IN FOCUS

What is Leadership…

“Leadership is both a research area and a practical skill encompassing the ability of an individual or organization to "lead" or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organizations,” according to Wikipedia.

Leadership involves:

- Establishing a clear vision;
- Sharing that vision with others so that they will follow willingly;
- Providing the information, knowledge and methods to realize that vision; and
- Coordinating and balancing the conflicting interests of all members and stakeholders.

Business Directory notes, “a leader steps up in times of crisis and is able to think and act creatively in difficult situations.”

While some people have a natural ability to move individuals toward a goal, others must find ways to accomplish this each and every day. What is your “leadership style?” Do you have one?

Leadership isn’t measurable or defined by a specific action. Leadership isn’t something one can point to and reference, yet leadership is needed in every situation every day around the world. Someone must step up whether in politics, school, work, community groups, athletics and in your household. What can define a good leader is knowing when you become the solution or when you allow others to find the solution themselves; when you mentor; and when you give the tools to a person so they can excel on their own.

As you strive to be successful daily and do what is expected in your career and personal life, think about the impact you have on those around you. Today, you may have been the leader but tomorrow someone needs for you to step back so they can lead.
ACEC/PA is full of amazing individuals from all backgrounds, education and geographical areas. What makes you succeed isn’t always measurable but can be found by the successes of those around you. The volunteers, committee leadership, board of directors, person sitting next to you at the chapter meeting, the peer you call with a question; you are leaders and you are all around us. Meet the new member and introduce them to a colleague, invite a non-member to a meeting because you know they will benefit from ACEC/PA. The significance of being a leader is knowing when to step up and when to step aside. Become engaged with your peers and share your successes and failures. We all have them.

During the 2018 Spring Conference, you will learn from esteemed speakers, be introduced to information you are seeking, find resources you need and allow you to take away more than you expected. Learn more about available sponsorships and don’t forget to register for the Inaugural Spring Conference.

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**LEGISLATIVE**

**Pa. congressional district map upheld as U.S. Supreme Court, federal judges reject Republican challenges**

Just one day before congressional candidates had to file nominating petitions, the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington and the federal District Court here both declined on Monday to grant requests from Republicans to block the new Pennsylvania congressional district map from going into effect for the May 15 primary…[Read more](#)

**Supreme Court denies GOP request to block new Pa. congressional map**

The Supreme Court on Monday refused an emergency appeal by Pennsylvania Republicans to block the implementation of a new court-ordered congressional map, a decision that all but assures that new district lines that make several races more competitive for Democrats will be in place for this year's midterm elections…[Read more](#)

**False stories crop up on voter fraud after Pennsylvania race**

A Pennsylvania official said no “legitimate claims or complaints” of voter fraud have come up since Tuesday’s closely contested U.S. House race in the state, countering several false stories that cited invalid votes and a court decision throwing the election results out…[Read more](#)
GOP pushes for 'phase two' of tax cuts
Republicans are increasingly talking about “phase two” of tax cuts — including a permanent extension of the new law’s individual tax cuts — in an effort to highlight their signature legislative accomplishment and force Democrats to take tough votes… Read more

Truckers' lawsuit calls for refund of 'excessive' Pa. turnpike toll hikes
Two nationwide truck driving groups want nearly $6 billion in refunds from Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls they say were improperly used by PennDOT for public transit and other uses, says a federal lawsuit filed this week… Read more

With deadlines looming, congressional candidates await word from silent courts on new maps
With the Tuesday deadline for filing nominating petitions imminent, prospective candidates waiting for courts to take action on Pennsylvania’s radically reconfigured congressional map learned Friday that they will continue to wait… Read more

Protected bike lanes coming to Market Street, JFK by spring
The city will reduce the number of traffic lanes in the heart of Center City this spring as part of a nine-month pilot program aimed at improving street safety and better accommodating cyclists and pedestrians after a year of high-profile traffic-related deaths… Read more

Coalition promotes electric car driving in Pennsylvania
The Drive Electric Pennsylvania Coalition will unveil details of its draft plan to help expand electric vehicle use in the state at a public meeting on March 26… Read more

Governor Wolf announces new initiative to expand broadband access
Governor Tom Wolf will announce a new initiative aimed at expanding broadband access to businesses and households in Pennsylvania through the creation of a new office dedicated to ensuring every Pennsylvanian has access to high-speed internet… Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Western Chapter Meeting
Friday, April 6
Please welcome Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, District Executive, PennDOT District 11… Read more
May Western Chapter Meeting
Friday, May 18
Please welcome Katharine Eagan Kelleman, CEO, Port Authority of Allegheny County …Read more

Cefalo's Restaurant

ACEC/PA Spring Conference
Monday, April 30 – Wednesday, May 2
Learn more about the conference and it’s topics here.

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

2018 Annual Meeting
Monday, June 11- Thursday, June 14
Details can be found here.

Gurney’s Newport Resort & Marina, Newport, RI

Soon you will see a new look to our committees. We will be introducing a few new committees, revitalizing a few others and making sure that we focus on the importance of what ACEC/PA stands for – this will allow us to better serve the industry and its businesses.

This week our board and committee leaders will meet to discuss the ACEC/PA strategic plan and moving the association forward. Within a short time, you will start to see changes affecting ACEC/PA committees as we will ask the membership to evaluate those committees you serve on and if you don’t serve, to get involved. Committees are the lifeblood of the organization and in moving the industry forward so, please take the time to give your experience and knowledge to this important part of ACEC/PA. More details to follow.
Plan Your Congressional Visits Now

The deadline to complete & return your Congressional visit form is today. Once submitted, visits will be scheduled and communicated to those who have signed up. Please complete and return your form to Leeann@acecpa.org by the end of the day.

ACEC Annual Convention
April 15-18, 2018
Washington, D.C.
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RESOURCES

Job Postings
Have you posted a job opening with ACEC/PA? It is quick, easy and free as a member of ACEC/PA. Visit our career center here.

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?
The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes!

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