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In the face of this COVID-19 pandemic, ACEC California has been extremely busy.

We have been working hard to provide timely information on the subject. All of our information is posted on the COVID-19 Information and Updates web page on our website, and we encourage members to regularly check this resource. Our ACEC National organization has also established a Coronavirus Resource Center, with a great deal of information.

If you wish to reach staff, click here for a [staff directory](#).

COVID-19 Information

[ACEC California COVID-19 Information and Updates](#)

[ACEC National Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

ACEC California and ACEC National Express Support
for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), headquartered in Washington D.C., released the following [statement](#) of support for equity, inclusion, and diversity in America on June 5, 2020:

"The engineering profession has always been grounded in integrity, fairness and service to community. Engineers build communities. We create space and by extension, we create social experience. We support equality and respect for all humankind. We believe in providing equitable opportunities within our profession to support untapped potential both within our workforce and within the communities we serve. And we have the power to foster progress by breaking down the physical barriers that can inhibit economic and social equity. Those are the principles that guide our community through this difficult time. Through ACEC we will embrace inclusion and diversity and continue to focus our members on ways to lift people up to become their best selves and to make our companies models of the values we embrace."

This statement is consistent with the fundamental aspects of ACEC California's core values:

Core Values

ACEC California's core values are personal characteristics that empower our membership:

- **Character**...Ethical, Open and Trustworthy
- **Respect**...Inclusive, Tolerant, and Fair
- **Competence**...Knowledgeable, Innovative, Credible
- **Solving Problems**...Engaged, Result Oriented

The professions of engineering and land surveying are not immune to issues of equality related to race and gender. Many members have a diverse and effective workforce. However, we recognize that we can do more to publicly demonstrate our belief in our core values. ACEC California calls on all of its member firms to identify individuals who will volunteer to participate on our Diversity Leadership Council, so that we may seek to develop more proactive steps within our organization. If you have an interest in volunteering, please [click here](#). We need your involvement!

As a statewide organization, we are dedicated to enhancing the consulting engineering and land surveying professions. We believe that the more diverse, inclusive and equitable we are as an organization, the wiser and stronger our advocacy and regulatory work will be for our industry.

Click the button below to join

[Diversity Leadership Council](#)

ACEC California Welcomes New Executive Officers



During our first virtual board meeting held on May 21, the ACEC California Board of Directors elected Kurt Yoshii (Ninyo & Moore) as President, Miranda Patton (MNS Engineers) as President Elect, Raul Laborin (WSP) as Vice-President, and Gene Bougdanos (HDR) as Secretary-Treasurer. Gary Antonucci (Moffatt & Nichol) assumes the role of Immediate Past President, and Ralph Guida, IV (Guida Surveying, Inc.) has been appointed ACEC National Director. Recognition and gratitude go to Gary for his work and leadership over the 2019/20 fiscal year, during what has proved to be very unconventional and challenging due to the pandemic. Jeff Walker (Kleinfelder) steps down as an

officer and recognition and gratitude also goes to Jeff for his years of service on the Executive

Engineering & Surveying Business Review | SPRING 2020 ISSUE NOW AVAILABLE!

ACEC California has published its annual magazine, a gorgeous compilation of project photos and personal testimony from leadership and staff.

The 2020 issue features broad content, including articles on ACEC California's recent legislative successes, key updates on the organization's priorities for this year and a recognition of our recent Engineering Excellence Award honor, merit and commendation winners.

View the Spring 2020 Magazine [Here](#).



EEA Intent to Enter



Your opportunity to participate in ACEC California's Engineering Excellence Awards is here, the Intent to Enter is now available. We encourage all firms to submit entries for projects worthy of prominence and recognition.

The Engineering Excellence Awards program recognizes successfully completed projects that stand out based on the quality and complexity of the project. The program is an opportunity to promote not only your firm, but also our profession through outstanding projects. Award winners will be honored at a banquet hosted by ACEC California's Scholarship Foundation on February 4, 2021, at The Fairmont Hotel, in San Francisco. Award winners will receive extensive statewide promotion through ACEC California. All banquet proceeds will benefit the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation.

Please submit your firm's Intent to Enter and the official entry form will be sent to you as soon as it is available. It is highly encouraged for your firm to submit an Intent to Enter in order to ensure that you receive all important notifications and have plenty of time to prepare an official entry.

California is home to numerous engineering innovations deserving of statewide and national recognition. All Golden State and Honor Award winners will have the opportunity to enter the ACEC National EEA competition.

We greatly look forward to your entry and can assist you in any way that you need. There have been some recent incredible achievements in California and we can't wait to see them!

Please [click here for the Intent to Enter](#), which is now available.

Please email Brit Bertino, for further questions bbertino@acec-ca.org

2021 QBS Champion Award NOMINATIONS OPEN!

This award program seeks to recognize public agencies that make exemplary use of the Qualifications-

Based Selection procurement process and acknowledge the importance of selecting the most qualified design professionals. Members of ACEC California, if you believe there is an agency that qualifies to be a QBS Champion, be sure to nominate that agency today! The QBS Champion Award winner will be announced at ACEC California's Annual Engineering Excellence Awards banquet in February 2021. **Nominations close June 30, 2020.** Please note, you must be a member of ACEC California to nominate an agency. For more information or to nominate an agency, please visit www.acec-ca.org

Click the image below to access the nomination page.



ACEC Webinars

COVID-19 Insurance Industry Update

On Wednesday April 29th, ACEC California hosted a webinar with Mike Olson from Dealey, Renton, and Associates to provide an overview of the legislative and regulatory updates to the Property and Casualty insurance industry impacting California engineering firms. The webinar also reviewed COVID-19's application to the various insurance coverages as well as claims trends the industry may see. For a full recording of the webinar, [click here](#).

ACEC California Partners with SEAONC for CV-19 Webinars

Last month ACEC California in conjunction with SEAONC teamed up for a panel discussion on, "COVID-19 Safety in the Workplace." Brad Diede served as the moderator, along with a number of enlightening panelists. The two organizations are partnering again for another panel to discuss

["How do Offices Re-Open & Operate after COVID?"](#)

June 23, 2020

12:00pm-1:30pm

[Click here](#) to register for this **FREE** webinar.

What will the engineering industry look like post-COVID-19, and will your firm be prepared?

Even as we grapple with the day-to-day impact of the pandemic on our firms and our industry, we must plan for the future because regardless of how and when this crisis eventually abates, engineering firms will be integral to the re-opening and growth of the economy. Over the next two months, ACEC National will convene three virtual roundtables of experts addressing key questions facing engineering firms. And they are inviting all ACEC members—and non-members—to sit in, listen to the conversations, and ask questions.

Click the button below for more information.

[ACEC National Roundtables](#)

Payroll Protection Program (PPP)

Our ACEC National office reported that the Treasury released new guidance on Payroll Protection

Program (PPP) loan forgiveness, which can be accessed in the form of an [interim final rule](#) (IFR). Like the initial guidance on the PPP loan program, in general, the IFR is open to public comment and may be refined further based on input from stakeholders. Based on our Washington DC office's initial analysis, the guidance tracks closely with the loan forgiveness application that the Treasury had released and provides some examples that could be helpful to firms in filling out the application. It also answers questions related to whether loan forgiveness will be reduced if a laid off employee refuses an offer to return to work, or if an employee is fired for cause or resigns voluntarily. Our Washington DC office did not see additional information in the IFR regarding the final certification on page 4 of [the loan forgiveness application](#) that SBA can request additional information to determine the borrower's eligibility. The IFR does state that SBA may provide further guidance, if needed. ACEC National will be offering a webinar on the loan forgiveness application process -- please stay tuned for additional information.

Additionally, our [ACEC National office](#) in Washington D.C. reported that on June 3, 2020 the Senate has cleared HR 7010 without change, which sent the bill to the White House for the President's signature. This is the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act we [reported on previously on May 29, 2020](#), which extends the loan forgiveness period from 8 weeks to 24 weeks and includes other reforms. ACEC has actively been advocating for this passage.

ACEC California Committees

Rail Liaison Committee

On May 12, 2020 the ACEC California Rail Committee met with representatives from the California Highspeed Rail Authority, covering a number of items. [Click here](#) to see the slides from the presentation. ACEC California thanks the Authority for their ongoing participation with our Rail Committee members.

Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee

On May 27, 2020 the ACEC California Corp of Engineers Liaison Committee met with representatives from the Corp, covering a number of items. [Click here](#) to see the slides from the presentation. ACEC California thanks the Authority for their ongoing participation with our Corps. of Engineers Liaison Committee members.

In Memoriam: Bob Stockton

Bob Stockton passed away in a tragic hit and run accident while out running with his wife on May 13, 2020

Bob, a civil engineer, was a principal at Rick Engineering in Riverside and was a governor appointee to the state Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists. He also coached the mountain bike team at Woodcrest Christian High. He was an elected board member of the Western Municipal Water District and a member of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, which he served as chairman of the board in 2015. He previously served as a Riverside planning commissioner and was a member of the boards of Riverside Public Utilities, Path of Life Ministries and the Riverside YWCA, among others.

A memorial service for Bob will be held online on Friday, June 12th, at 5:00 pm on live.sandalschurch.tv. Bob's ashes will be scattered in some of his favorite places.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The ["Coach Bob Stockton Memorial Endowed](#)



Scholarship". The scholarship will benefit Woodcrest Christian students headed to CBU. All gifts received by June 30th will be matched dollar for dollar by the University.

Deadline Extension - 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year Program

ACEC National has extended the deadline for 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year Program nominations to **July 10, 2020**. Please review the Guidelines to understand how the program works.

The 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year guidelines and nomination form are posted on the ACEC National website [here](#).

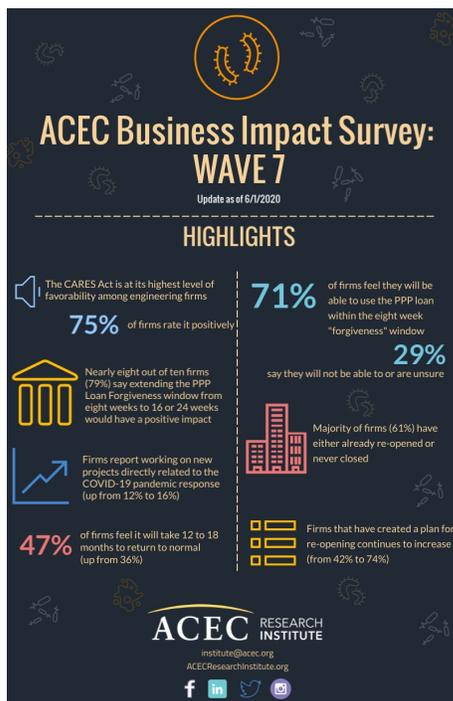
The ACEC Young Professional of the Year program is meant to be a local initiative, similar to the Scholarship program. The national office will issue what might be considered "derivative" awards to a pool of finalists from the MO programs around the country. MOs will establish, maintain and publicize program activities within their borders. MOs are encouraged to establish your own MO level award program. If your MO does not plan to give your own award, you may still participate in the program by screening and approving nominations for submission to the national judging. The 2020 national winners will be recognized during the Fall Conference in San Diego, California.

If you have additional questions, please contact Daisy Nappier at ACEC at (202) 347-7474 or via e-mail at [Daisy Nappier](#). Good luck with your program!

Reminders:

- ACEC California Virtual Leadership Meeting Wednesday, July 29, 2020, Time: 12pm – 2pm
- ACEC California Virtual BOD Meeting Thursday, July 30, 2020, Time: 9am – 12pm
- [The Community Service Award](#) deadline has been *extended* to Friday, August 7, 2020.

ACEC Research Institute Survey



More U.S. Engineering Firms See COVID-19 Related Business Growth, Record Support for PPP Program According to New ACEC Research Institute Survey.

A majority of U.S. engineering firm leaders report their businesses are engaging in more COVID-19 pandemic response and are seeing other areas of their businesses outperforming today compared to just a few weeks ago, the latest ACEC Research Institute Business Impact Survey 7 reveals.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Congressional Meetings

Our ACEC National office is helping to schedule virtual meetings with Congressional Representatives across the nation for our members to speak with them. We have some scheduled in California. ACEC California members contact Brad Diede (bdiede@acec-ca.org) if you have an interest in participating. It is a great way to tell Congress what we need! And kudos go to Jason Matson, with Kimley Horn, for leading this effort for ACEC California!

ACEC National Life/Health Trust Loyalty Credit Webinar

A one-time Loyalty Credit is being given out to active ACEC California firms that have medical insurance through the the ACEC National Life/Health Trust.

Additional details can be found at www.aceclifehealthtrust.com/loyalty

Legislator of the Year



Every year, ACEC California selects a Legislator of the year. Although belated because of COVID-19, for 2019 we want to honor Senator Atkins as the ACEC California Senator of the Year.

Congratulations, Senator Atkins!

ACEC California Scholarship Foundation

Scholarship Raffle and Silent Auction Prizes Needed

Each ACEC California chapter is asked to make a donation to the 2020 Scholarship Raffle and 2021 Silent Auction. This year we will again have a silent auction in conjunction with the Annual Scholarship raffle. Some items donated will be used for the silent auction and may be combined with other donated prizes (sponsorship of the prizes will be attributed to all donors). We are happy to purchase prizes on its behalf if the chapter would like to make a cash donation. Please contact Stephanie Reed at sreed@acec-ca.org for more information or to make a donation.

ACEC California Scholarship Winner Wins Again!

With one application, Teresa Magana won a scholarship award at both the State and National levels. At the end of January, the ACEC Scholarship Trustees awarded Magana one of the top state prizes and then forwarded her application to the National office for their consideration. Through National, Magana won the PLAN (Professional Liability Agents Network) scholarship. The funding of this award comes from the Professional Liability Agents Network, which is a select group of insurance agencies specializing in risk management and loss prevention programs for architects, engineers and environmental consultants. Congratulations, Teresa!



ACEC California would like to formally thank all the firms who donated to the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation from March 1st to May 31st. We are grateful for their continued support:

- APSI Construction Management
- Au Clair Consulting Inc.
- Carroll Engineering, Inc.
- Conaway Geomatics
- Grice Engineering
- Johnson Engineering
- Kavanagh Engineering
- Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.
- Laugenour and Meikle
- LCC Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
- MA Engineering
- MacKay & Somps
- R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc.
- Tanner Pacific, Inc.
- Thomsen Engineering, Inc.
- TSAC Engineering
- Weber Grant Land Surveying
- Yeh and Associates

Donate to the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation

Over the years, ACEC California has awarded more than over \$600,000 in cash grants to hundreds of outstanding students. Your donation to the Foundation is an important investment in the future of the engineering and land surveying professions.

To donate, please [click here](#) or send a check made payable to the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation to:

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ACEC California Member Updates

ACEC California Welcomes New Members

ACEC California would like to welcome member firms that joined either new chapters or ACEC California since March:

Darin Fong & Associates

Brea
Orange County Chapter
Consulting Structural Engineers. Disciplines Offered:
Civil-Structural

IDS Group

Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Chapter
Multi-discipline design, engineering & management consulting firm. Disciplines offered: Architectural, Civil-General, Civil-Structural, Civil-Transportation, Electrical, Mechanical.

IDS Group

Irvine
Orange County Chapter
Multi-discipline design, engineering & management consulting firm. Disciplines offered: Architectural, Civil-General, Civil-Structural, Civil-Transportation, Electrical, Mechanical.

IDS Group

San Diego
San Diego Chapter
Multi-discipline design, engineering & management



Send Us Your News!

Does your chapter have any news or acknowledgments? Upcoming events or meetings you want to promote?

Email [Gaby Cervantes](#)- We want to share the excitement!

Chapter Highlights!

Los Angeles County Chapter

- June 24th Webinar – Jeanet Owens of Metro Regional Rail. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Orange County Chapter

- June 25th Zoom Meeting with Rose Casey, Director, Highway Programs and Jeff Mills PE, Program Manager

consulting firm. Disciplines offered: Architectural, Civil-General, Civil-Structural, Civil-Transportation, Electrical, Mechanical.

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Civil engineering, land planning, surveying, construction administration, architecture and landscape architecture.

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