IN FOCUS

The upcoming Diamond Awards will showcase the best and brightest in our industry, and it’s fitting that this year the event coincides with National Engineers Week. As we spotlight the innovation and creativity our member firms executed with the design of these projects, and the vision and resources our clients had to bring these projects to fruition, let the Diamond Awards serve as the catalyst for us to brag.

Let’s extend the celebration.

We, as engineers, do great things, really great things to the advancement and betterment of human kind. We need to promote our successes to the next generation of brilliant engineers. The sooner we can interact with the next generation, the greater our success will be in sustaining our workforce and growing diversity within it. It’s simple – volunteer and encourage others to provide outreach to your local college, university, high school, middle school and grade school about engineering careers and STEM.

ACEC/PA’s Engineering Careers and Workforce Development committee is always looking for committee members and is an excellent resource to engage you in this worthy endeavor.

I look forward to seeing you on Feb. 22.

Joe O’Neil

President, ACEC/PA
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Join us for an elegant evening recognizing engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement, value and innovation.
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
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March Western Chapter Meeting - Friday, March 2
The Honorable Mayor William Peduto of Pittsburgh will speak to those in attendance on various issues… Read more

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Save the Date for the 2018 Annual Meeting
June 11-14, 2018
Gurney’s Newport Resort & Marina, Newport, RI
Details coming soon.
Volunteers Needed

Central Regional Career Planning is looking for a few volunteers to speak with students at their March 21, TECH 360 – STEM Career Exploration event.

This session is focused on introducing a wide range of careers to students who are interested in technology. Employers tell us there are technology needs in medical and manufacturing, in agriculture and aerospace, on farms and in factories.

The opportunities are endless - and students need to hear that. Discussion topics by a volunteer could be: engineering, planning, construction, geotechnical, mining and much more.

To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please view these items: Agenda and TECH 360.

You Are ACEC/PA

We have 21 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

Save the Date

ACEC Annual Convention
April 15-18, 2018
Washington, D.C.
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A decade after the start of the Great Recession, annualized 2017 highway, street and bridge sector employment remained 5.7 percent below 2007 levels, despite four consecutive years of gains… Read more

New GAO Report Explores Impacts of Streamlining Efforts

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has found that state DOTs are using more than half of the over 30 streamlining provisions provided by the past three surface transportation reauthorization laws in their federally-funded highway and transit projects…Read more
ACEC Value Proposition
To learn how member dues are an investment that delivers bottom-line results, see the ACEC Value Proposition here.

RESOURCES

Communicating Technical Information to Decision Makers
Wednesday, Feb. 14 ● 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Learn more

Tax Reform and the Effect on Your Company’s Value
Wednesday, Feb. 21 ● 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Learn more

ACEC/PA Needs Your Help

- Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.

- We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

Did You Know?
On Feb. 6, 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the constitution.

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