ACEC New York President & CEO, Jay Simson, Announces Retirement

ALBANY, January 29, 2020 — The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York) has announced that President & CEO Jay Simson will retire in 2021. The planned transition will allow for a review of operations, and a search consultant will be hired to lead ACEC New York through this process. Current ACEC New York Board of Directors Chair, Thomas Cascino, PE (AECOM), and Chair-elect Raymond Daddazio, PE (Thornton Tomasetti) have announced the appointment of a search committee to be led by Milo Riverso, PE (STV Group). Other members of the committee will be named soon.

Jay will remain in the role of president and CEO until such time as a new CEO is named.

“Jay has been with ACEC New York since 1992 and helped coordinate and lead the merger between NYACE and CEC/NYS in 2000,” said Cascino. “His leadership at the state and national level has helped ACEC New York set the bar within the ACEC federation.”

ACEC New York will celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2021. “For 100 years, we have flourished, and this transition will give us the opportunity to start the next 100 years with new leadership and new opportunities,” said Daddazio. “As Jay starts the next chapter in his life, we wish him and Sarah all the best.”

In announcing his retirement, Simson said, “ACEC New York is an amazing organization made up of exceptional people. Engineers make life better for everyone. Not a day goes by that people don’t benefit from an engineer’s work designing safe, sustainable and remarkable projects – from basic needs of food and water, shelter and transportation to the most elaborate and creative solutions to solve complex societal problems. I have learned so much from so many people, and I know that I will miss the daily interactions with consummate professionals.”

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