IN FOCUS

Pledge to Pennsylvania

For those of you who attended the September Chapter Meetings where I presented a State of ACEC/PA, you will recognize the topic of this president’s message. It was first and foremost on the society’s list of goals and expectations – ethics.

Each year our board of directors has signed the “Pledge to Pennsylvania,” committing to the eight precepts outlined in the Pledge. This year, I am asking our firm membership to do the same.

For the vast majority of our profession, these eight precepts are in our DNA. Sometimes, in this world of “always on,” it can be helpful to unplug and read these fundamentals of integrity…(then plug back in, print them out, sign, scan, and email back to ACEC/PA).

I read recently something which sums integrity up perfectly – “wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.” Integrity will always rise above other professional and personal qualities such as intelligence and enthusiasm. This rings especially true in our profession – engineering.

Please join me and all on the ACEC/PA Board in our Pledge to Pennsylvania!

Perry Schweiss
President, ACEC/PA
STAY ON TOP OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION & OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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PennDot answers most-asked questions about REAL ID on Facebook Live
PennDot officials hosted a Facebook Live discussion Wednesday afternoon in an effort to clarify misconceptions and answer questions about REAL ID...Read more

Sad news to share… State Rep. Mike O’Brien suffers fatal heart attack
State Rep. Mike O'Brien, a lifelong Philadelphian and strong advocate for the city's public schools, died early Monday of a heart attack…Read more

Self-driving car startup Aurora becomes Pennsylvania’s first ‘authorized’ tester
Aurora, the buzzy self-driving car startup, has become the first company officially authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to test its vehicles on public roads...Read more

Applauding legislation to protect workers in construction zones
From 2012 to 2017, 119 people died in traffic accidents at road construction sites across Pennsylvania, according to the state Department of Transportation…Read more

White House considers 2 female ambassadors to replace Haley at U.N.
The White House is adding two high-profile women, both confirmed ambassadors, to the list of candidates to succeed Nikki Haley at the United Nations, according to two senior administration officials: Jamie McCourt and Kelly Knight Craft…Read more

State agency heads to court to keep Amazon bid secret
The state Department of Community and Economic Development has rejected an Office of Open Records decision that it must release its proposal to attract Amazon’s second headquarters, or HQ2, to Pennsylvania…Read more

First criminal charges over delinquent PA turnpike tolls filed In Allegheny Co
The first criminal charges have been filed in Allegheny County by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission since announcing their efforts to collect delinquent tolls…Read more
State to invest $2.7M in Erie western PA port authority
The state plans to invest $2.7 million in the Erie Western PA Port Authority as a way to spur economic development through the Port of Erie, Gov. Tom Wolf recently announced…Read more

Chapter Meetings

October Eastern Chapter Meeting with Michael Venuto, DRPA Chief Engineer
Tuesday, Oct. 23
The Desmond Hotel
Read more
Register now

November Western Chapter Meeting
Friday, Nov. 2
Cefalo's Restaurant

ACEC/PA Fall Conference
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
Hershey Lodge
Register now

Save The Date

PA Society Event: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018
Read more

Diamond Awards Gala: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

2019 Annual Meeting: May 19-21, 2019
May 19 - 21, 2019
Kimpton Aertson Hotel, Nashville, TN
* For a complete listing of ACEC/PA events, go to [www.acecpa.org](http://www.acecpa.org), visit our event specific pages or take a quick glance here.

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**You Are ACEC/PA**  
We have 22 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](mailto:Leeann.Sherman).  

**Regional Events**  
PennDOT, ACEC/PA and APC are offering free regional events for construction contractors and consultants working in the transportation industry.  
The purpose is to continue discussions on how to make the DBE program more effective in PA. Dates are October 23 at California University of PA and October 30 at Cheyney University.  
[Download the flyer](#) for more information.  
We urge ACEC/PA members to reach out to their DBE subs and encourage them to attend.

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**RESOURCES**  
**Transitioning Project Managers to Firm Leaders**  
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 from 1:30 – 3 p.m.  
[Learn more](#)  

**Optimizing Your Firm’s Website for Maximum Impact**  
Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
[Learn more](#)

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**SHARE-INSPIRE-HIGHLIGHT**

**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](mailto: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?

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