IN FOCUS

Odds & Ends & Beginnings

It’s been a busy few weeks in the ACEC world. Late September, our new National ACEC President Linda Darr conducted a series of “Listening Sessions” where she solicited Member Organization’s (MO/state associations) input to formulate her game-plan for taking the National organization forward.

More recently, I attended the ACEC Fall Conference in Las Vegas. Ms. Darr outlined her vision for the future of ACEC. One component of that vision focuses on the organization’s value proposition; specifically, how that may translate into the growth of membership at the MO level. ACEC recognizes the need to enhance communication with the MOs. This is exciting on many levels as ACEC/PA is planning to undertake a recruiting effort in 2019. On a separate note, the program at the ACEC National Conference was well curated with all-things business with topics tailored for firms ranging from small niche firms to multi-faceted international companies.

Lastly and most recently, I have just returned from the ACEC/PA - APC Fall Conference. Another program full of up-to-the-minute updates from PennDOT and the PA Turnpike Commission, and, updates from our many active PennDOT/transportation subcommittees and all other ACEC/PA committees.

All these events have one common theme - To enhance the interests of the consultant engineering community. The new leadership at National and our one-year Executive Director, Leeann Sherman, are continuing to craft a new and exciting vision for the future of our industry! And we are all encouraged to actively participate in these new beginnings.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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

- Transportation Recap - Read it here
- Capitol Recap - Read it here
- Legislative Bill Tracker - Read it here

Meet the Pennsylvania Legislature's leadership teams
The Pennsylvania Legislature is in session briefly this week so the House’s and Senate’s Democratic and Republican caucuses can pick new leaders...Read more

PA Senate Leadership Chosen for 2019–20 Session
On Wednesday, members of the Senate Republican and Democratic caucuses chose their respective leadership teams for the upcoming 2019-20 Legislative Session. When the Senate re-convenes in January, the Senate Republicans will hold a 29-21 majority, with the possibility of that number going to 28-22 on the outcome of a “too close to call” election in Bucks County...Read more

Pennsylvania gets C- for infrastructure
Pennsylvania has taken some steps to improve its infrastructure, but the commonwealth still gets a grade of C- from the American Society of Civil Engineers, which this morning unveiled its latest state report card on infrastructure...Read more

McCarthy defeats Jordan for minority leader in 159-to-43 vote
House Republicans on Wednesday overwhelmingly elected Rep. Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) as their new leader, rejecting a challenge from conservative Rep. Jim Jordan (Ohio) and turning to a familiar face as they prepare to grapple with life in the minority...Read more

Government Funding Awaits Lame Duck Congress
Congress has returned to work this week needing to agree on seven fiscal 2019 spending bills to prevent a partial shutdown from beginning on Dec. 7....Read more

FHWA Notice of Proposed Changes published
Construction and Maintenance-Promoting Innovation in Use of Patented and Proprietary Products...Read more
Chapter Meeting

**November Eastern Chapter Meeting with Jeffrey D. Knueppel, P.E., SEPTA General Manager**
Tuesday, Nov. 20
The Desmond Hotel
[Read more]

**Government Affairs Breakfast**
Jan. 9, 2019
Hershey, Pennsylvania
7:30 AM until 9:30 AM
[Register]

**Central Chapter Meeting**
January 9, 2019
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
11:30 AM until 1:30 PM
[Register]

**Western Chapter Meeting**
January 11, 2019
1/11/2019
Carnegie, Pennsylvania
11:30 AM until 1:30 PM
[Register]

**Eastern Chapter Meeting**
January 15, 2019
Malvern, Pennsylvania
7:30 AM until 9:30 AM

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**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, visit our event specific pages or take a quick glance here.

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.

Operation Safe Holiday
Monday, Acting Pennsylvania State Police Deputy Commissioner of Staff Edward Hoke, Pennsylvania Turnpike CEO Mark Compton, PennDOT District Executive Mike Keiser, P.E., and victim advocate Missy Sweitzer will hold a news conference to highlight the national “Operation Safe Holiday” enforcement effort and encourage safe driving through the holiday season.

WHAT: PennDOT, Pennsylvania State Police, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike will hold a news conference to mark the beginning of Operation Safe Holiday
WHEN: November 19, 2018; 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
WHERE: PA Turnpike Commission Central Office, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., Middletown, PA 17057

RESOURCES
Commercial and Industrial Parking Lot Training
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Dewberry announces the promotion of Curtis Sanno
Dewberry announced that Curtis Sanno, PE, CBSI, has been promoted to business unit manager in the firm’s Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, office... Read 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.

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