Greetings! This is my final message as the ASHE Phoenix Sonoran section president and I wanted to thank all of you for the opportunity to lead this organization and interact with so many great people in our industry. Having been a part of the founding group of our local section and an active participant during its short four-year existence, I’m very proud of the accomplishments of the volunteers that make the organization what it is. In these four short years, we have grown our membership to 134 professionals dedicated to the highway industry, provided scholarships to individuals entering our profession, delivered great speakers to inform us of current and important information, and conducted excellent networking opportunities.

Please welcome the new board members and officers! James Schleich will be serving as the new president; I am confident the section will continue to prosper under his leadership. Also, please welcome our newest board member Steve Boschen, who will serve as a 3rd Year Director. We are always looking for volunteers to ensure the continued success of the section and the promotion of the highway industry.

None of the achievements of ASHE Phoenix Sonoran section would be possible without the great group of volunteers that make up our board, officers, and committees, as well as our newsletter and event sponsors providing the necessary support for our section. One of the cornerstones to our organization’s success is our desire to promote and give back to our industry. We accomplish this through our scholarship program, which is financially sustained through monies raised at our annual golf tournament and participation in the ASCE/ASHE conference. Our board asks that you continue to generously give to these events through sponsorships and your attendance. Through our youth we can continue to ensure the growth of the Phoenix Sonoran section.

I look forward to seeing all of you at future section meetings, ASHE Cup go-kart racing member appreciation event, scholarship golf outing at Grayhawk Golf Club, and other fine ASHE activities.

Thank you!

Jason Pagnard, P.E. - Phoenix Sonoran Past President

Hello Everyone! Thank you for the opportunity you have given me. We have come a long way the last four years. Our section is quickly maturing into a well-established organization. My goal this year will be to continue to help us mature by maintaining our membership level, continuing the scholarship program, developing a community service program, and providing an excellent monthly program.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in assisting or has a recommendation on how we can improve on these or any other areas, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

Let’s have a great year!

James Schleich, P.E. - 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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MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT

ASHE will host our 4th Annual “Members Only” appreciation event on Monday, August 26th. Members are invited to this free special event to enjoy food, drinks, prizes, and networking. Indoor go-cart racing is optional. The top 10 racers compete for the coveted ASHE Cup!

NOTE: You must be a member in good standing to attend. You will be receiving your membership dues invoice by email in June. If you are thinking about becoming a member, please consider doing so before the appreciation event. You must have your application complete and payment made to be able to attend.

ARIZONA SECTION CONFERENCE – ASCE/ASHE

Please join us for the 2013 ASCE/ASHE 2013 Fall conference to be held on September 13th at the Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard in Phoenix. This year’s conference includes speakers covering diversified topics such as the South Mountain SR202 extension, a comparison between Arizona and Texas design-build project delivery, and an update on the residential markets in the Valley.

All proceeds from your attendance at the conference goes to the ASHE scholarship funds, so please indicate that you are an ASHE member on the registration form. If you are both an ASHE and ASCE member, indicate that on the registration form because we split your registration 50/50 with ASCE.

We are doing everything we can to make it easy for you to attend! A copy of the registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter. You can also download it at www.sonoran.ashe.pro or www.azsce.org.
MEMBERSHIP IN ASHE IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOU. Like many other investments you make, you can’t necessarily predict when or what the return may be—you simply know that over time, the investment will pay off. In addition to personal enrichment and broadening your skill sets, ASHE will enhance you as an employee. You have access to a national network focused on the professional development and promotion of professionals across all modes of transportation. Through ASHE you have access to networking, networking and more networking. If you are already a member, please encourage others to become members and your name will be entered into a drawing at the end of the year. Have them add your name as a referral under the “How did you hear about ASHE” section on the application. Contact either Yung Koprowski at ykoprowski@lee-eng.com, Alan Ferreira at Alan.Ferreira@wilsonco.com or visit our website at www.sonoran.ashe.pro for membership information and application.

| MEMBER SPOTLIGHT | AL FIELD, P.E. |

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.

I am the oldest of 11 children and came to Arizona in 1948 for health-related reasons. My parents were told to get me to a hot, dry climate in order to recover from rheumatic fever and its associated paralysis, and to live a normal life. My father and uncle joined forces and converted a school bus into a “motor home” in which we traveled in from Ohio to Arizona, living in it for the first few months. I graduated from Agua Fria High School and worked on a farm as my first job after graduation. My first career job was at Arizona Public Service Company as a messenger where I retired in 1995 as a Sr. Utility Coordinator.

What journey led you to start your own company?

Finding I was too young to retire permanently and following employment at Parsons where I was assigned to work at ADOT as MAG Freeway Sr. Utility Coordinator, I eventually transferred to employment at TBE Group (now Cardno) and completed work on the construction of the MAG Freeway program. While there I served as Special Projects Manager on the Valley Metro Light Rail project moving to the Phoenix Sky Harbor Sky Train project. Since I had no more projects in my backlog and the company was insisting I maintain my Utilization Factor, I decided to embark on a long held dream and begin working for myself.

What was the most interesting project you’ve worked on in the last three years?

Working with the design-build team of Kiewit/Sundt and Parsons/URS was very interesting and satisfying since the project was completed in less than half the time the owner expected. While it seemed like a very simple project to build HOV lanes and install median barrier, drainage and other issues created complicated utility issues that required intense coordination.

What interested you in joining ASHE?

Once I was on my own and could decide which organizations to support, and upon learning that many of my friends and associates were members, it was a no-brainer to become a member.
**MARCH SECTION MEETING**
 Speaker: Chaun Hill, ADOT UPM – *ADOT Urban Project Management Design/Construction Program Update*

**APRIL SECTION MEETING**
Speakers: Alfred Erives, MCDOT; Jeff Hamilton, Hunter Contracting Co.; and Jordan Hamula, DBA Construction, Inc. - *Innovative Construction Methods Panel Discussion*
MAY SECTION MEETING
Speaker: Al Kattan, MCDOT - MCDOT Update

ROADS & STREETS CONFERENCE
March 27th-29th, 2013 - Starr Pass Resort & Spa - Tucson
The ASHE Sonoran Section had a booth at the recent Roads & Street Conference to show support of the transportation industry and bring attention to our scholarship program, which presents an undergraduate student pursuing a career in the highway industry with $1,500. Members and Non-Members alike were able to warm up for ASHE’s Annual Scholarship Golf Classic on the putting green and participate in the Hunter Games at our booth. Gift baskets of wine and assorted gourmet meats, cheeses, and chocolates were raffled to two lucky recipients.
Has your firm advertised in this issue? Contact Dawn Fortuna at (480) 772-7271 to get all the details on how you can take advantage of this opportunity and participate in our quarterly newsletter.
ARIZONA SECTION CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

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VENDOR BOOTHS

Vendor Booths are available for $400 to include one 8' x 2' draped table. Vendors will receive conference recognition in the program and one conference registration.

All proceeds will benefit the ASCE Arizona Section Scholarship Fund and the ASHE Scholarship Fund.

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*Electronic registration available at [www.azsce.org](http://www.azsce.org) or [www.sonoran.ashe.pro](http://www.sonoran.ashe.pro). Credit card payments processed via PayPal (no PayPal account required). A $5 credit card processing fee will be added for each attendee. Registration does not include golf.

Check payable to: ASCE Arizona Section and mail to Christine Fanchi, Dibble Engineering, 7500 N. Dreamy Draw Drive, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85020 by August 23, 2013.

Rates

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