A Note from ACEC-KY Executive Director Russ Romine

I’d like to begin this month’s column by thanking 2017-18 ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer for his commitment and dedication to the organization over the past year. Shawn’s attention to detail and his execution of duties as president have been impressive, especially considering that most every in-person-meeting he’s attended this past year requires a 4-hour, one-way commute. In referencing the length of that commute, Shawn says, “It really isn’t all that bad… When you break it down, it’s only eight 30-minute segments.” That’s indicative of Shawn’s philosophy on a lot of things. You don’t complain, you just take it as it comes and you get the job done.

I’ve had the pleasure of working closely with Shawn on many issues over the last year, and I’ve always been impressed by his calm demeanor and thoughtful insight. With his steady leadership and his dedication to the issues, ACEC-KY has been well served and is positioned for continued success moving forward. On behalf of the entire ACEC-KY membership and KEC staff, thank you for your leadership, commitment and service, Shawn!

ACEC-KY Annual Meeting – June 27

Please join us for this year’s ACEC-KY Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 27th. The meeting will be held at Malone’s Prime in Lexington beginning at 11:00 AM. Malone’s Prime is located at 3373 Tates Creek Road (Lansdowne Shopping Center). In addition to a “Year-in-Review” by President Washer, members will vote on the 2018-19 ACEC-KY leadership team, plus hear from special guest speakers including Representative Ken Upchurch (Chairman of the House Transportation Committee), Representative Jonathan Shell (House Majority Floor Leader), and Commissioner Sandy Dunahoo (Department for Local Government). Don’t miss this opportunity… please visit our website and register to attend. We look forward to seeing you on June 27th!

ACEC/PAC

The American Council of Engineering Companies Political Action Committee (ACEC/PAC) provides members the opportunity to support federal candidates who promote a pro-business legislative agenda. The ACEC/PAC is a bipartisan PAC and is funded solely by ACEC member contributions nationwide. It is the engineering industry’s primary tool for political engagement and plays an essential role in advancing policies that benefit the industry.

By contributing to the ACEC/PAC, you are helping ACEC-KY have a larger voice on matters at the national level. Your support elevates issues like long-term/sustainable infrastructure funding, tax policy, regulatory reform, protection of QBS, and much, much more. With important mid-term elections coming up this November, now is your opportunity to contribute and have your voice heard. To make your next—or, maybe your first—ACEC/PAC contribution, visit ACEC/PAC’s website (https://www.acec.org/advocacy/advocacy-pac/) or contact ACEC-KY’s PAC Champion, Karen Wood (kwood@hmbpe.com) or myself. Thank you for your support!!

Leadership PE – Applications Now Being Accepted!

As you may know, the Leadership PE program recently
celebrated the graduation of its 20th class. For 20 years now, the LPE program has impacted nearly 300 young men and women and has become a model for similarly designed leadership programs around the country. It is a unique career building program that's designed specifically to benefit women and men in the engineering profession.

Is there someone in your firm who would benefit from Leadership PE? Encourage them to complete an application and pursue the opportunity to participate in this life-changing program. Participation is limited and eligible applicants must be either a Professional Engineer or an Engineer-in-Training. For more details, and to download an application, please visit our website (www.kyengcenter.org). Applications are due June 30th.

April 2018 – Leadership PE Alumni at the 2018 KSPE Annual Convention

Kentucky Infrastructure Authority – Clean Water & Drinking Water 2018 H2O Awards
The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) is recognizing the most outstanding water and wastewater projects that have been funded by the Clean Water SRF (Fund A), Drinking Water SRF (Fund F), Infrastructure Revolving Fund (Fund B), or Governmental Fund (Fund C). Project nominations are ongoing for this year’s H2O Awards and will be accepted through June 15th. For more details about the H2O awards click here, and to complete your application, click here.

ACEC-KY / FHWA / KYTC Annual Partnering Conference
Plans are coming together for this year’s Partnering Conference. The conference is being held at the Galt House on September 4-6 in Louisville. Registration is expected to open soon, so please watch for an email blast or regularly check our website for the latest conference information. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to attend this great event.

That concludes my message for this month. Please look for a message from your new ACEC-KY President, Steve McDevitt, in next month’s edition of THE KENTUCKY TIMES – Engineering Edition. Have a great month ahead!

Russell L. Remmel
ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

June 27, 2018
ACEC-KY Annual Meeting
Malone’s Prime

January 27-29, 2019
ACEC-KY Retreat 2019
The Renaissance - Nashville, TN

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification
Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest - Clermont, KY
June 8, 2018

The Environmental Process for Project Managers
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 14, 2018

InRoads Survey
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 19-20, 2018

InRoads Survey
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 21-22, 2018

MicroStation I for Civil Professionals
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
July 31-August 3, 2018

2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference
Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY
September 4 - 6, 2018

23rd Annual Kentucky Engineers’ Golf Classic
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
September 19, 2018

InRoads I V8i SS4
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
September 25-28, 2018

Check http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/ to see what other classes we have scheduled for the coming months!