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### A Note from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt February 2019

For the last two months the coordinating committee for both KSPE and ACEC-KY have sifted through 56 resumes for the Executive Director position. On February 6th, we narrowed down the field to five candidates and four of

which accepted our invitation to come in for an interview on February 26th. Hopefully, we will be able to announce our new director in the next couple of weeks. I want to thank the coordinating committee members representing KSPE Kristen Crumpton, Kelly Meyer, Mike Harris, Matt Rogers and from ACEC Brad Gregory, Tim Choate, Mark Litkenhus, and Shawn Washer for setting time aside to review all the applicant's resumes and participating in the interview process. We had four outstanding candidates to select from and it was a difficult process. A special shout out to Jennifer Gatewood for posting our executive director position on several sites and uploading all the resumes as they came in to allow us to begin reviewing each one.

We had a busy month besides all of the training classes but also with our retreat in Nashville at the end of January. We had over 35 people attend the conference representing 25 different companies and organizations. Our 16 speakers covered a variety of topics from federal highway, KYTC, Nashville Airport expansion to cyber security. Hopefully when we have our next retreat in 2021, we can double the number of attendees and company representation. Another special shout out to Chris Costlow of American Engineers for setting up the skype call with Todd Inman, the Chief of Staff for Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. Mr. Inman gave some great insight when it came to apply for grants through federal INFRA and BUILD programs.

On February 20th, with the help of Tim Corrigan from The Rotunda Group, we met with several of our representatives to discuss the much-needed transportation revenue increase. We met with Sen. Ernie Harris, Rep. Sal Santoro,

and Rep. Jason Nemes as well as several other state legislatures as they walked through the hallways. A special thanks to Lisa Wilson-Plajer, Marcie Matthews, Bob Schenck, and Clint Goodin who spent the day walking the hallways. We had over 20 legislators come to our event that evening that Chad LaRue from the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors orchestrated and we helped sponsor.

Mitch Green of HMB is our new PAC Chair. He takes over the reins from Karen Wood who did an outstanding job leading our state to meet our PAC goals over the last 10+ years. So please do not block or avoid Mitch's calls when he begins asking for donations.

From my trip to Washington D.C. for the ACEC Orientation, another aspect of ACEC that I learned about is our Private Market Resources led by Erin McLaughlin. Erin and her team are responsible for assembling industry briefs for Top Clients, Market Trends, Government Affairs, Business Development Insights, Hot Geographic areas and related webinars. They provide yearly reports on Commercial and Residential Real Estate, Intermodal Logistics, Energy & Logistics, and Health Care & Science+Technology. You can subscribe to these quarterly newsletters on ACEC's website at <https://programs.acec.org/industrybrief/>.

Mike Pramstaller, CAE leads the Meeting Exhibits and Awards team for ACEC. They are responsible for the organizing the Annual Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. and the Fall Conference this year in Chicago. Please plan on attending both conferences on May 5th thru 8th in Washington, D.C. and October 13th thru 16th. The spring conference also serves as our legislative summit where we meet with each of our federal representatives. Don't blame me that the spring conference begins on Derby Day.

We have a busy March so please put on your calendar to attend our next events:

- March 15th ACEC Quarterly Meeting at The Olmsted.

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Mr. Tony Parrott, the Executive Director of Louisville MSD is our guest speaker. Board meeting is at 9:00 am with lunch at 11:30 am.

- March 27th Engineering Excellence Award Banquet at the Old Forester Distillery on Main Street in Louisville, Manish Kothari the Chair of ACEC will be our special guest. Tours of the Old Forester begin at 6:00 pm.

**Out & About** The KEC Staff started the month out helping to host and organize the 8th Annual Bridge Seminar Day at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, where about 250 individuals were in attendance. Tony Hunley of Stantec has been the lead on the Bridge Seminar Day since the beginning and this year was no different. We greatly appreciate Tony's contributions to the success of this event. Outside of Bridge Day, staff has been busy assisting the Coordinating Committee with the Executive Director Search alongside all of the event planning and preparation that needed to take place for the two March events coming up for ACEC-KY. Staff has also been working hard to get in-demand seminars scheduled per requests during the Professional Development Committee meeting. Be sure to check the calendar if you are looking for classes – we have many new offerings to finish out the fiscal year.

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 Quarterly Meeting - March 15 at The Olmsted

Our March 15th Quarterly meeting is being held at The Olmsted, beginning with the ACEC-KY Business meeting at 10:30 am. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and directly following lunch the Executive Director for the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District, Tony Parrott, will speak.

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!](#)



## ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards Reception

The ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards Reception is fast approaching. The reception will run from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on March 27th at Old Forester Distillery on West Main Street in Louisville. We will have tours of the distillery during this event!

To get registered, go [online here](#) to sign up!

