IN FOCUS

ACEC/PA Membership,

As I write this, I am preparing to depart Uniontown for the trip to Malvern, PA where I will give my third and final fall presentation to the Eastern Chapter; a traditional President’s Tour of Duty. I have enjoyed the luncheon with my friends at Western Chapter and visiting the Central Chapter at a double-header Government Affairs breakfast and Chapter luncheon. I am looking forward to meeting the Eastern Chapter contingent on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

It has always, even before my time on the ACEC/PA Board, amazed me the level of comradery that exists in our industry even though many are competing in similar circles. The professional nature and quality people that comprise our industry has made this “tour” an enjoyable one so far. And I only expect this positive experience to continue as I meet more people in the industry, especially those in the Central and Eastern Chapters.

There are many gears and cogs and wheels in motion as ACEC/PA continues to update the governance documents and build momentum with the new and returning Committee leadership. We still have new initiatives in the works as well including:

- Promoting Membership – As I mentioned during my Chapter presentations, although we have a strong core membership, there is a large sector of our industry that we will be approaching to promote ACEC/PA and hopefully encourage to join our ranks. There is strength in our numbers.

- Emerging Leaders Initiative – This a program started several years ago (I am an alum) which we are planning to re-energize this year. The program is focused on non-engineer/technical topics such as leadership, accounting, and human resources. There is strength within our future leaders.

- Advocacy Training – One of ACEC/PA’s essential roles is advocacy. There are many aspects of this role that we must know to support the interests of our industry from understanding the rules of Political Action
Committee (PAC) donations, to contacting and educating state and federal legislators. Look for more on this in the coming weeks. There is strength within our membership.

We are continuing to move forward.

I look forward to meeting you and continuing the good work of ACEC/PA. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Leeann or me with any questions, concerns, etc.

Perry Schweiss
President, ACEC/PA

Stay on top of issues pertaining to transportation and other legislative matters.

- **Transportation Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Capitol Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Legislative Bill Tracker** - Read it [here](#)

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**Lieutenant governor candidates agree to debate on Oct. 6**
The Republican and Democrat who want to be Pennsylvania's next lieutenant governor will face off in a debate on Oct. 6 in Pittsburgh...[Read more](#)

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**Pennsylvania works to improve election security**
Pennsylvania is one of 21 states targeted by Russian hackers in 2016. The state is now taking steps to make sure voting is secure in 2018...[Read more](#)

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**Governor Wolf signs executive order to ensure full, accurate 2020 census**
Governor Tom Wolf signed an executive order creating the Governor’s Census 2020 Complete Count Commission, which will make recommendations for the most accurate count of Pennsylvanians in the upcoming census...[Read more](#)
Obama to rally with Sen. Bob Casey, Gov. Wolf in Philly next week
Former President Barack Obama will return to Philadelphia next week for a rally with Sen. Bob Casey and Gov. Wolf, two fellow Democrats running for reelection…Read more

Opening up Pa.'s primary elections to more voters gaining momentum
Legislation that could boost voter turnout in primary elections in Pennsylvania is expected to receive consideration this fall in the state Senate…Read more

Poll: Fewer Americans rely on cars to commute
The number of American workers using cars to commute to their jobs has decreased over the last decade…Read more

2018 Scholarship Golf Outing: Monday, Sept. 24 -- Evening Event
Sandi Loy-Bell has invited all golfers, sponsors and volunteers to enjoy an evening of beverages and fellowship at her home (3903 Chippenham Road, Mechanicsburg) following the ACEC/PA golf tournament, dinner and prize presentations. Her home is approximately 3 minutes from the golf course.

Scholarship application deadline is Sept. 30, 2018
Apply now

Chapter Meetings

October Western Chapter Meeting with Pittsburgh's Mayor William Peduto
Thursday, Oct. 4
Cefalo's Restaurant
Read more
Register now

October Government Affairs Breakfast with Matt Reiffer, Director of Transportation Programs at the American Council of Engineering Companies
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Hershey Country Club
Read more
Register now
October Central Chapter Meeting with Kevin Stewart, PA Motor Truck Association President & CEO  
Wednesday, Sept. 10  
West Shore Country Club  
Read more  
Register now

October Eastern Chapter Meeting with Michael P. Venuto, PE, PLS, Chief Engineer, Delaware River Port Authority  
Tuesday, Oct. 23  
The Desmond Hotel  
Read more  
Register now

SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

COMMITTEE NEWS

PA Turnpike Committee Survey Request

On behalf of the PA Turnpike Committee, please complete the following survey regarding Errors & Omissions.
A number of ACEC/PA Members have expressed concerns or issues with the Errors & Omissions process in the past - this survey is intended to help determine the level of concern in the consulting community. Your participation is appreciated.

Please complete the survey before 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21

Use this link to take the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRS2GX2

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**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.

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**Advancing Women in Transportation**
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Hershey Lodge
The three Pennsylvania chapters of the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) – Philadelphia, Central PA, and Pittsburgh have united and planned a one-day, regional conference focused on transportation trends in the state. If you are committed to transportation in Pennsylvania, you should attend. Learn more

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**2018 ACEC Fall Conference**
Oct. 28 – 31
Learn more

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**RESOURCES**

**Essential Elements of Effective Leadership**
Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Learn more

**Simple Incentive Compensation That Works**
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Learn more

**ONE Solution to the 23 Most Common Engineering Firm Challenges**
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Learn more
Frank Falzone named PSPE Young Engineer of the Year
TPD is proud to announce that Frank Falzone, Project Manager in Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. (TPD)’s Access Design Department, was named the 2018 Young Engineer of the Year by The Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE)…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.

Did You Know?

The Ferris Wheel is considered one of the greatest engineering wonders in the world?

The first Ferris Wheel was created by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania engineer, George W. Ferris, in 1893. The wheel is supported by two 140-foot steel towers and connected by a 45-foot axle -- the largest single piece of forged steel ever made at that time.

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