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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings.

With the age of technology, we are now reaching our members utilizing a more electronic based approached. By transitioning to an e-blast newsletter, we are able to share our announcements and updates more quickly

and efficiently. If you have taken a new position or won an award, please let us know so we can share as part of our communication efforts.

Dawn Marie Fortuna RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY

While we are reducing our quarterly formal newsletter

to twice a year, we are rewarding our newsletter sponsors by displaying their firm logos at our monthly section meetings and links to their home page in our e-news blasts. If you're company has thought about being a Sonoran Bypass sponsor, this would be a great time to participate and support our section.

We are ending the year on a high note by adding over \$3,800 to the scholarship fund from the proceeds of the ASCE/ASHE Conference. Your attendance and sponsor support more than doubled what we received the previous year. The combination of this event with our golf tournament allows us to continue to provide scholarships to deserving students at our state universities who are pursuing careers in the highway industry.

Our speakers continue to be of high caliber from both the public and private sector. Of particular note was Steve Boschen's presentation of the AASHTO Green Book update to many of our younger members. We are looking forward in January to an update on the Loop 202, what is proving to be one of the largest infrastructure projects for Arizona over the next few years.

The closing for our Member and Young Member of the Year is fast approaching. We will be forwarding our winners to ASHE National for consideration for the National award. A few years ago, this chapter was fortunate to have won both of these titles with John Derr and Yung Koprowski. We believe the efforts of all of you is what makes us the Section we are today. Please consider a worthy member so that we can continue to reward them for their dedication to the Phoenix Sonoran Section.

Dawn Marie Fortuna - Phoenix Sonoran President

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of ASHE is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.



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EVENTS CALENDAR | VISIT US ON THE WEB! www.sonoran.ashe.pro



Programs Contact

If you would like to help with upcoming events or have a program topic, contact Yung Koprowski at ykoprowski@lee-eng.com

| UPCOMING EVENTS |

DATE	EVENT & LOCATION	INFORMATION
Tuesday, January 13th 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Monthly Section Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix Airport North 3838 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ	Topic: SR-202 Loop South Mountain Freeway Update Speakers: Rob Samour, Deputy State Engineer, Operations
Tuesday, February 10th 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Monthly Section Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix Airport North 3838 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ	Topic: SR-347 UPRR Grade Separation Speakers: Elijah Williams, EPS Group
Tuesday, March 10th 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Monthly Section Meeting Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix Airport North 3838 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ	Topic: Perryville T.I. Project Speakers: Chris Halpin, Skanska and Karen Hobbs, Gannett Fleming

| ASHE COMMITTEES | GET INVOLVED!

As the ASHE Sonoran Section grows, opportunities to engage in section activities also grow. One of the key benefits to membership of professional organization is the ability to form relationships with peers throughout the industry. Joining committees such as the newsletter or programs and volunteering to serve on special projects such as the annual scholarship golf tournament, present both short and long-term opportunities to engage with your industry peers. As we move into 2015, we will be establishing committees (both standing and for special projects), look for coming announcements and consider volunteering your talents and time to support the growth







WELCOME | NEW 2014 MEMBERS!

- Tim Fish, Horrocks Engineers
- Jay Van Echo, Horrocks Engineers
- · Paul Driver, MCDOT
- Ed Mears, Pulice Construction, Inc.
- · Larry Bruce, URS
- Ryan Raab, Hoskin Ryan Consultants
- · Rafael Davis, ADOT
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- · Susan Detwiler, Dibble Engineering
- Elijah Williams, EPS Group, Inc.
- Benjamin Barkan, Burgess & Niple
- · Pancho Garza, AMEC Foster Wheeler









TOTAL MEMBERS COUNT

ASHE | AN INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Most successful professionals today recognize the value of participating in professional associations. For those of us in the transportation industry, particularly those of us focused on highway-related projects and opportunities, ASHE is the premier association for networking, industry education, and learning about innovative projects throughout the Valley. If you're already a member, consider promoting ASHE to your colleagues. If you haven't yet joined, we encourage you to speak to one of our Board Members about the benefits of membership today!



Interested now? Contact Alan Ferreira at alan.ferreira@wilsonco.com or visit our website at www. sonoran.ashe.pro for membership information and an application.



| LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT | JENNIFER TOTH, P.E.

In this edition of the Sonoran Bypass, we are spotlighting the work of Jennifer Toth, County Engineer and Transportation Director for the Maricopa County Department of Transportation. Over the past sixteen years Jennifer has worked in both the public and private sectors. Jennifer's passion is connecting communities through

transportation, and in her new role at MCDOT she's responsible for doing just that for one of the largest counties in the United States.

Jennifer Toth, P.E. MCDOT COUNTY ENGINEER & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Prior to assuming the role of County Engineer, Jennifer enjoyed leadership positions with the Arizona Department of Transportation

while serving as State Engineer and Deputy Director responsible for the Multimodal Planning Division. At ADOT her responsibilities included planning, design, construction, and maintenance and operations of over 6,000 miles of Arizona interstate and state highways as well as state-wide stakeholder collaboration.

Jennifer serves on a planning committee for the National Research Council's Transportation Research Board and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Houston and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico.

We look forward to continuing to follow the leadership and career of Jennifer Toth in her role with the County. As with her roles at ADOT and in the consulting community, we are sure to see her unique brand of communication and collaboration benefit both MCDOT as an organization as well as the community it serves.



PROGRAMS RECAP |

DECEMBER 2014



Paul Basha shared his perspective regarding the evolution of the transportation infrastructure in the city of Scottsdale. Participants learned about the decision-making process, how stakeholder groups influenced the City's choices, and the reasons for some of the more challenging transportation areas of the community.

Paul provided a brief history of some of the transportation decisions in and near Scottsdale in the past 50 years. His engaging presentation highlighted the planning influences of land owners, citizen groups, and agency staff and the resulting infrastructure we see today.





ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

During our annual Holiday program participants donated items to Toys for Tots to help needy children this holiday season. Thank you to all who donated for their generosity.

NOVEMBER 2014

During the November Section meeting, participants heard from Deputy State Engineer, Steve Boschen. This technical session was focused on the most recent update of the AASHTO "Green Book." Steve spoke about the next revision to the AASHTO Green Book and the associated research projects that drive updates and revisions. He currently overseas the technical groups that work with industry in delivering the five-year construction program. Mr. Boschen is also the 2nd Year Director of ASHE and is on the Subcommittee on Design (SCOD) for AASHTO. Participants included seasoned engineers and practitioners as well as Engineers-in-Training and recent engineering graduates. The Sonoran Section was also happy to host one of our 2014 Scholarship recipients to help introduce him to the industry.





OCTOBER 2014

Karla Petty, the Federal Highway Administration's Division Administrator for Arizona, presented on "Collaboration and Innovation to Leverage Resources". As the Division Administrator she leads an office of professionals that deliver the Federal-aid Highway Program in Arizona. She and her staff provide leadership, program assistance, oversight and guidance to the Arizona Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, local and tribal governments.



PROGRAMS RECAP | CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 2014

During the September program Sonoran Section members and guests heard from national subject matter experts William Anderson, Director of the Transportation Infrastructure Security Partnership and former Chair Albert Romano, Vice President of Hill International. The program focused on infrastructure security and preparing for both national disasters, such as the flooding that occurred on I-10 the same week of the presentation, and disasters resulting from terrorism.



AUGUST 2014



Third place went to James Bennar of BT & Associates with a time of 29.116; second place went to Craig Borger of Point Engineers with a time of 28.984 and first place and the reigning champ is Steve Boschen of ADOT with a time of 28.726. Congratulations to all of our top finishers!

Haley Koesters (U of A) who also participated in the go cart racing. Everyone had a great time whether they raced or not and they are all looking forward to next year's competition. In order to attend this annual event, you must be an ASHE member in good-standing. Apparently, the word got out about our evening of healthy competition and fun and it resulted in the addition of several new members paying their annual dues to be included at the event.

ASHE hosted its **5th Annual "Members Only" Appreciation Event** on Monday, August 18th at the Octane Raceway in Scottsdale. Members were invited to attend this free special event to enjoy food, drinks, prizes, and networking. Indoor go-cart racing is optional but each year the fastest driver gets to take home the coveted "ASHE Cup" trophy. For the second year running, our best driver was Steve Boschen from ADOT and looks forward to defending in the future. This year we had a record-breaking

number of attendees, which included all three of our **recent scholarship recipients** and guests. This included our three gracious scholarship recipients Christopher Sobie (NAU), Robert Richards (ASU), and



All three of the **2014 ASHE scholarship recipients** were in attendance to accept their awards. **Left to right –** Christopher Sobie, civil engineering student at Northern Arizona University; Yung Koprowski, 1st Vice President & Scholarship Committee Chair; Haley Koesters, civil engineering student at the University of Arizona; Robert Richards, civil engineering student at Arizona State University.



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