ACEC IN LAUNCHES FIRST STATE PAC "POWER CLUB"

ACEC Indiana’s new Strategic Plan calls for increased advocacy to achieve legislative goals, such as protection of the recently passed State Highway and Local Road Funding Program, pursuit of a long-term solution to water-related infrastructure funding, expansion of QBS and more. To achieve these goals, two ingredients have been identified: a more engaged “grassroots” network of members, and a more influential Indiana State PAC.

Many consulting engineering leaders regularly make contributions directly to legislative candidates and incumbents that added up, far exceed the ACEC Indiana State PAC. Capturing that total sum of financial support would yield a different view of ACEC Indiana’s “sphere of influence” with policy makers and help our organization carry a stronger “voice” on behalf of the professional consulting engineering membership.

ACEC Indiana’s State PAC is part of the foundation of the advocacy program, so we are going to build on it with a “POWER Club” to recognize both corporate and personal giving.

At the end of the year, the goal is to be able to capture the total sum of contributions made to each caucus in the Indiana House and Senate. This will provide meaningful data to policy makers who can help ACEC Indiana achieve its legislative goals. The State PAC Power Club will start Jan. 1, 2018 and more details will follow.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE STATE PAC POWER CLUB

PROMOTING DIVERSITY & DIALOGUE

Over 150 diverse business leaders, prime consultants, clients, general contractors and special guests gathered recently to networking and hear from Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch about the importance of diversity and inclusion in the consulting engineering profession.

The event, hosted by ACEC Indiana’s Diversity Committee, continues to grow in its 12th year. New to the fair, attendees were asked to promote connections made via a social media challenge. ACEC Indiana is still recording the impact of the event from those who posted, it is reported that 4,000 impressions were made, many by those not in attendance of the event.

According to a post-event survey, almost 70 percent of attendees remarked that they made new connections at the event. Also new this year, general contractors were invited to attend to network with prime consultants and diverse businesses. Almost 75 percent of attendees surveyed considered this an added benefit to the event.

The Diversity Committee strives to continue the diversity dialogue throughout the year. If you have suggestions of clients to engage at next year’s fair or other events, please reach out to ACEC Indiana at staff@acecindiana.org.