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A Note from ACEC-KY Executive Director Russ Romine

Earlier this month Mark Litkenhus (ACEC-KY National Director) and Shawn Washer (ACEC-KY Past President) joined colleagues from across the country in Washington, DC to meet Linda Bauer Darr, the ACEC Selection Committee's choice

to succeed retiring ACEC President/CEO Dave Raymond. At a special meeting of the ACEC Board of Directors on July 10th, Ms. Darr was unanimously approved as the next ACEC President/CEO. She will begin her service to the Council on August 6.

Ms. Darr currently serves as CEO of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, a position she has held for the past four years, and previously led the American Moving & Storage Association as CEO from 2007-2014. Prior to that, she served in senior positions at the American Bus Association and the American Trucking Association. Ms. Darr began her career with the engineering firm EG&G and, in the late 1990s, served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs.

ACEC-KY wants to thank Dave Raymond for his dedicated service to the Council for nearly 20 years, and we wish him the best as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement. We also want to welcome Linda to her new role, and we look forward to working alongside her as we remain committed to strengthening the business environment for our member firms. ACEC and ACEC-KY continues to be the face and voice for engineering businesses for advocacy, access and education.



Newly elected Council President/CEO Linda Bauer Darr (center) with ACEC Chair Manish Kothari (right) and retiring President/CEO Dave Raymond (left).



ACEC-KY / FHWA / KYTC Annual Partnering Conference

HEADS UP... this year's Partnering Conference is upon us! The conference kicks off on Tuesday, September 4, at the Galt House in Louisville. Please join us as we hold our next quarterly ACEC-KY Membership Meeting in conjunction with the Partnering Conference reception on Tuesday evening. Wednesday's lineup includes a full day of technical sessions featuring 9 tracts to customize your schedule with topics that meet your interest. And don't miss lunch on Wednesday... you'll hear a special message delivered by international speaker and best-selling author, Jennifer Powers. Jennifer uses wit, humor and audience interaction to help attendees step into a more positive mindset, deal with change (and the stress that comes with it), and adopt life-changing strategies and tools. After the day's sessions, Wednesday evening's reception will include your chance to win a fabulous door prize, so make plans to attend. The conference will conclude on Thursday with a morning buffet breakfast, followed by an informative General Session.

Don't miss your chance to network with fellow ACEC-KY members and your partners at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky Division of FHWA. Online registration is available... [Register for the Conference Online Here!](#) The Galt House room block

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closes on August 4th. Hotel reservations can be made here: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49563791>



Call for Entries / 2019 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards

Do you have a recent project you would like to highlight? Would you like the opportunity to showcase your firm's engineering achievement and promote the quality and innovative work you provide your clients? Now's your chance. The 2019 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition is approaching, and we want your

projects. The deadline for submitting your entry is Monday, November 26, with entries due at the Kentucky Engineering Center by 5:00 PM EST. For those interested, I will provide an EEA competition overview and orientation at the Kentucky Engineering Center on Thursday, September 13.

You may also participate in the national competition and have your project considered alongside the best in the country. Entries for ACEC-National's competition are due on January 4, 2019. Stay tuned for more details.



Leadership PE / New Class Selected

Participants for the 21st Class of Leadership PE were recently selected and are now gearing up to begin this year's program when the Orientation Session kicks off on September 20th at Lake Cumberland. Over the last 20 years, the LPE program has helped 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, and we are excited to continue the tradition with this distinguished group of engineers. As an ACEC-KY member firm, thank you for your continued support of the program! Also, special thanks to all our loyal session deans who give their time and share their talent on

behalf of the LPE program!

In Closing

That's a quick rundown of some of the activities and events over the past month, plus a look ahead at things to come. Please look for a message from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt in next month's edition of THE KENTUCKY TIMES – Engineering Edition. As always, if you have any questions or need anything from your staff at the Engineering Center, please let us know. On behalf of Marcie and Jennifer, thank you for your membership with ACEC-KY, and thank you for your service to the engineering profession in Kentucky. Have a great month ahead!

Sincerely,

Russell L. Romine



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Governor's Local Issues Conference

Join the Department for Local Government for the 43rd Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference. It's being held August 14-16, 2018 at the Galt House Hotel. You can register and find out more at: <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/LocalIssues/16GlicHome.cfm>



21st Class of Leadership PE

Special Congratulations to Those Chosen for the 21st Class of Leadership PE!

Katie L. Beard, PE - *Frankfort Sewer Department*

Devin L. Chittenden, PE - *HDR*

Krista E. Citron, PE - *Kentucky American Water*

Trey DeRoche, PE - *Hazen and Sawyer*

Colette R. Easter, PE - *Louisville MSD*

Hope R. Evans, PE - *USACE*

Eric B. Fister, PE - *GRW Engineers, Inc.*

Ryan C. Griffith, PE - *Kentucky Transportation Cabinet*

Alison Gwynn, PE - *Gresham, Smith and Partners*

Joshua C. Hunn, PE, CFM - *AECOM*

Anna C. Klenke, PE - *Michael Baker International*

Jeremiah T. Littleton, PE - *Qk4*

J. Taylor Perkins, PhD, SE, PE - *Stantec*

Christopher J. Sivley, PE - *Cornerstone Engineering, Inc.*

Amy K. Tempus-Doom, PE - *Energy & Environment Cabinet*

Coty E. Young, PE - *USACE*

***Follow them on their Leadership PE journey this year by following Leadership PE Kentucky on Twitter*

<http://twitter.com/LeadershipPEKY!>**



ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

September 19, 2018

[23rd Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic](#)

University Club of Kentucky - Lexington, KY

January 27-29, 2019

[ACEC-KY Retreat 2019](#)

The Renaissance - Nashville, TN

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[MicroStation II](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

August 21-23, 2018

[2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference](#)

Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY

September 4 - 6, 2018

[InRoads I V8i SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

September 25-28, 2018

[InRoads II SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

October 16-18, 2018

[Mechanical/Electrical One Day Seminar](#)

Hilton Garden Inn - Georgetown, KY

October 17, 2018

[Madisonville One Day Seminar](#)

Ballard Convention Center - Madisonville, KY

October 24, 2018

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