



### Officer Election Results for '00-'01

During this past spring, the Association's Board of Directors nominated candidates for several positions that were up for election. The secretary mailed a ballot to all voting members, which contained the names of the official nominees with provisions for write-in votes by membership. Three new officers were elected:

- President - Bob Parker
- Vice-President - Tony Yacabucci
- Secretary - Nabil Farah

Mike Loeffler was initially elected to the office of secretary but he had to resign when he relocated to Columbus. The office of vice-president is new this year. Ken Kowalewski remains the treasurer.

Jeff Lechak and Joanne Gamble were elected to the Board of Directors for 3-year term Director positions.

### Membership Dues

Invoices for membership dues were mailed to all members and corporate sponsors in May. All fees should have been paid by the end of June to maintain your status as an active member. However, if you have not paid your 2000-2001 dues please do so as soon as possible. We are attempting to keep our records as accurate as possible, but as our membership continues to grow so does the possibility of filing errors.

### Christmas Party

ABCD would like to thank the following companies for helping to sponsor the annual ABCD/ASHE Christmas Party that was held on December 7, 1999 at Windows on the River:

- Burgess & Niple
- Chagrin Valley Engineering
- CT Consultants
- Dodson Stillson, Inc.
- Great Lakes Construction
- HNTB Ohio, Inc.
- Independence Excavating
- Lake Erie Diving, Inc.
- National Engineering
- Richland Engineering
- Osterland Company
- Transystems Corporation
- Utility Land Company

### Boat Trip

ABCD would like to thank the following companies for helping to sponsor the ABCD boat trip that was held in June, 2000:

- Burgess & Niple
- HNTB Ohio, Inc.
- Lake Erie Diving, Inc.

### 2000 Calendar of Events

September 12,2000	Meeting – Award Presentation	Park Grille
October	Meeting	
November	Meeting	
December 14, 2000	Meeting – Holiday Party with ASHE	Windows on the River



### **Monthly Meeting Announcements**

ABCD meeting announcements are sent out via email every month. If you do not have an email address listed with your membership, then the announcement is faxed to you. If you have not been receiving these monthly announcements, please contact Joanne Gamble at 216-522-1140 or [jgamble@hntb.com](mailto:jgamble@hntb.com).

### **ABCD Northeast Ohio Homepage**

A website for ABCD Northeast Ohio has been developed to help increase bridge design and construction awareness to the technology driven society, in addition to conveying information about the organization to the membership and community. The website, developed by Connecticut Reserve Technologies, L.L.C., features the Mission of the organization, a contact listing of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, and a webpage dedicated to the Sponsors of ABCD Northeast Ohio with links to their websites. Links to other bridge related websites are provided and the newsletters will soon be accessible from the site too. The ABCD Northeast Ohio website also includes an online Membership Application as well as an interactive Feedback Form. Please take some time to browse this new addition to the Organization and provide your input. The website can be found at:

<http://www.critechnologies.com/presents/abcd/index.html>

### **Bridge Inspection Training**

ODOT will be conducting a series of bridge inspection training classes over the late fall and early winter. A Basic Course and an Advanced Course will be offered. Completion of the Basic Course is required before taking the Advanced Course. The Advanced Course will include a field test and a written test. Certificates will be given to those who pass the Advanced Course. A 1-day Refresher Course will follow the Advanced Course to allow inspectors to stay updated without repeating the 3-day Basic Course. More information and a schedule of the classes can be found on ODOT's website at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/se/maintena/trainins.htm>

Contact John Wackerly at 614-466-4050 to register.

### **ODOT Aesthetic Design Seminars**

Beginning in September ODOT will hold a series of design aesthetic seminars for consultants and ODOT personnel interested in learning the principles of the department's Aesthetic Design policy. During each seminar participants will receive a copy of ODOT's Aesthetic Design guidelines and training on how to incorporate these guidelines into construction projects.

Seminars will be held in each of ODOT's 12 districts. More information and the schedule can be found at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/CONTRACT/CONSULT/AestheticDesign.htm>

### **Bridge Related WEBSITES**

ABCD Northeast Ohio  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
The Bridgesite Page  
The Bridge Engineering Home Page  
Bridge Builder Magazine

<http://www.critechnologies.com/presents/abcd/>

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/>

<http://www.bridgesite.com/>

<http://www.best.com/~solvers/bridge.html>

<http://www.bridgebuildermagazine.com/>



## 2001 ABCD Awards Program

CT Consultants, The City of Poland, The Mahoning County Engineer, and Soda Construction will be presented the ABCD 2000 award for the Outstanding Rehabilitated Bridge at the September meeting.

For 2001, the Awards Committee, chaired by Matt Lawler of HNTB Ohio, Inc., is encouraging anyone who has worked on a bridge project, be it as a project manager, project engineer, designer, detailer, ODOT project engineer, or contractor, to submit their bridge or bridges for awards in 2001. Though not judged until April of 2001, nominations may be submitted anytime prior to the March 31, 2001 deadline. Please keep in mind the two bridge award categories in the coming months:

- Outstanding New Bridge
  - New superstructure.
  - New or substantially reconstructed substructure.
- Outstanding Rehabilitated Bridge
  - Main load carrying members retained. They can be modified, strengthened, or made redundant, but should not be new.
  - Substructure units retained, but can be modified.

Also, consider the following:

- ABCD Achievement Award
  - An individual or group who has contributed the most to the chapter or local bridge community over the last year.

Please include a written narrative of the project (or person/group) and identify reasons why the project (or person/group) should be considered. In addition, please include the following for each bridge nomination:

- Two or more 3 ½" x 5" color photographs
- One or more significant 11"x17" drawings or sketches
- Listing of significant project features

The construction for the nominations must have been completed, open to traffic, during the 2000 calendar year.

There is no need to specify the category for which the project is nominated, the awards committee will determine which category is most appropriate for all nominations.

The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2001. Please send nominations to:

Mr. Matthew J. Lawler, P.E.  
c/o HNTB Ohio, Inc.  
55 Erieview Plaza, Suite 500  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1816

Or email any questions to [mlawler@hntb.com](mailto:mlawler@hntb.com).

## OTEC 2000

### Transportation: Pathway to Prosperity

The 54th annual Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) is scheduled for October 30 and 31 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. OTEC is a meeting place for all transportation interests within the state. OTEC's broad-based program includes sessions on several topics such as planning, design, construction and operation. The program is designed to give attendees the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about the latest technologies and developments in transportation. OTEC attracts engineers, government officials, researchers, professors, regional planners, consultants, contractors and industry representatives. Jointly sponsored by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio State University, OTEC is a conference for anyone with an interest in transportation and its future. For additional information on OTEC 2000, contact Michelle Von Ville at 614-292-4815 or [von-ville.1@osu.edu](mailto:von-ville.1@osu.edu), or visit the OTEC website at <http://www.otecohio.org>.





## **Building Big**

The Cleveland section of ASCE and WVIZ, Cleveland's PBS Station, are teaming up to promote the PBS Mini Series, Building Big, within the Northeast Ohio Community. Building Big is a five-part PBS series premiering in October 2000. Through episodes focusing on bridges, domes, skyscrapers, dams and tunnels, this exciting series explores the inner workings of big structures, what it takes to build them, and the challenges faced by builders throughout history.

The Cleveland Section of ASCE is now organizing volunteers to participate in outreach activities for Building Big. Several activities are planned to spread the word about the series and in so doing, spread the word about our profession. The outreach program will commence with a two hour training session at the WVIZ Studio on Thursday, September 14, 2000 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendance is recommended for engineers participating in any of the other events. The deadline for signing up for this session is September 7.

To sign up contact:

Joe Palko: [jpalko@crtechnologies.com](mailto:jpalko@crtechnologies.com)  
Phone: 216-241-9788  
(ASCE Representative for Building Big)

Jim Luteran: [jluteran@wviz.org](mailto:jluteran@wviz.org)  
Phone: 216-739-3866  
(WVIZ Building Big Outreach Coordinator)

More information about the scheduled activities is available on the ASCE Cleveland Section website: <http://www.crtechnologies.com/presents/asce>

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## September Meeting

Tuesday September 12, 2000

**SPEAKER:** CT Consultants, The City of Poland, The Mahoning County Engineer, and Soda Construction will be presented the ABCD 2000 award for the Outstanding Rehabilitated Bridge. Representatives for the winning rehabilitation team will then give a presentation on the award winning bridge.

**PROGRAM:** The rehabilitation of the Cemetery or White Bridge over Yellow Creek is the winner of the Outstanding Rehabilitated Bridge award for 2000. The bridge was constructed in 1877 by the Wrought Iron Bridge Company of Canton and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Only three bridges of this type exist nationally.

**PLACE:** Park Grille  
2749 SOM Center Road  
Willoughby Hills, Ohio

**AGENDA:** 5:30 Social Hour, Registration and 50/50 Raffle  
6:30 Dinner - Choice of:  
Rotisserie Chicken  
Yankee Pot Roast  
Spaghetti with choice of Meatball, Sausage or Meatless Sauce  
7:30 Speaker

**COST:** \$15.00 Members and Guests

**RSVP:** Contact Joanne Gamble with **RSVP and Meal Selection**  
at 216-522-1140, Fax 216-522-0554 or email [jgamble@hntb.com](mailto:jgamble@hntb.com)  
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