Where to begin… As my term as President comes to an end next month at the Annual Meeting, I owe a sincere debt of gratitude to the Board of Directors, Committees, ACEC/PA staff and the membership for your support this past year. Your efforts, volunteerism, and participation have led to many great things this past year to highlight a few below:

- Executive Director Search Committee which led to the hiring of Leeann Sherman back in August.
- Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents for providing successful programs across the state that saw record attendance.
- Government Affairs Chair and Vice Chair for securing a great slate of speakers including the Republican Gubernatorial candidates in January.
- Continued work of all Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs to engage and improve relationships with our Clients.
- ACEC/PA Transportation Day at APC in November.
- ACEC Political Action Committee (PAC) contributors which allow us to meet our goal for the 11th consecutive year in December.
- Diamond Awards Committee for their efforts culminating in the February Awards Banquet held in Lancaster.
- Board of Directors Strategic Planning Meeting in March.
- ACEC Annual Convention in Washington DC.
- Spring Conference held on Camp Hill.
Several on-going initiatives include restructuring and adding committees to appeal to a broader sector of our industry and implementing an Emerging Leaders educational program.

I would like to thank those Board Members who will be rolling off the Board at the Annual Meeting for their leadership, counsel and service this past year:

- Matt Cummings, AECOM, Immediate Past President
- Chris Borton, Borton-Lawson, National Director
- Lea Nadler, Susquehanna Civil, At-Large Director
- Bill Gross, HDR, At-Large Director

In closing, I thank you again for your support this past year and I am sure you will provide the same for Perry Schweiss as he begins his term as President. As an Association dedicated exclusively to the promotion and enhancement of the business interests of the consulting engineering community, ACEC/PA is moving forward to provide you, our members, access and value that is unmatched in the industry.

Joe O’Neil

President, ACEC/PA

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**LEGISLATIVE**

May 23, 2018 Capitol Recap. . . [Read more]

May 24th Capitol Recap. . . [Read more]

Anti-gerrymandering effort emerges from Senate panel

Some state senators are prepared to give citizens a greater say in how Pennsylvania’s congressional and state district lines are drawn, but it’s unknown whether their counterparts in the House feel the same way. . . [Read more]
Congress needs to pass a bill to fix transportation and infrastructure
Former Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and Former Governor of Pennsylvania Ed Rendell discuss what the government needs to do to rebuild and modernize infrastructure in the United States. . . Read more

Bill would revamp how Pennsylvania draws district boundaries
A Pennsylvania Senate committee is advancing a proposal to completely overhaul how the state draws districts for the Legislature and Congress. . . Read more

Redistricting reform proposal advances in Pa. Legislature ahead of 2020 Census
A proposal that would create a citizens’ congressional redistricting commission, with members chosen by elected officials, has advanced toward a full Senate vote. . . Read more

Blue wave or GOP seawall in Pa? Veteran analyst Charlie Cook explains
As he surveys the country's political topography ahead of the 2018 mid-term elections, veteran political analyst Charlie Cook is looking at two things: The states where an expected Democratic wave will break in November and where a Republican seawall might be able to hold it off. . . Read more

Now's the time to address Pennsylvania's terrible voter-turnout rate
Hope you caught what we got after all the pre-election hype, campaign coverage, voters’ guides, and efforts by good-government groups. . . Read more

Wolf says $180M will fill potholes, fix other winter effects
Pennsylvania drivers will be getting some relief from pockmarked roadways in the form of $180 million to fill in potholes and perform other work after the ravages of a tough winter. . . Read more
Uber aims to restart self-driving car tests in Pittsburgh this summer
Uber plans to resume testing its self-driving cars in Pittsburgh this summer. . . Read more

Pittsburgh event will explore letting citizens draw congressional districts
Three members of California's Citizens Redistricting Commission will talk Thursday night in Pittsburgh about how the commission works in their state and how a similar proposal might pan out in Pennsylvania. . . Read more

House Panel Passes $2.8 Billion Highway Funding Boost
The House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee May 16 approved legislation that would provide a record of nearly $50 billion in federal highway investment and exceed authorized funding levels for the transit and airport construction programs. . . Read more

Governor, lawmakers aren't panicking as budget push nears
As the most intense part of this year's budget season is about to get underway, it's been remarkably quiet in the state Capitol, and policymakers say they're hopeful that bodes well for an improvement in what's been a strained process for several years. . . Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
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SAVE THE DATES

Check out the complete list of events for the 2018-19 fiscal year [here](#)
• 2018 Scholarship Golf Outing: Monday, Sept. 24, 2018
• ACEC/PA Fall Conference: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
• Diamond Awards Gala: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019

COMMITTEE NEWS

You Are ACEC/PA

We have 19 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.

PARTNERS

“Major Development”: Safety Certification Program Earns ANSI Accreditation

The ARTBA Foundation’s certification program to test and recognize an individual’s knowledge of the core safety competencies on transportation project sites has earned the “gold standard” of professional credentialing. To learn more, visit: www.puttingsafetyfirst.org.

Failure to Restore and Modernize U.S. Public Transit Results in a Loss of $340 Billion in Business Revenue, According to APTA Study. . . Read more

RESOURCES

5th Annual National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Hyatt Regency Washington | Washington, D.C.

Event Information

Register Now
Dewberry announces the promotion of Curtis Sanno and Lee Smith

Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, announced the promotion of two structural engineers in its Mechanicsburg, Pa. office. The promotions coincide with Dewberry’s ongoing expansion of engineering, environmental, and consulting services in Pennsylvania, where the firm has practiced since the early 1990s.

These promotions include:

- **Curtis Sanno, PE, CBSI**, has been promoted to senior associate. He’s the bridge structures department manager, with technical expertise in preliminary design as well as preparation of final plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for bridge elements, including prestressed concrete superstructures and reinforced concrete structures. Sanno earned a bachelor’s in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University (2002), is a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation-certified bridge safety inspector, and is a professional engineer in Florida, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He is a member of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association and the Allegheny chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

- **Lee Smith, PE**, has been promoted to associate. He is a senior project manager in the structures department with technical expertise in the design and preparation of preliminary type, size, and location (TS&L) and foundation submission reports, as well as PS&E packages for both new and rehabilitated steel and concrete bridges. Smith earned a bachelor’s in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University (1999) and is a professional engineer in New
York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Altoona chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

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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Did you know the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes?

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