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Welcome to our first ever virtual ACEC/PA Fall Conference and thank you for taking the adventure with us. We look forward to an engaging conference filled with high-quality speakers and content.

As you know, in-person interaction and socializing have always been an important component of how we conduct business and build relationships with our clients and peers. Fortunately, ACEC/PA and many other member businesses have found new ways of using technology to continue to promote and enhance the business interests of the consulting engineering industry - and today is one of them.

I want to thank the ACEC/PA staff for their dedication in planning this conference, along with the many sponsors who remain committed to ACEC/PA’s mission.

We hope you will make the most of this year’s Fall Conference.

Troy Holloway, PE, PTOE, PTP
ACEC/PA Board President

For most of us, setting out on a big Adventure in 2020 has been unrealistic which is why we are thrilled to have you join us for the 2020 ACEC/PA Fall Conference. Our Adventure will surely inspire you as well as motivate you and your employees to continue moving forward no matter the set of challenges.

With all that 2020 has thrown at our industry, our firms and our employees, we have had to be nimble. We have had to challenge ourselves and each other. We have had to sometimes take the road less traveled. Consequently, we themed this year’s fall conference The Adventure.

While we would have liked to learn and network in-person, bringing the membership together has never been more important. ACEC/PA’s goals of supporting the industry through our advocacy, resources, committees, partnerships, and education remain very much the same. The only change...the road we are traveling to do it.

No matter what the coming days and weeks look like, ACEC/PA is looking forward to continuing the Adventure with you, our members.

Leeann Sherman, MPS, CAE
ACEC/PA Executive Director
AGENDA
8.5 Professional Development Credit Hours

NOVEMBER 12TH

11:30 a.m. Exhibitors and Digital Connections Rooms Open

11:50 a.m. Opening Message from ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman, MPS, CAE

11:57 a.m.-12:28 p.m. / .5 PDH
Opening Session – An Update On The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Presented by Mark Compton, CEO of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

12:30-1:00 p.m. / .5 PDH
Private Markets & Economic Outlook Briefing
In this session, Erin will present on the latest macro-economic developments impacting the A/E industry, as well as details on the four key private market areas engineering firms serve:

1. Commercial & Residential Real Estate;
2. Intermodal & Logistics;
3. Energy & Utilities; and

For each market, Erin will explore what the current opportunities are for A/E firms and the impacts of economic and policy actions at the national level.

Presented by Erin McLaughlin, Vice President of Private Market Resources, ACEC

1:00-1:15 p.m. Exhibitor Break & Digital Connections Rooms Open

1:15-2:00 p.m.
Why Diversity & Inclusion is Your Economic Competitiveness Strategy
Discuss the value of a diversity and inclusion strategy and learn practical ways to support inclusion for everyone.

Presented by Shelley Row, PE, CSP, President & CEO, Blue Fjord Leaders

2:03-3:00 p.m. / 1 PDH
Business Partnerships in the Age of Cyber Threats
Two complimentary views on vulnerabilities to the transportation industry and the need to strengthen partnerships between public and private organizations. Real world perspectives from recent events and lessons learned by two representatives in the transportation space.

Presented by April Rothermel, Information Security Officer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and Kevin Switala, Chief Technology Officer, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

3:05-3:15 p.m. Exhibitor Break & Digital Connections Rooms Open

3:15-4:00 p.m. / 1 PDH
Know This! Megatrends Impacting the Design and Construction Industry
Firm leaders, marketers, and business developers need to continually scan their environments to uncover trends that will impact their vertical markets, their clients, and their firms directly. This presentation looks at many of the trends or potential trends that are currently affecting design and construction firms – or are coming in the near future. This presentation captures more than two dozen of these megatrends and interprets them for AEC professionals.

Presented by Scott Butcher, FSMPS, CPSM Aenumen, LLC

4:02-5:15 p.m.
PennDOT District Updates
Listen to representatives from all of PennDOT Districts discussing items and topics important to the consulting industry.

Brian McNulty, PE District Executive PennDOT District 1-0
Thomas Zurat, Jr., PE District Executive PennDOT District 2-0
Sandra Tosca, PE District Executive PennDOT District 3-0
Richard Roman, PE District Executive PennDOT District 4-0
Christopher Kufro, PE Acting District Executive PennDOT District 5-0
Michael Rebert, PE District Executive PennDOT District 6-0
Mike Keiser, PE District Executive PennDOT District 8-0
Tom Prestach, PE District Executive PennDOT District 9-0
Christopher Sirianni, PE District Executive PennDOT District 11-0
William Kovach, PE District Executive PennDOT District 12-0

5:15-5:30 p.m. Regroup for the Day by visiting Exhibitors and/or the Digital Connections Rooms
8:00 a.m. Exhibitors & Digital Connections Rooms Open

8:15 a.m.
Welcome Messages from Troy Holloway, ACEC/PA Board President, Roseline Bougher, ACEC/PA Vice President and Linda Darr, ACEC National President & CEO

8:30-9:30 a.m. /1 PDH
Opening Session - A Discussion with PennDOT Executive Leadership

Presented by George McAuley, Jr. PE, Executive Deputy Secretary and Melissa Batula, PE, Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

9:32-10:30 a.m.
A Review of the National Election Results and Discussion of the Upcoming Legislative and Regulatory Agenda

Join members of the ACEC government affairs leadership as they provide a review of the national election results and discussion of the upcoming legislative and regulatory agenda.

Presented by Steve Hall, Senior Vice President Advocacy and Dave Bender, Vice President Political Affairs, ACEC

10:32-11:30 a.m. /1 PDH
FHWA - Environmental Update
A brief overview on a handful of topics that can impact project delivery on Federal-aid projects.

Presented by Deborah Suciu Smith, USDOT | Federal Highway Administration, Sr Environmental Protection Specialist, Pennsylvania Division Office|RC-TST-ENVR

11:30-11:45 a.m. Exhibitors and Digital Connections Rooms Open

11:45 a.m.-12:08 p.m. /5 PDH
Update on PennDOT Initiatives – Part I
Learn about various initiatives PennDOT is focusing on with stakeholders that affect the consulting industry.
   • Quality Website (Ryan VanKirk, PE, Project Development Engineer)
   • Beyond the mandates- Intentionally Developing an Equitable Industry (Daryl St. Clair, PE, Special Assistant)

12:08-12:30 p.m. /1 PDH
Update on PennDOT Initiatives – Part II
Learn about various initiatives PennDOT is focusing on with stakeholders that affect the consulting industry.
   • Digital Delivery (Allen Melley, Digital Delivery Lead)
   • Digital Delivery Workspace (Allen Melley, Digital Delivery Lead)
   • e-ticketing (Kelly Barber, PE, Section Chief, Systems Management)
   • Augmented Reality (Kelly Barber, PE, Section Chief, Systems Management)

12:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch Break, Exhibitors and Digital Connections Rooms Open

1:00-1:30 p.m. /5 PDH
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Update
An overview of the past and current Capital Plan performance including the impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The discussion includes an update to issues with current projects in design and construction, an overview of upcoming projects and a status of various engineering automations forthcoming.

Presented by Bradley Heigel, PE, Chief Engineer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

1:30-2:30 p.m. /1 PDH
Closing Session- Permits: Best Practices and Lessons Learned
This session will discuss observations of improvements in the submission of permits and the associated best practices and lessons learned.

Presented by Chris Drda, PE, ADE for Design, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation & Domenic Rocco, PE, Director, Regional Permit Coordination Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Brian Allen, PE

Brian is the District Executive for PennDOT, Engineering District 10. He is responsible for overseeing all operations of Design, Maintenance and Construction in Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana, and Jefferson Counties.

Brian graduated from Penn State in 1992 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He is a professional engineer with 28 years of experience working at PennDOT. He has worked in Design, Maintenance and Construction while at PennDOT including overseeing each of the administrative areas as an Assistant District Executive for 14 years.

Kelly Barber, PE

Kelly has worked for the Department for 18 years. She is currently the Section Chief for the Systems Management Section. She is responsible for the following units: Photogrammetry and Surveys, CADD, Systems in the Keystone Building and Materials Testing Lab (ECMS, eCAMMs, etc.) and the Bureau’s IT Portfolio.

Prior to her current position, she was the Acting Chief of the Project Schedules, Specifications and Constructability Section, where she was responsible for managing the Annual Letting Program and overseeing the PS&E review process, Publication 408 and Department scheduling efforts. Kelly’s background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering in Engineering Science from Pennsylvania State University. Kelly is also a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Melissa J. Batula, PE

Melissa was appointed Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration in January 2020. As the first female to hold this position, Batula manages 9,000 dedicated staff members who share her commitment to serving the transportation needs of citizens across the Commonwealth. Her role includes overseeing investments in PennDOT assets, ensuring quality and safety across the department, and advancing innovative strategies to solve Pennsylvania’s 21st-century transportation challenges. She is adept at building strong relationships with industry and government partners and is committed to guiding the department’s 11 district offices in successfully carrying out PennDOT’s mission.

Melissa began her career in the private sector, where from 1987 to 2006, her role grew and developed from a draftsperson to a senior design engineer. With a natural interest and aptitude for technical problem solving, Batula assumed responsibility over the years for a variety of residential projects that included solving complex planning related to lot design, street design, sanitary and sewer design, and water systems.

She joined PennDOT in 2006 as a senior civil engineer, where she has progressed through the department in various management positions, including chief of the Accelerated Bridge Program, Assistant Chief Bridge Engineer, and Asset Management Division Chief in the Bureau of Maintenance and Operations.

From her success in running the Accelerated Bridge Program in 2010, which put 1,603 structurally deficient bridges out for bid, to ensuring enforcement of important state and federal safety standards, like guide rail replacement on our interstate highways, Batula has impressively taken on some of PennDOT’s biggest challenges and delivered results on-schedule and on-budget.

In 2014, she became the Highway Delivery Division Chief, where she led the department’s design efforts and managed PennDOT’s roughly $3 billion construction and consulting contracts. She has served as Acting Director for the Bureau of Project Delivery since 2018.

A native of Linglestown, Pennsylvania, Batula earned a Professional Engineers (PE) license in 2002. She continues to advance her career as an engineering professional through college-level educational opportunities in organizational leadership.
Dave Bender

Dave was appointed President of ACEC/IL in 2012, where he oversaw an organization representing 235 consulting engineering firms with over 13,000 employees across Illinois. Bender has 20 years in association management and previously served as an assistant to former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, Lt. Governor Bob Kustra, and was later Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor Corinne Wood. Governor Edgar appointed Bender as the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture from 1995-1999. In addition to these official roles, Dave also served as the Deputy Campaign Manager for Governor Jim Edgar’s 1994 re-election campaign which Edgar won by a record 30-point margin.

In December 2018, Governor-Elect JB Pritzker appointed Bender as a member of the Pritzker/Stratton “Restoring Illinois Infrastructure” Transition Committee. Bender currently serves as Co-Chair of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC). He is also the co-founder of the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition where he volunteers as a co-chair.

He was awarded the ACEC/Illinois Chairmen’s award in 2014 for his work building a professional design coalition to prevent the advancement of prevailing wage and project labor agreements in the engineering industry. Dave also was honored as the 2012 recipient of the Corporate Citizen Award by the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights for his work on the undocumented Immigrant Drivers Certificate Law, which passed by one vote. In April 2019 Dave began his service to ACEC members from Washington, DC as the Vice President of Political Affairs.

Scott D. Butcher, FSMPS, CPSM

Scott has thirty years of experience in the design and construction industry. As principal/owner of Aecumen, LLC, he helps AEC firms improve their strategic, business development, and marketing acumen.

Scott writes the Marketropolis blog on ENR.com and has written hundreds of articles and blogs for AEC media. He’s also given several hundred presentations and training programs including keynotes. Scott has presented at the national conferences of ACEC, AIA, AGC, CMAA, SMPS, SDA, PSMJ, SAME, NCSEA, Deltek, ROG, and others.

Mark P. Compton

Mark began serving as chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission on Feb. 1, 2013. A professional with more than two decades of public and private-sector experience in transportation, administration, government affairs, and construction, Mark holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University. He previously served as PennDOT’s deputy secretary of administration, overseeing eight bureaus within the agency.

Before joining PennDOT, Mark was director of government affairs for American Infrastructure, a heavy civil construction company in Worcester, Pa. Prior to that, he worked in various public and private operations, focusing largely on transportation, construction, and economic development. Mark has been an active participant in the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association, or IBTTA. Since 2015, Mark has served on IBTTA’s Board of Directors and is currently serving as IBTTA’s first vice president and is slated to serve as president in 2021.

Christopher Drda, PE

Chris is a graduate of Penn State in Civil Engineering. He has held various positions at Penn DOT since 1987 including Chief, Consultant Agreement Section in Central Office and Design Services Engineer at District 8-0. In his current position as ADE- Design at District 8-0, he is responsible for all design activities managing a staff of over 100 employees and an annual letting of over $200 M.
Steve Hall

Steve joined ACEC in 2001, and currently serves as Senior Vice President for Advocacy. Prior to joining ACEC, Steve worked on Capitol Hill for 14 years, including the role of Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congresswoman Sue Kelly (R-NY). Prior to joining the Kelly office in 1995, Steve served for two years as Senior Legislative Assistant on the staff of Congressman Bill Zeliff (R-NH), where he handled the Congressman’s work on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Government Operations Committees. He also handled transportation and infrastructure issues for Congressman Matthew Rinaldo through congressional consideration and passage of ISTEA in 1991. He began his Hill career in 1987 as a legislative assistant in the office of Congressman John Hiler (R-IN).

An avid hunter and angler, Steve lives with his wife Terre and daughter Sarah in McLean, VA. Sarah is about to begin her fourth year in the biomedical engineering program at the University of Virginia.

Mike Keiser, PE

Mike graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. degree in Engineering in January 1996. He had a brief career in the oil industry in Farmington, New Mexico before starting with PennDOT Engineering District 8 in June 1986 as a Civil Engineer Trainee. The majority of his experience has been in Design; 9+ years as a Project Manager and 10+ years as District Highway Design Engineer. He was named Assistant District Executive-Design in PennDOT Engineering District 5 in 2010 but has returned to District 8 in early 2012 as District Executive.

Bill Kovach, PE

Bill is the District Executive for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12 in Uniontown, PA. District 12 includes the Southwestern Pennsylvania counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland. District 12 has nearly 800 employees, and an annual operating budget of $300 Million. District 12 is currently the only PennDOT District and one of few transportation agencies nationwide which holds an ISO 9001 registration for Project Delivery.

As District Executive, Bill is responsible for administering the team that manages the Design, Construction, and Maintenance of a large network of transportation assets. There are approximately 3600 miles of roadway, 2349 bridges, and 164 miles of bicycle routes, as well as thousands of other assets. Within District 12, there are 10 Cities and 193 Municipalities.

Bill is a graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He has over 38 years of Transportation Engineering and construction experience, with over 34 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. He has gained experience in all facets of Design, Construction and Maintenance. In addition to his PennDOT experience, he has over 4 years’ experience working in the Heavy/Highway Construction field.

Bill is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Pennsylvania, and a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers.
George McAuley, PE

George was appointed to the position of Executive Deputy Secretary on January 7, 2020. Prior to that, he was Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration since 2016. His 30-plus-year career includes engineering position progression in PennDOT’s District 10 in Indiana, Pa., holding the title of Assistant District Executive for Construction, and for the past 10 years as Assistant District Executive for Maintenance. McAuley also served briefly as Assistant District Executive for Design in District 10, and Acting Director of PennDOT’s Bureau of Project Delivery.

McAuley evolved as an ISO 9001 Quality Management System in District 10’s construction unit; developed an ISO-like Quality Management System in the district’s maintenance unit; and led an effort in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association and the Federal Highway Administration to pilot a similar approach to quality management for asphalt paving labeled Pasin. He has also been a long-standing member of the Asphalt Pavement and the Concrete Pavement Quality Improvement Committees.

Additionally, McAuley aided in the advancement of Pennsylvania’s Rapid Bridge Replacement Public Private Partnership (P3) contract, intended to deliver 558 bridges statewide. The Design, Build, Finance, Maintain Contract requires complete replacement of the assigned structures, an availability payment structure and includes a 25-year maintenance term. This first large P3 transportation contract for Pennsylvania is the first to provide such a scope in the United States.

A Pennsylvania State University graduate of civil engineering, McAuley spent his early career as a construction project manager for Texas DOT in Houston, and then for GAI Consultants on I-78 in Bethlehem, before signing on with PennDOT District 10.

Erin McLaughlin

Erin is the Vice President of Private Market Resources for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) in Washington, DC.

Erin leads ACEC’s efforts in analyzing market and economic trends and implementing programs and publications which address the needs of ACEC member firms serving private clients. Analysis of these markets—as well as connected economic and policy implications for the engineering industry—can be found both in ACEC’s series of Private Industry Briefs, and in “The Private Side” column in Engineering Inc. magazine.

Erin has more than 20 years of experience in the A/E and commercial real estate industries. Prior to joining ACEC in 2017, Erin held various positions with ENR Top 50 firm Dewberry, including as Director of Business Development in the Mid-Atlantic Region for six years. She was also the National Federal Market Leader at global A/E firm HOK. Erin is a Past President of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Northern Virginia Chapter and has also served on the board of Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS), DC Chapter.

Erin presents and moderates panel discussions on infrastructure, land use and development-related topics at conferences both domestic and international. Recent conferences Erin has presented at include: Regional Studies Association (RSA) North American Conference (2019, Montreal, Canada); City Futures IV (2019, Dublin, Ireland); ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit (2019, Washington, DC); and the RSA Annual Conference (2018, Lugano, Switzerland).

Erin holds an M.S. in Transportation (planning concentration) from the University of New Orleans. Erin also holds an MBA from Marymount University and a B.A. in American/Urban studies from George Washington University. In 2019 Erin completed Oxford University’s Infrastructure, Development and Finance course, which brought leaders to Oxford, England from six continents. Erin has a Certificate in Economic Measurement from the National Association of Business Economics as well as a Certificate in Mitigation Planning from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Emergency Management Institute.
Brian McNulty, PE
Brian was appointed District Executive for PennDOT District 1 in June 2020. There he leads a team of more than 800 employees in six counties who are dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and construction of nearly 4,000 miles of highway and 2,066 bridges.

Brian received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007 with a concentration in Structural Engineering. He started his professional career in the private sector working on land development design projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. He then joined PennDOT in District 10 as a Civil Engineer on the Bridge Unit. Brian came to District 1 in 2011 and worked several years within the Design Liaison unit as a Project Manager. He subsequently advanced to a Senior Civil Engineer Supervisor position in the Bridge unit and later worked as the Civil Engineer Manager in charge of the Planning and Programming Section. In 2017, he was appointed the Assistant District Executive of Design. He has been a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania since 2011.

Allen Melley, PE
Allen Melley graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He has been with the Department of Transportation for over 20 years. He started his career in District 9-0 progressing through the Design Ranks before relocating to Central office in 2016. Mr. Melley has held the position of Project Development Engineer and Local Project Delivery Unit Leader. He is now on Special assignment Leading PennDOT’s Digital Delivery Directive 2025 initiative.

Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, PE
Cheryl is the District Executive at PennDOT District 11 which includes Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence Counties with 8,500 miles of roadway, 1,800 bridges, and a staff of about 787 people. Cheryl is a Lifetime Member of American Society of Highway Engineers, a member of the Engineers Society of Western PA and a member of Women’s Transportation Seminar. She is a registered professional engineer since 1992 and a graduate of Penn State University. She has worked for PennDOT for 34 years holding positions of Assistant District Executive for Design for 13 years, Contract Management Engineer and Project Manager.

Thomas Prestash, PE
Thomas has worked for the PA Department of Transportation, Engineering District 9-0, since 1994. Thomas is currently the District Executive for Engineering District 9-0. He presently oversees an operating budget of $243 million and is responsible for the maintenance of 3,996 miles of state-owned roadway and 2,083 bridges. There are approximately 900 employees in District 9, which includes Bedford, Fulton, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, and Somerset counties. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, he received his Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering in 1989 and his Master of Science Civil Engineering in 1992. Thomas has also received his Professional Engineering License.
SPEAKERS

Michael Rebert, PE
Michael is a 30-year PENNDOT employee. Starting his career in 1990 with District 6 after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Villanova University.

After 18 years working primarily in the Maintenance Division of District 6, he was named District Executive for Engineering District 5 in 2008. Since late September 2020 he has taken on a temporary assignment of acting District Executive back in District 6.

Domenic Rocco, PE
Domenic holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE) – Penn State University and a Master of Civil Engineering (MCE)– Villanova University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania with over 27 years of professional experience in Ch. 102 and Ch. 105 programs. Domenic has over 20 years of management experience and over 10 years of experience as professor at various institutions - primarily Temple University.

April Rothermel
April is the Information Security Officer for the PA Turnpike Commission where she leads the Commission’s IT Security and Risk Program including data privacy initiatives, employee awareness programs, and security of the Commission’s network and systems. She graduated with honors from Susquehanna University with a dual degree in Physics and Computer Science and has over 21 years of IT experience.

Shelley Row, PE, CSP
The founder and CEO of Blue Fjord Leaders, Shelley Row, PE, CSP, is an Inc. Magazine top 100 leadership speaker and a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP). Shelley is an engineer and former government and association executive. Blue Fjord Leaders develops technical professionals into insightful leaders who see beyond the data.

Shelley uses neuroscience to transform touch-feely interpersonal problems into science-based technique. She provides virtual workshops, training, keynotes, consulting, and coaching to improve communication skills, self-awareness, adaptability, decision-making, and delegation. Learn more at www.bluefjordleaders.com.

Daryl St. Clair, PE
Daryl is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. He has 22 years of vast work experience, which includes Environmental Consulting, working in Districts 6, 8, 9, and 10, the former Bureau of Design, the Bureau of Maintenance and Operations and the former Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering. Daryl is currently the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration.

Daryl is an avid triathlete and runner who has competed in two Triathlon World Championships. Daryl has run the Boston Marathon. His personal best mile is 4:24 and he has 44 career wins. He is married to wife Lisa with a 6-year-old daughter Kylie.
**Deborah Suciu Smith**

Deborah is a Senior Environmental Protection Specialist with FHWA working with both the Pennsylvania Division and the FHWA Resource Center. She has over 30 years' experience in transportation project development and related environmental considerations. In Pennsylvania, she has had key roles in the delivery of numerous complex and controversial projects. Deborah provides technical assistance to various partners and offices nationwide on a wide range of environmental and project development topics.

**Kevin Switala**

Kevin Switala is the Chief Technology Officer for Gannett Fleming, Inc. In this capacity he provides strategic technical leadership and oversight of the company's information technology services, including cybersecurity. He brings more than 22 years of Geographic Information System and IT experience and was awarded the 2019 Philadelphia region's CIO of the Year ORBIE® Award for the Corporate Category. Prior to his current role, he served as a Vice President in Gannett Fleming's geospatial business line GeoDecisions, managing operations, along with their defense, homeland security and public safety market business development and project delivery.

**Sandra Tosca, PE**

Sandra graduated from Bucknell University with a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering. She is registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania. She started with PennDOT in 1987 as a Civil Engineer Trainee.

Since the start of her career she has had several assignments in Engineering District 3-0 including: Environmental Manager, Bridge Safety Programs Engineer, Maintenance Services Engineer, and the Assistant District Executive for Maintenance. She served as Bureau Director for Maintenance and Operations in Central Office. Since 2006 she has been the District Executive for PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 which covers a nine-county area in north central Pennsylvania. District 3-0 has an average $300 million operating budget with just under 1,000 employees. Within District 3-0 there are just under 4,500 miles of state roadways and just under 2,900 state bridges. District 3-0 is responsible for delivering one of the largest projects in the state, the $865 million Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation project.

**Ryan VanKirk**

Ryan is a Project Development Engineer for PennDOT's Bureau of Project Delivery and PennDOT's ADA Coordinator. In his duties as a Project Development Engineer, he has oversight responsibilities to assure that transportation projects are delivered to be safe, adhere to criteria, standards, schedule, and environmental regulations. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with 26 years of transportation project development experience as a Civil Engineer.
AVIATION
Chair - Mary Scheuermann | WSP USA, Inc.
Vice Chair - Brad Homan | Michael Baker International

Aviation Committee Mission Statement
To enhance working relationships between the engineering and architecture community and airports across the Commonwealth to address issues of common interest and concern consistent with the objectives of both groups.

Identified a list of airports to introduce ACEC/PA to and ultimately show how ACEC/PA can collaborate with them. In order to do this in a productive way, a Value Proposal and set of Conversation Starters were developed and accepted by the committee. The purpose of approaching with the same questions is to obtain consistency in information from the airports. Consensus is to meet at the engineering level rather than the executive level. The Value Proposal that will be presented is as follows: ACEC/PA represents nearly 12,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors and other specialists in Pennsylvania. The associations primary mission is to strengthen and foster the relationships between member firms, clients, government agencies and elected officials. With safety and quality in the forefront, ACEC/PA strives to find the right solutions for our partners in an efficient and professional manner. The Aviation Committee’s mission is to enhance working relationships between the engineering and architecture community and airports across the Commonwealth to address issues of common interest and concerns consistent with the objectives of both groups. The top three, agreed upon Conversation Starters include:

1. Challenges: What are the top 3 challenges you are experiencing in the following areas: Project Delivery, RFP Process, Procurement or Other?
2. Projects: What is your airport’s process for taking a project from idea to reality? (Goal is to get airport to talk about their long-range plan, funding, etc.)
3. Advocacy: What are your main legislative concerns locally, state and federal? With the onset of the pandemic and the unique challenges to airports our efforts to reach out to the airports has been hampered. Our goal is to meet virtually with the airports by the end of the year. We also plan to meet with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to get their perspective on the same questions. We continue to evaluate how we can support the airports and other statewide aviation organizations such as ACP, to advocate for on-going and future aviation initiatives.

BUSINESS/FINANCE
Chair - TBD
Vice Chair - TBD

Business/Finance Committee Mission Statement
To create an effective forum that allows business leaders in the engineering industry to exchange valuable resources, relevant information, pertinent knowledge, and positive ideas that will assist them in successfully and efficiently streamlining and perfecting their business practices to achieve a productive and thriving business atmosphere in the engineering community.

CONTACT ADMINISTRATION
Chair - Glenn Stickel, PE | SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Vice Chair - Jack Mitchell, PE | McMahon Associates, Inc.

Contract Administration Mission Statement
Meets regularly with stakeholders and in unison with various ACEC/PA committees to discuss and resolve contract issues including but not limited to Design Profit Factors, Design Build Payment, Overhead Rate Adjustments, Retroactive Contract Changes, Design “Error” Interpretation and DBE items.

Other areas of interest for the committee are:
- Mutual Gains
- General Overview
- Staff Hour Estimating Guide Introduction
- Staff Hour Estimating Guide
- Training

Current discussion topics within the committee include: Coordination with other committees regarding contract-related issues, impact of PPP loans on FAR overhead, PennDOT profit factors, average hourly rate and maximum hourly rate on contracts, design errors and Mutual Gains.
Diamond Awards Committee Mission Statement

To plan, organize, and hold the annual Diamond Awards Gala - ACEC/PA’s premier event of the year—as mandated by the Association’s bylaws. This event provides member firms with the opportunity to showcase representative industry projects, highlighting the engineering community’s innovative solutions and engineering achievements.

The Diamond Awards Gala is just a few months away. We received 44 category submissions and judging has concluded. In addition, we received nominations for the three special awards (Diversity & Inclusion, Distinguished Award of Merit, & Client of Distinction. Judging for these will commence shortly.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee Mission Statement

To promote diversity (race, gender, age, etc.) at various levels within the Association with an emphasis on encouraging growth and leadership opportunities for all individuals from member firms.

Our Committee is proud to announce our new leadership roles. Namita Sinha from Susquehanna Civil, Inc. and Herman Lloyd from Traffic Planning and Design are serving as our Co-Vice Chairs for the 2020-2022 term. We welcomed all our new committee members on a September conference call where we discussed updating our Committee Mission Statement which is currently under review by ACEC/PA Board of Directors leadership.

We set two goals to support our mission:

• Goal 1 Increase Awareness and Education for Member Firms about D&I
• Goal 2 Continue D&I Recognition Award at the Annual Diamond Award Ceremony

We are excited to have Shelley Row, CEO & Founder of Blue Fjord as a speaker on D&I related issues at the 2020 Fall Conference. Our committee is honored continue our work in building the resources and tools to our member firms for a very important topic.

Energy Committee Mission Statement

To develop industry-wide consensus and leadership positions on a wide range of issues important to engineering firms operating in the energy market; undertake a proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy program; to develop public and private market programs of interest to the membership; and communicate with the ACEC/PA membership on energy issues that affect their businesses.

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Diamond Awards
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Chair - Nicole Jacobs, PE | Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Vice Chairs - Namita Sinha | Susquehanna Civil, Inc.
Herman Lloyd | Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.

Energy
Chair - Wesley Carson | Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
Vice Chair - TBD

DRPA/DRJTBC
Chair - Charles DiCello, PE | Pennoni
Vice Chair - Catherine Chia-Calabria, PE | McCormick Taylor, Inc.

DRPA/DRJTBC Committee Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for member firms to collaborate with the senior leadership of Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) and Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) to strengthen the business environment for those firms working on DRPA and DRJTBC infrastructure projects.

The committee met via conference call on January 9, 2020 and in person on March 3, 2020. We helped secured Mike Venuto from DRPA to speak at the ACEC/PA Eastern Chapter meeting on February 18, 2020.

Upcoming DRPA related activities to be scheduled: Conference call with ACEC/NJ counterparts to gather common concerns/issues of interest; meet with Mike Venuto & ACEC/PA/NJ committee leadership to discuss Ariba, COVID-19 impacts to funding/projects, other common concerns, and status of eBuilder as their PM tool; and gain input ACEC/PA Construction Services committee (feedback from construction staff, involvement of designer during construction, change orders requested) and ACEC/PA Marketing Committee on Ariba and other overlapping concerns.

Upcoming DRJTBC related activities to be scheduled: Follow up on selected items from 2018 Consultant Survey results shared with DRJTBC; Conference call with ACEC/NJ counterparts to gather common concerns/issues of interest; and meet with DRJTBC & ACEC/PA/NJ committee leadership for items 1 & 2, and other issues of mutual interest.
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The ACEC/PA Energy Committee continues to track energy across PA and neighboring states. Regardless of the outcome of the election, the main focus will be on renewable energy. Although fossil fuels will continue to play a key role for years to come there is an ever-increasing demand to find and develop alternative, GREEN, energy sources. The committee will monitor new legislation and perform research to determine our level of support. The Energy Committee will continue to partner with our peer Water and Environmental committees to foster a good working relationship to share thoughts and ideas. As with any committee our success largely relies on the support we get from other committees, members, and member firms. We continue to solicit new member registrations to help bolster our footprint across the state.

ENVIRONMENTAL
Chair - Colleen Meiswich | A.D. Marble & Co., Inc.
Vice Chair - TBD

Environmental Committee Mission Statement
To monitor environmental issues and provide liaison with PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) and state and local environmental agencies critical to the success of member firms; to develop programs on current regulatory issues/interest; and to enhance relationships with these agencies.

The Environmental Committee formed a Stakeholder Environmental Permit Task Force. The quality of permit submissions on transportation projects continues to be a concern with PennDOT, PADEP, and the industry. There have been meetings/discussions at all different levels on the quality of our submissions. The purpose of this task force is to develop goals- both long term and short term- to improve the permit submissions. Instead of this being solely an ACEC/PA initiative, we have made this a more collaborative process and invited other professional organizations to join in this effort. The task force is composed of representatives from various organizations including: ACEC/PA Environmental Committee, ACEC/PA Water Committee, Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP), WTS Central Chapter, Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP), ASHE DelVal Chapter, ASHE East Penn Chapter, ASHE Harrisburg, and ASHE Pittsburgh. The task force is in the process of developing an action plan and will share more specifics on the plan over the next few months.

FACILITIES
Chair - David Steele, PE | Urban Engineers, Inc.
Vice Chair - Joshua Sprows | Michael Baker International

Facilities Committee Mission Statement
To act as a liaison with clients in the facilities arena including but not limited to PA Department of General Services (PADGS), Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), health care and private sector. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored.

LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH GROUP
Chair - Andrew J. Pennoni, PE | Pennoni
Vice Chairs - Larry Bankert | Michael Baker International
Ed Reese | GPD Group

Responsibilities for all members of this Legislative Outreach Group include, but are not limited to:

- Work to educate legislators through various meetings, calls, etc based on agreed upon topics and talking points and/or ACEC/PA position statements;
- Actively participate in ACEC/PA Legislative Day;
- Actively participate in ACEC legislative conference/meetings; and
- Actively participate in government affairs meetings, calls and updates.

We held our GA Virtual Breakfast Meeting on October 14th at 8:30 AM. Our guest speaker was Senator Jay Costa, Member of the Appropriations Committee. Our next GA Virtual Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 13, 2021, at 8:30 AM, speaker is TBD. Our 3rd Quarter PAC Newsletter is posted on our ACEC/PA website. We supported multiple candidates during this past election and are tracking several bills in Harrisburg as listed in our PAC Newsletters. At this time we are working on an approach for a legislative fly-in for the spring and a PAC fundraiser.

MARKETING
Chair - Laura Frein | Michael Baker International
Vice Chair - Lynn Resta | Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.

Marketing Committee Mission Statement
The ACEC/PA Marketing Committee will utilize a community of marketing and business development professionals to identify opportunities to position our member firms for success through client procurement support, education through professional development, and firm advancement through industry benchmarks.

The Marketing Committee has worked over the last several months to review ECMS Classifications and ACEC/PA Member Survey Results to develop recommendations to allow the system to be more accessible to different position types and to re-evaluate information access for each Classification level. These recommendations will be shared with the ACEC/PA Board in the near future.
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Chair - Clayton VanVerth, PE | Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc.
Vice Chair - TBD

Municipal Services Committee Mission Statement
To foster and build relationships with Pennsylvania’s municipalities; to identify engineering and planning needs through the development of guides and reports that contain implementation strategies and best practices.

Subdivision Land Development Review Process Guide available to any Municipality, Township, Borough, etc.-Contact ACEC/PA today at acecpa@acecpa.org.

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with an awesome team of experienced municipal engineers serving on our Municipal Services Committee. The goal of our Committee is to foster and build relationships with our municipalities. We are seeking to identify their engineering and planning needs, and then develop guides and reports that contain implementation strategies and best practices to assist our municipalities. To that end, I would like to provide you with an update on our Committee’s work. Toolkit and Resources Webpage. Our Committee is actively developing a webpage to provide our municipalities with much needed tools and resources, such as:

- RFP/RFQ Examples
- Federal, State and Local Funding List Websites
- Subdivision and Land Development Review Guide
- Strategic Links to PennDOT Publications for Processes and Funding Virtual and In-Person Presentations

Our Committee is actively pursuing opportunities to provide virtual presentations and, hopefully, in-person presentations with partners such as PSATS, CCAP, PMAA, PSABS and PML.

In 2019, we had the opportunity to present at the PSATS Regional Mini-Conferences held all over the state. We shared an overview of the RFQ/RFP process and associated best practices, as well as potential funding opportunities and tips to successful grant writing. This experience allowed us to establish a solid relationship with PSATS and our Township Supervisors. As we listened to their needs, we are seeking to meet those needs by developing the necessary tools and resources. As stated above, we are then making these tools and resources available to them on our webpage for their benefit. We look to build off our presentation success, to deepen our relationships with our municipalities, and to continue to build helpful tools and resources for them. It is an exciting time to be part of this Committee and it’s an honor to serve in this capacity.

PA TURNPIKE
Chair - Tom Bice, PE | Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Vice Chair - Matt Macey, PE | CDR Maguire, Inc.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Committee Mission Statement
To engage the engineering industry in furthering the relationship between the consulting community and the Commission through periodic outreach, development of information and resources and engage the membership to better serve the industry.

PTC continues to address changes in the funding scenarios and challenges presented by the near term sunsetting of Act 89 and the decrease in revenue associated with the coronavirus pandemic. Positive news from the PTC is the effectiveness of the AWZSE program, enhanced quality website and initiatives, and the continuation of Mon Fayette projects. Areas of concern continue to be the lack of decrease in errors and omissions impacts, staffing challenges due to recent retirements and a hiring freeze, and the transition to digital delivery format.

PENNDOT Task Force (Appointment Only)
Chair - James Maloney, PE | Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
Vice Chair - Scott Schaeffer | JBC Associates, Inc.

Monitors transportation issues and provides liaison with the PA Department of Transportation and other state and local transportation agencies.

PENNDOT Sub-Committees:

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
Chair - Anthony Dougherty, PE | Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
Vice Chairs - Tom Davis, PE | Urban Engineers, Inc.; Justin Gibbons, PE | Quality Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Pat Kelly, PE | Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.

Construction Services Subcommittee Mission Statement Meet regularly with our counterparts at PennDOT to discuss and resolve construction inspection issues.
The committee leadership remains hard at work representing the industry in various endeavors, such as:

- Assisting each District with planning for Winter School which will be held virtually for all district’s this year. If you have ideas for session topics, please contact us.

- eTicketing - Several committee members are participating in the steering committee to implement this initiative. We are also working with PennDOT technology team members and the ACEC/PA Technology Committee leadership to learn about and shape other technology enhancements.

- Project Delivery Workshop (formerly TMTW) - Committee members are helping shape the program for this important professional development event.

- Work Force Development - We are working with PennDOT regarding the use of TA’s, developing job descriptions, and scheduling of training and certification opportunities.

- Process Improvements - We are working with PennDOT to implement improvements to agreement management, particularly initiation of supplements. Help us further the mission by completing the survey that was emailed to you recently. Once results are received, we will be scheduling a committee meeting to debrief.

**DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS**

**Chair** - Maggie Talarico, PE | Foresight Construction Services, LLC  
**Vice Chair** - Jamie North, PE | DLZ Pennsylvania, LLC

PennDOT Diverse Partnerships Subcommittee Mission Statement  
To educate the membership and partners; to collaborate effective positive change between prime firms and sub consultants and create a more robust partnership which will in turn better serve the client, engineering industry and all partners.

Diverse Partnerships Committee completed the PennDOT/BEO Disparity Study and issued a report making recommendations on the following summarized problem statement: How can we streamline qualification process for all firms equally and recommend opportunities to educate, mentor, and grow firms? As a result of the development of these recommendations, PennDOT initiated the start of a Mentor-Protegee program research and development. Diverse Partnerships Committee continues to serve as part of the work group that provides input and guidance on the development of the program for both contractors and consultants. Diverse Partnerships Committee is still looking for any and all feedback regarding the SBE Set-Aside Pilot Projects that were advertised for both Design and CM/CI Services. Feedback from participants is important to help make SBE Set-Aside Agreements as valuable as possible to SBEs.

**INNOVATIVE DELIVERY**

**Chair** - Nick Burdette, PE | HDR

**Innovative Delivery Subcommittee Mission Statement**
To collaborate with PennDOT to identify current Innovative Delivery methods being used collectively in Pennsylvania; to identify legislation changes; and to emphasize the successes or address concerns to ensure methods will be improved for the benefit of all parties (owner, designer and contractor).

It has been a busy year for the Innovative Delivery committee! Members of the group have been meeting regularly through the Transportation Quality Initiative (TQI) Alternative Procurement team to assist PennDOT and the PTC in crafting a potential framework for qualification-based section and project delivery in the PA transportation market. The group has focused on revising PennDOT Pub 448 Chapter 4 (alternative delivery) based on a two-step procurement framework used in Florida. PennDOT is committed to adding this new Design-Build (DB) tool to their project delivery toolbox, and Bill Beaumariage at PennDOT District 12 is leading the Publication 448 update efforts. This work is extremely timely. In this period of funding uncertainty, a new DB selection option could foster innovation and stretch limited resources. This tool would also enable owners to move projects forward quickly, should a federal stimulus be passed as part of COVID recovery legislation. The Innovative Delivery committee is committed to ensuring the concerns of ACEC/PA member companies are addressed in this new framework. If you would like to join the committee in this key time, or are interested in the open Vice Chair position, please let Leeanh Sherman or Nick Burdette know.
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MULTIMODAL
Chair - Doug Smith, PE | PRIME AE Group, Inc.
Vice Chair - Robert Hurley | GAI Consultants, Inc.

Multimodal Committee Mission Statement
To advocate for all modes of transportation through building and sustaining local and statewide support for continuously improving mobility across Pennsylvania; Coordinate with PennDOT's Multimodal Deputate and the agencies they support; and leverage the ACEC/PA engineering community to increase the awareness and importance of connecting our multimodal transportation network for social benefit, economic growth, and quality of life benefits for all stakeholders.

Committee last met on 9/3/2020 and welcomed numerous new members. Agenda focused on (a) briefing new members on how committee acts as a aggregator and representative for other modal committees and (b) current funding situation described by Deputy Secretary Granger. Committee was urged to use ACEC/PA tools to contact their legislators and urge action.

QUALITY
Chair - John Prybella, PE | Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC
Vice Chair - Scott Zeevaart, PE | Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Quality Committee Mission Statement
To identify methods to continually improve the current processes, products, and resources, through the development of greater efficiencies, accuracy, and work quality resulting in enhanced transportation construction projects that continue to increase safety, reliability and longevity.

The ACEC/PA Quality Task Force has met with PennDOT representatives on four occasions in the past year: 2/12/20, 6/10/20 (virtual), 8/12/20 (virtual) and 10/14/20 (virtual). At these meetings, our focus had been on the following areas:

1. Pub 408
   • All changes were developed by an 80-member task force consisting of PennDOT, FHWA, and Industry Experts and vetted by the FHWA; Changes incorporated Best Practices, reduced non-standard items, and modernized language in the specifications; available in electronic form only

2. Construction Cost Estimating
   • Power BI software is being developed to search historic cost data utilizing various search criteria and will be available to the consultant community after security/access issues are resolved

3. Quality Metrics
   • An ACEC/PA membership survey was taken, results were evaluated and discussed with the Department, and no changes are being recommended at this time

4. PennDOT Quality Website
   https://spportal.dot.pa.gov/highway/PennDOTQuality/SitePages/Home.aspx
   • The quality website is active and has been receiving periodic content updates.
   • Monthly Clearance Transmittal webinars are now posted on the site.
   • ACEC/PA will be putting out information shortly on how to sign in to the quality website to receive an email notification when an update is made to the website. This information will be sent to the membership and will also be placed on the site itself.

5. DM3 Plan Review Common Errors
   • A document has been prepared by the Department and reviewed by ACEC/PA that that outlines the common mistakes seen during the DM3 Plan Reviews on the ROW Plans and Construction Plans. This document has been posted to the Quality website for consultant reference to improve the overall quality of submissions.

SCHOLARSHIP/GOLF
Chair - Ed Stetz | STV Incorporated
Vice Chair - Jim Brady, PE | STV Incorporated

Scholarship/Golf Committee Mission Statement
To oversee the administration of the ACEC/PA Eric J. Gennuso and Leroy D. (Bud) Loy, Jr. Scholarship Program. To include the scholarship application process, the judging of applicants to select scholarship recipients, the determination and publication of scholarship awards, and promotion of the program through outreach to colleges, ACEC/PA members, and the public. while raising money for the scholarship through the planning and execution of the annual scholarship golf outing. Also raise money for the scholarship through the planning and execution of the annual scholarship golf outing.
Although the 2020 golf event was cancelled due to the pandemic, our Scholarship Fund remains healthy. We are currently discussing alternative fund raisers for Spring 2021. It is likely that this will not equal the funds typically generated by the golf event; however, it will allow the fund to remain stable. As a further step to maintain fund stability, the committee reduced the total dollar amount of scholarships awarded for 2020. Applicant eligibility was expanded this year to include member firm interns, even if they reside or attend school outside of PA. This is a return to practice from a few years back. In addition, eligibility was expanded to include students entering their senior year, as well as sophomores and juniors. This year’s scholarship program received a total of 33 applicants, down slightly from 37 in 2019. Four scholarships were awarded as follows: 1st place: $2500, 2nd place: $2000, 3rd place: $1500, 4th place: $1500. Invitations to attend the Fall Conference were extended to all winners.

SEPTA
Chair - Stephen Diehl | STV Incorporated
Vice Chair - Michael Cuddy, PE | TranSystems Corporation

SEPTA Committee Mission Statement
To enhance working relationships with between the engineering communities and the Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and to address issues of common interest/concern consistent with the objectives of both. To assist SEPTA with improving the customer experience and level of safety for the traveling public.

SEPTA, similarly, to the rest of our industry, has been seriously impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. SEPTA’s ridership was off almost 90% over the summer months but has made a comeback in the early fall. SEPTA has begun to release task order assignments to the various GEC holders which is a good indication that they feel funding will be released for capital project in the future.

SEPTA’s bus network redesign study should be awarded by the end of the year along with RFP’s for planning and design.

TECHNOLOGY
Chair - Chris Bauer, PE | McMahon Associates, Inc.
Vice Chair - Joseph McFadden | Michael Baker International

Technology Committee Mission Statement
To provide a forum for members to communicate with partners including but not limited to PennDOT and PA Turnpike Commission about technology issues concerning software and/or hardware. To keep the industry abreast of developing and enhancing technology advancements that benefit the engineering industry.

The Technology Committee has been involved with the development of the E-ticketing specification for Aggregate, Concrete, and Asphalt. This specification is currently on Clearance Transmittal.

WATER
Chair - Jenni Woodworth, PE | A.D. Marble & Co., Inc.
Vice Chair - TBD

Water Committee Mission Statement
To develop industry-wide consensus and leadership positions on a wide range of issues important to engineering firms operating in water markets including but not limited to the areas of water/wastewater/ stormwater; to undertake a proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy program; to develop public and private market programs of interest to the membership; and to communicate with the ACEC/PA membership on water related issues that affect their businesses.

The Water Committee is partnering with the Environmental Committee on the Stakeholder Environmental Permit Task Force initiative. See Environmental Committee update.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES
Chair: Tom Cushman, PE, AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
Vice Chair: Rod Savidge, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Workforce Development/ Human Resources Committee Mission Statement
To increase awareness of the engineering profession by communicating with prospective students to foster awareness in the engineering profession; and to facilitate the growth of the engineering industry in general.

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Central Chapter Meeting

February 16, 2021
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March 10, 2021
Government Affairs Breakfast

March 16, 2021
Eastern Chapter Meeting

March 24
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Spring 2021
ACEC/PA Legislative Day

April 25-28
ACEC Annual Convention/Legislative Day

May 12
ACEC/PA Board of Directors Meeting

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June 2021
ACEC/PA Annual Leadership Meeting

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