Input from registrants:

Please rank your interest in the following discussion topics.

**Water Funding & Legislative Report**

**HB 1267 Water Infrastructure Task Force**
- Authored by Rep. Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso) and sponsored by Senator Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) passed, establishing a legislative and governor-appointed task force to review the needs and make recommendations for funding sources on drinking water, wastewater and storm water systems for the 2019 “budget session.”

**SB 362 Regulation of Water and Wastewater Systems**
- Authored by Sen. Charbonneau passed, subjecting certain new utilities to the IURC and requires Asset Management Plans and more

**SB 386 Financing of Flood Control Improvements**
- Authored by Sen. John Ruckelshaus (R) passed, creating a new funding source for Indianapolis projects at this time, and could serve as a model for other communities in the future.

**HB 1015 Indemnity and Duty to Defend**
- Representative Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) worked extremely hard all session to pass a “fix” to sole negligence for the industry (Section 1) and the uninsurable “duty to defend” for design professionals (Section 2). Throughout, he committed to keep the two solutions together, despite enormous pressure from a coalition of large utilities, contractors, and manufacturers that opposed Section 2 and only wanted pass Section 1. At the end, we managed to obtain approval of the whole bill from three out of four caucuses (House Republicans, Senate and House Democrats), but the Senate Republicans would not sign off, so Rep. Torr let it all die. Disappointing, but it allows all of us to try to again next year to find a workable solution to both of the issues.
Over the summer, as you meet with legislative candidates, take a few minutes to explain this issue and request their support to work with us on it in the 2019 session. In a nutshell, ACEC Indiana seeks to fix an uninsurable contractual duty to defend a client even when there is no claim of negligence of the design professional, so their Professional Liability insurance will not cover these defense costs; the design professional would pay these expenses out of pocket, even though they have done nothing wrong.

Besides Rep. Torr, we had strong support from Rep. Ed Delaney (D-Indianapolis) and Senator Karen Tallian (D-Portage), resulting in the approval of their respective caucuses. We thank them for their effort!

SB 399 Occupational Licensing
- Concerned ACEC due to its impact P.E. licenses, killed by professional associations. Thanks to the many members who responded to our Action alert and contacted your State Representative to oppose the bill on 3rd reading. It “died on the calendar” so your response helped! Several other “professions” also engaged in the opposition. We will keep an eye on other germane bills to ensure the language does not get inserted.

HB 1341 Autonomous Vehicles
- Bill died at the end, a victim of time running out, despite having a signed conference committee report. Authored by Rep. Soliday, and sponsored by Senator Mike Crider (R-Greenfield), it sought to balance “innovation vs. public safety”, and was a priority of the Administration. If there is a special session, look for it to be included.

INDOT Update
- Committee focused on 3 primary objectives – Workforce Development, INDOT Project Manager knowledge transfer, and Design/LPA Guidance Manual Updates.
  - Possible coordination with ISPLS for promotion of land surveying programs to increase workforce candidates.
  - Re-invigorated interest in INDOT selections has led to the re-establishment of an INDOT Selection Sub-committee.
  - ACEC beginning dialog with INDOT on ECI adjustment for the 2019.
    - Use of 2018 Salary & Benefits Survey results.
  - INDOT beginning to roll out eInvoicing protocols in Spring/Summer 2018.
    - See if there are enough requests for a conversion software to assist with uploading invoices from Deltek systems to the new INDOT system.
  - “10-Day Prompt Pay” requirement—NEW.
    - Prompt Payment. The CONSULTANT agrees to pay each subconsultant under this Contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than ten (10) business days from the receipt of each payment the CONSULTANT receives from INDOT. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of INDOT. The explanation from the CONSULTANT shall be made in writing to INDOT. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subconsultants. Failure to comply with
this clause shall constitute a material breach of this Contract and may result in sanctions under this Contract.

**Strategic Plan Update**

- Pathway to Leadership
- Follow on social media (LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram) @ACECIndiana
- Download Membership Directory App in Android Google Play or iPhone Apple Store, search ACEC Indiana.

**Opportunities for Involvement**

- Committee requests sent out. Committee requests due at the end of April. Committee appointment notifications to go out to members at the end of May. Committees begin in new fiscal year, July 1.
- Membership Engagement Committee’s actions with young professionals and ambassadors.