted to submit Schramm project applications.
- g. Company Sponsorships: 15 in the newsletter
- h. Caroline asked for 100 percent board participation in the 2010 conference and that it is successful
- i. Protocol for meetings will be to have keynote speaker finish before we eat.
- j. It will be important for Bill Lawall to mentor a new treasurer candidate.

The meeting was adjourned by President Vogel.

Respectfully Submitted:

David M. Emerick  
Secretary