

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

**August 24, 2010
Valley Asphalt Offices**

In Attendance: Joe Vogel
 Caroline Duffy
 Jim Jurgensen, II
 David Emerick
 Carol Callan-Ramler
 Matt Loeffler
 Bill Lawall
 Paul Schoelwer
 Stephen Proffitt
 Diane Johnson
 Jennifer Kunz
 Stan Harris
 Cindy Minter

The meeting was called to order by Jim Jurgensen at 11:45 am.

With the resignation of Kevin Savage, the position of Treasurer for the section is open. Joe Vogel nominated Chris Nyberg as Treasurer, which was seconded by Paul Schoelwer. All present voted in favor. Dave Emerick noted that he would like to discuss the breakdown of membership dues collection, etc with Chris. Caroline suggested electronically automating membership records, notifications, payments, etc. For the next general membership meeting we will utilize e-vite with a check in at door. The board should contact the Central Ohio section and the Florida section to see how they have handled meeting signup. Paul Schoelwer (programs), Chris Nyberg and Dave Emerick will get together to discuss how they will work together. Bill noted that the Board can appoint positions. Suggestions to fill the vacant Director's position are Nathan Moore, Vanessa Fritsch, Cindy Minter or Dennis Bruck from Barrett Paving Materials. Joe Vogel raised a motion to appoint Cindy Minter to the vacant Director's position which was seconded by Paul Schoelwer. All present voted in favor.

Secretary's Report

The meeting minutes from the last general membership meeting and board of directors meeting were reviewed. Stan Harris raised a motion to approve the April 7th board of directors meeting minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Paul Schoelwer and carried. Joe Vogel raised a motion to accept the May 25th general meeting minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Stan Harris and was carried. Copies of the March 23rd meeting minutes were also handed out to the new board.

PIN

Caroline Duffy discussed that Secretary Oberstar is optimistic that a new highway bill will be passed by the end of this year. If it is not, then there will not be a new bill passed until after next presidential election. Caroline indicated that we need a new approach instead of the same old discussion and passed out info on a new nationwide effort to build support for the highway bill (FIX TRAFFIC NOW – A Strategic Grassroots Campaign for Highway Reauthorization). Caroline has contacted the first vice president of the ASHE National Board, Calvin Liggett, to discuss what we can do. Everyone is urged to write letters to your editor. Also, the ideas of a large billboard beside congested bridges or calling the media to generate support for a user's fee were suggested. The campaigning should be brought down to a layman's level to make a connection between infrastructure and your family's safety.

The federal government has rescinded funding for highways to instead fund Medicaid and State projects are coming to a halt. Caroline asked for suggestions on actions that our section can take. Ted Hubbard, Joe Litvin and Chris Runyan have all pledged their support.

Golf Committee

Jim Collins will be stepping down as chair. Doug Brand and Brad Ackel had indicated that they would take over the chairmanship. Jim will officially ask Brad if he will accept the chairmanship and attend our next board meeting. Paul asked if we would like to consider an ASHE sponsored golf league. Jim will mention this to the new golf chair.

Regional Report.

Our region is now the Great Lakes region. A July meeting was not held this year. The region has a very limited budget and will take over the auction at OTEC this year. We were asked to submit a Scanner article in July. Woolpert had agreed to write an article and submit one yet this summer. Matt Loeffler suggested that the Schramm award winners are responsible for writing future scanner articles.

Newsletter and Scanner report

Need articles submitted to Emily by Friday, September 10th. Stantec will continue sending out postcard meeting reminders until we move permanently to the e-vite system.

Treasurers Report

An interim report was provided excluding the conference budget. The beginning balance as of May 23, 2010 was \$5,630.68. With deposits of \$4,187.00 and expenditures of \$4,501.29, the new balance is \$5,316.29. There is \$6,000 in the scholarship fund. Joe raised motion seconded by Paul to arrange to take last year's treasurer, Bill Lawall, out for dinner for his many years of service. All present were in favor.

Program Committee

The committee is looking for a speaker for the September 21st. meeting and ideas for the Holiday meeting. Dreihaus was suggested for the Sept meeting. Joe Vogel also suggested a presentation on the Cincinnati Streetcar project for September. The board will consider a more attractive venue for the Holiday meeting such as the aquarium on a weekend night or during the day. Further discussion of this topic was tabled until a future meeting when the program committee will report back. Matt Loeffler raised a suggestion of a Reds event during our summer recess next year.

Membership Committee

Carol Callan-Ramler and Jennifer Kunz will agree to chair the membership committee and student chapter development committee respectively.

Scholarship Committee

John Davidson will continue in his role as Chairman and will coordinate with Jennifer Kunz on student activities

Goals

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| a. Membership: | Maintain 175 members |
| b. Meeting attendance | 90 to 95 persons at the Boathouse |
| c. PIN: | Everyone contact their local representatives |
| d. Golf attendance / sponsors | 120 / 18 |
| e. Scholarship applications | 10 |
| f. Schramm Award applications | 5-\$3 mil. and under / 5-over \$3 mil. |
| g. Company Sponsorships | 15 (newsletter) |

Proposed Meeting Dates

September 21, 2010	General Membership meeting at the Boathouse
October 26, 2010	Board of Directors meeting at JRJ Offices
December 7, 2010	Holiday meeting (date may move to an earlier Tuesday)
January 4, 2011	Board of Directors meeting at JRJ Offices
January 25, 2011	General Membership meeting at the Boathouse
February 22, 2011	Board of Directors meeting at JRJ Offices
March 22, 2011	General Membership meeting at the Boathouse
April 26, 2011	Board of Directors meeting at JRJ Offices
May 24, 2011	General Membership meeting at the Boathouse

Old Business

Caroline Duffy discussed the 2010 conference budget. There is \$41,433.00 in cash as broken down on handout. Some expenditures remain including the recap meeting and some equipment remains to be accounted for such as banner carrying cases. We plan to have a follow up phone conference to wrap this up and discuss where conference items will be archived. Cindy asked that Dave, Chris, Cindy and Jim get together to discuss equipment needs. Caroline and Cindy also asked for write ups for the conference binder.

New Business

The Great Lakes Region – Project Award will be presented to the Wilmington Bridge at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference this year.

The National Board is asking for one ad for the scanner from every section.

President Jurgensen adjourned the Board meeting at 1:45 pm.

END OF MEETING NOTES