**IN FOCUS**

At this writing, our inaugural Spring Conference is underway. Geared to have broad appeal to our membership, we are looking to provide valuable information and great networking opportunities to the nearly 120 attendees. Thank you to our generous sponsors who help underwrite the cost of the conference. For attendees, we will be looking for your feedback on what worked well and where we can improve for next year’s conference.

With an eye towards our Committees, ACEC/PA staff and board members have been working diligently to improve the processes of the committee structure and operation. We are in the final steps of updating the mission statements for all committees. These updated mission statements will form the basis for engaging the membership to sign up for the various committees. Depending on the committee, we will be soliciting members to serve on the committees as members, chairs and vice chairs. To maintain a stable and dynamic leadership, both at the same time, we will be looking to institute a few policies related to leadership within the committees:

- Chairs will serve a 2-year term as a presidential appointment.
- Vice Chairs will serve a 2-year term as a presidential appointment with input from the Chair and would then presumably elevate to the chair position to serve another 2-year term.
- We would look to have a “Steering Committee” for each committee that would consist of the Chair and Vice Chair and depending on the committee size and/or client would have several other committee members that could provide representation from each of the Chapters (Eastern, Central and Western). The goal of having the Steering Committee is to assure continuity of those that would represent ACEC/PA when meeting with our clients.

All this having been said, we will be clearing and resetting the committee database. We will be looking for members to sign up who have an interest in actively participating on the committees. All information related to the committee’s work will be documented by minutes and will be posted on the ACEC/PA website for access by all members; no need to sign up for a committee to stay informed. This is a work in
progress and these are important steps to actively engage members to provide them with opportunities to serve in other capacities within ACEC/PA beyond the Committees.

Stay tuned and thanks for your continued support.

Joe O’Neil

President, ACEC/PA

LEGISLATIVE

Expert: Pennsylvania ‘would get an F’ on voting machine security
As concern over the risk of hacking voting machines increases, so too does pressure for Pennsylvania to modernize its voting machines. On Thursday, the state will hold a demonstration in Harrisburg of various new voting systems on the market…Read more

Be aggressive on toll evaders
If what the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission says about Lori Yearick is true, you have to give her credit for superhuman nerves…Read more

Pennsylvania Sets Stage for Increased AV Oversight
The commonwealth of Pennsylvania has drafted guidelines for autonomous vehicle testing, but it’s unclear whether car manufacturers will comply…Read more

Pa. rapid bridge replacement fast but 'distinctly different' from method used in deadly Fla. Collapse
As Pennsylvania pushes to replace 558 bridges in a greatly compressed timeframe, engineers are convinced the methods contain no flaws such as those that resulted in the deadly bridge collapse in Florida in March, officials said Wednesday…Read more

Number of deficient bridges in Pennsylvania cut in half over the past decade by PennDOT, public-private partnership
In 2008, Pennsylvania had more than 6,000 state-owned bridges rated “structurally deficient.”…Read more
PennDOT aims to hire contractor next week to repair Route 30
PennDOT officials plan to hire a contractor next week to repair a portion of Route 30 that was wiped out earlier this month by a major landslide in East Pittsburgh… Read more

Pa. poll reinforces theory of Democrats’ 2018 wave
A new poll from Muhlenberg College is giving Democrats reason to feel hopeful about their midterm chances in November… Read more

Want to fix Harrisburg? Start by approving these campaign finance reform bills | Editorial
Late last month, Gov. Tom Wolf, joined by his Democratic allies in the state House and Senate, rolled out a comprehensive suite of reforms aimed at restoring public trust in the electoral process and to limit the influence of special interests in state politics… Read more

Wolf Administration Previews 2018 Northeastern Region Construction Season, Highlights Recycled Asphalt Paving Program
Governor Tom Wolf and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards today highlighted transportation investments as PennDOT held an event outlining the anticipated 626 roadway miles that will be rehabilitated, reconstructed or resurfaced, and 83 bridges that will be improved this year in the six-county northeast region… Read more

New voting systems being eyed for use in Pa. may look familiar but they have paper backup
Voters and election officials got a glimpse at what the future of voting in Pennsylvania might look like at an exhibit of the latest generation of voting systems on Thursday… Read more

With new map, Pennsylvania fields busy U.S. House primaries
George Scott, one of four Democratic candidates seeking the party’s nomination to challenge Republican U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, speaks to people at the home of Stuart and Jane Warren during a campaign event April 24, 2018, in Dillsburg, Pa… 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
Register
2018 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. Gurney’s Newport Resort & Marina, Newport, RI

SAVE THE DATES

- 2018 Scholarship Golf Outing: Monday, Sept. 24, 2018
- ACEC/PA Fall Conference: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
- Diamond Awards Gala: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019

A list of 2018/2019 Meeting Dates At-A-Glance is available to download by clicking here.

Scholarship Committee Update
The committee is hard at work gearing up to announce the opening of the 2018 scholarship applications in August. Please save the date for the scholarship golf outing fundraiser on September 24. Check back for more information on the scholarships and share the information. http://www.acecpa.org/?page=Students

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.

RESOURCES

Tax Reform Impact: General Business Updates
On May 3 at 10:30 a.m., BSSF will be hosting a webinar that will cover the Tax Reform Impact: General Business Updates. It will be the second in a series of webinars that will be providing information on the tax reform as well as general planning tips.
This lecture will be a basic program level seminar to provide an update on changes occurring in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, discussing the following topics:

- Tax reform impact on corporations;
- Depreciation changes and implication;
- Accounting method changes and opportunities; and
- More!

It requires basic level knowledge and no advanced preparation. Total CPE Hours Earned: 1 Tax Hour

The presenters will be:

- Joseph T. Cawley, CPA, CVA, Principal
- Shawn E. Thoman, EA, Manager

To register please click here: [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1265267793715011330?source=ACEC](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1265267793715011330?source=ACEC)

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**Collaborative Conversations Win Clients**
Thursday, May 31 from 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Learn more [here](#)

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**10th Annual Transportation Construction Law & Regulatory Forum**
Tuesday, June 5 – Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Learn more [here](#)

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**First Capital Engineering, Inc.**
48 South Richland Avenue
York, PA
Primary: Ann Luciani, CEO
[https://www.fcap.com/](https://www.fcap.com/)

**Gibson-Thomas Engineering**
3552 Gettysburg Road, Suite 201
Camp Hill, PA 17011
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?
Did you know that in Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile, it has never rained?

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