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A Note from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt

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After sifting through all the resumes and completing the interview process, we selected Sara Massey as our new Executive Director for ACEC/KSPE/KEF. Sara has jumped right in and attended the Engineering Excellence Awards

Reception in March before taking the reins the second week of April. She was introduced to several ACEC members including Manish Khotari who is the current Chair of ACEC National Board of Directors and visiting Kentucky for the first time. Congratulations to the following firms that received ACEC's Grand Award.

Mammoth Cave Echo River Trail

Firm: *American Engineers, Inc.*

Client: *National Park Service*

Reconstruct I-24/I-69 Julian Carroll (Purchase) Parkway Interchange

Firm: *Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc.*

Client: *Kentucky Transportation Cabinet*

A Safer Path

Firm: *EA Partners PLC*

Client: *Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - District 8 & Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Highway Safety Improvement Program*

Churchill Downs 2018 Expansion: Sustainable Water Quality Infrastructure

Firm: *Qk4, Inc.*

Client: *Churchill Downs Racetrack, LLC*

Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperative - PowerVision

Firm: *Qk4, Inc.*

Client: *Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperative*

received the Grand Conceptor Award.

The Lake Bridges

Firm: *Michael Baker International, Inc.*

Client: *Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - District 1*

At our quarterly meeting in March, Tony Parrott, the Executive Director of Louisville MSD, came and spoke to our membership. I want to personally thank Tony for taking time out of his busy and demanding schedule to come and address our group. We learned that we're fighting the same battle as Tony has over the last several years. MSD, like the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, has a budget shortfall compared to the numerous needs that the City of Louisville has.

The combined effort of both ACEC-KY and KSPE with help from Clay Kelly has temporarily deterred the attempt of the state legislature of undermining the authority of our own Board of Licensure. We may have fought off this latest attempt, but the reorganization of all the boards in Kentucky into eight different departments with oversight by a governor appointee is not over. This topic will come up again in the next legislative session in 2020. We will continue to monitor this reorganization bill and defend our right to have an independent board much like the medical and accounting professions over the next year.

From my trip to Washington D.C. for the ACEC Orientation, the last four aspects of ACEC that I learned about were Membership and MO Services, Communications, Finance and Administration, and Association Legal Issues Minuteman Fund. Daphne Bryant heads up the Membership and MO Committee. She has big goals to reach with recruiting 90% of the eligible ENR Top 500 design firms, grow member firms by 2% each year and grow member employees by 3% each year. Mitch Green is scheduled to be part of the roundtable discussing these goals at this year's spring conference.

Alan Crockett leads the Communications' effort for ACEC.

Michael Baker's Lake Bridges project was recognized and

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This includes both external and internal platforms from telling ACEC's story, our accomplishments, and positioning ACEC as the leading authority when it comes to any issue that may affect our industry. From social media blitzes to developing a blog, the Engineering, Inc. quarterly magazine and the Engineering Business Index, Alan has a tall order to fill.

Lastly, Laura O'Neil and Barry Doyle handle all the Finance and Administration. Their presentation was as exciting as it sounds. Charles Kim handles ACEC's legal mission. And yes, the finance talk was more interesting which may be hard to believe. I did learn that the Minuteman Fund will contribute to our efforts of supporting the KICKStart Campaign to help raise new funding dollars to Kentucky's Road Fund. All we must do is ask and they will match our contribution to this very important issue.

The ACEC Spring Conference is set to begin the first week of May (and yes, Brad Gregory, Mark Litkenhus and myself will be in the air flying to D.C. while the horses are running in the Derby). Sara has set meetings with each of our representatives over the course of the conference. ACEC National will craft our message to deliver to them that centers around the transportation funding needs for Kentucky, and for projects connecting Kentucky with our bordering states, and for all the states. ACEC-KY will be hosting a reception for Senator Mitch McConnell during the conference. As we did last year, we will reinforce AWWA's agenda when they recently visited the capital to reinvest in repairing the decaying water infrastructure as well.

Out & About The KEC Staff stayed busy in March and April, hosting the March 12th ACEC-KY Quarterly meeting at The Olmsted and the March 27th ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards that was held at Old Forester. Outside of the ACEC-KY meetings and events, staff has been busy prepping new computers for the upcoming

OpenRoads Training, hosting the State Competition of MATHCOUNTS, and hosting the 2019 KSPE Annual Convention at the Omni Louisville Hotel, where over 50 sessions were held and the 21st Class of Leadership PE graduated.

As always, there are plenty of ways to get involved in ACEC-KY... from being involved on a committee or subcommittee, to serving as a committee chair, to helping with any number of meetings and events organized by our organization. Please give me a call or send me an email to let me know how you may want to get involved. It's never too late or too early in your career to participate in our organization whose sole purpose is to be an advocate for you and our industry.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. McDevitt, P.E.
President, ACEC-KY 2018-19

ACEC-KY Annual Meeting - June 12 at Buffalo Trace Distillery

It's about time to finish out our 2018/2019 ACEC-KY year. Join us to wrap up the year at Buffalo Trace Distillery on June 12th! The meeting will begin at 10:30 am for the business meeting portion, then have lunch and finish up with our guest speaker.

We greatly encourage you to come to this meeting and bring your colleagues with you to find out more about what ACEC-KY members and committees are doing in the engineering community. Cost for the event is \$35. Registration for the event is available [online here!](#)



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Leadership PE - 21st Class & 22nd Class

The 21st Class of Leadership PE graduated on April 19th at the Omni Louisville Hotel during the Friday luncheon of the KSPE Convention. It was a great class and they had a fantastic year. Congratulations to them on completing the program!

Since the 21st Class has graduated, it is time to start looking forward and preparing for the next class! We are now accepting applications for the 22nd Class of Leadership PE. Applications are due to the KEC on June 30th.

Leadership P.E. is a leadership development program designed to encourage, strengthen and build the professional careers and the civic involvement of entry- and mid- to upper-level engineers. Sessions cover Communication, Team Dynamics and Volunteerism, Professionalism, Legislative, Personal Management and more.

To find out more about the Leadership PE program and to access the application, please [visit this link!](#)



OpenRoads Training

We recently sent out a memo on behalf of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding their use of OpenRoads and OpenRoads training. The following classes have been scheduled to start OpenRoads training:

- July 9 - 12 Upgrading to OpenRoads Designer
- July 16-17 Upgrading to MicroStation CONNECT
- July 18-19 Upgrading to OpenRoads Survey

There is limited seating in these classes. To start, if you are interested in attending one of these sessions or be put on a waitlist to fill the next scheduled class, please contact Jennifer (jennifer@kyengcenter.org) or Marcie (marcie@kyengcenter.org) at the KEC.

Note: The July 9-12 class is already full.

ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

June 12, 2019

[ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting](#)
Buffalo Trace Distillery - Frankfort, KY

September 3-5, 2019

[2019 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference](#)
The Galt House - Louisville, KY

September 18, 2019

[24th Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic](#)
University Club of Kentucky - Lexington, KY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

May 29, 2019

[KYTC Basic Traffic Engineering Design](#)
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

June 4-6, 2019

[Beginner HEC-RAS](#)
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

June 13, 2019

[Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)
Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest - Clermont, KY

June 25-28, 2019

[MicroStation I for Civil Professionals](#)
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

July 16-17, 2019

[Upgrading to MicroStation CONNECT](#)
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

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