IN FOCUS

Following up on my last message, registration is open and the agenda has been posted for our inaugural Spring Conference to be held May 1-2 in Harrisburg. As a complement to our Fall Conference in Hershey, which is dedicated exclusively to Transportation, the Spring Conference will offer a wide range of topics that will appeal not only to transportation professionals but to others within your organization. I encourage you to review the agenda to see the great slate of speakers and topics and plan to attend!

As we continue to improve communication and encourage participation on the Association’s various committees, look for emails in the coming weeks related to the need to clear the database and to re-sign up for committees. We are looking to post all communications related to committee activities on the ACEC/PA website, therefore committee involvement is for those looking to actively participation on the committee. Also, look for communications on volunteering for leadership positions on these committees.

In closing, effective April 2, we are pleased to have Tina Fornstrom join ACEC/PA staff, as the new office administrator. We are happy to have her on board as she will be a great addition in our mission to provide great service, to you, our members.

Joe O’Neil

President, ACEC/PA

Transportation committee: ACEC legislative update - omnibus appropriations bill
Click [here](#) for a summary of the transportation portions of the bill from the House Appropriations Committee.

Click [here](#) for a one-page summary of the funding increases for all infrastructure programs (including water, energy, communications, and military construction).

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**Most Pa. voting machines are old, hackable, and will likely be used to count the 2020 votes**

One Pennsylvania county official claims his voting machines are unhackable…[Read more](#)

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**Is Pa.’s new Congressional district map fairer? This report says yes**

The Congressional district map that Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional bore “many of the hallmarks of a particularly aggressive seat-maximizing gerrymander,” while its replacement is fairer and more competitive, according to a new think tank report…[Read more](#)

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**Fact Check: Wagner, Mango hammer each other in campaign ads**

Only on a day when it’s snowing in April would you find the Republican candidates for governor dueling over which of them is the ‘more’ liberal of the two, and more likely to walk in the footsteps of Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf…[Read more](#)

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**Poll shows no clear favorite in GOP gubernatorial contest has emerged yet to take on Gov. Wolf**

With about seven weeks to go until the May 15 gubernatorial primary, none of the three Republican candidates have yet to show they are making any significant inroads to pose a serious threat to Gov. Tom Wolf's bid for a second term of office…[Read more](#)

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**PennDOT completes implementation of technology improving shared-ride transit services**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has completed a project installing standardized technology at 42 shared-ride transit providers statewide, improving efficiency and service for the Pennsylvanians who use the door-to-door service in the 65 covered counties…[Read more](#)

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**Mobile driver's licenses: When will Pa. get them?**

Don't expect to whip out your smartphone to show your driver’s license to a police officer anytime soon…[Read more](#)
House Transportation Committee to hold two days of meetings in state Capitol this week

With no voting session scheduled by either chamber of the General Assembly until next week (April 9 for the state House of Representatives; April 16 for the Senate), there doesn't appear to be much in store for the state Capitol this week. However, two days of public hearings in the state Capitol have been scheduled this week by the House Transportation Committee. For Tuesday, the committee is expected to focus on distracted driving and related legislation; at its Wednesday hearing, the panel plans to shift gear to discuss the potential use of radar by local and regional police. Both meetings of the committee will be held in the House Majority Caucus Room (Room 150) of the Main Capitol Building, with the Tuesday hearing set to begin at 1:30 p.m. and the Wednesday hearing starting at 10 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Western Chapter Meeting
Friday, April 6
Please welcome Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, District Executive, PennDOT District 11…Read more

*Please note, this chapter meeting is sold out.

Women’s Forum
Wednesday, April 11
Click here to learn more.

Spring Conference
May 1 - 2, 2018
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

Spring Conference
Tuesday, May 1 – Wednesday, May 2
Join us for this two-day event with a variety of educational sessions, business resources and networking. Hear from key government and business professionals who will provide invaluable insight and resources
to help your business grow and move forward. To view the conference agenda, visit the Spring Conference page on the website [here](#).

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Friday, May 18

Please welcome Katharine Eagan Kelleman, CEO, Port Authority of Allegheny County …Read more

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June 11-13
Gurney’s Newport Resort & Marina
Newport, RI

Annual Meeting
Monday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 13
Located on Goat Island and surrounded by the Narragansett Bay, this full-service resort has everything you or your family need for some time away! The 2018 annual meeting will offer three days of exceptional educational and networking opportunities for you and our industry partners and guests. To view more about the annual meeting, click here.

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

10th Annual Transportation Construction Law & Regulatory Forum
Tuesday, June 5 – Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Learn more here

Business of Structural Engineering – Anaheim 2018
Thursday, June 7, 6-8 p.m. PST - Friday, June 8, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. PST
Learn more here

ACEC Trust Programs
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ACEC/PA New Team Member
ACEC/PA would like to announce a new team member. Tina Fornstrom is the Office Administrator/Events Manager and started with ACEC/PA on April 2. Tina has a long history of working in the non-profit sector and is eager to jump in and get involved.

While we will be focusing on learning new items and getting her up-to-speed, please feel free to reach out and
welcome her. She can be reached at Tfornstrom@acecpa.org. Everyone will have a chance to meet her at the Spring Conference being held May 1-2. We are excited to have her on board!

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.

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