"Membership" is defined as the following:

- the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization: the state of being a member
- all the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or a group

What do you define membership in ACEC/PA and ACEC national associations as? We recently emailed the annual membership dues invoices and have had the pleasure to speak with some new organization leaders, staff members unfamiliar with what we do and those who were looking for a refresher on the ACEC/PA and ACEC benefits.

In the last year, ACEC/PA has undergone many changes. Those things we have always done well have not changed. You have seen a transformation in our committees, new ways to become engaged, more extensive interaction and resources provided to our members, a transparency with communication and speaking on your behalf with our partners when necessary.

Advocacy is key to our industry and ACEC/PA. Without the support of PaCE PAC contributions (please contribute [https://www.acecpa.org/page/ACECPACState](https://www.acecpa.org/page/ACECPACState)) and the grassroots member lobbying along with the board and myself; we would not be able to do the great work we have done and will continue to do. We need to speak with one voice to protect and move the industry forward.

ACEC/PA and ACEC national also provide many member benefits that you may not be aware of but should be. Discounts on business insurance, fleet/company vehicle insurance, Worker’s Comp Insurance, Health & Life insurance and more. They also
have an amazing Retirement Trust that out performs anything you can find with little to no fees involved.

Using the FREE job board postings with both organizations is key to finding qualified staff. Save money on office supplies, UPS, electronic purchases, travel and more. Just a few of the bottom line savings for being a member of ACEC/PA and ACEC.

Resources and education span the gamut with both organizations as well. You are sure to find everything and anything you would need by contacting an appropriate staff member. If you aren’t sure, just ask. At ACEC/PA alone we receive multiple member request daily and we are always here to help.

As always, QBS is so important to the industry. We continue both at the state and national level to make it a priority and educate our partners. Is it a federal law (Brooks Act 1972) but it is crucial we continue the push for Quality Based Selection. With your help we can make sure it is in the forefront.

Please take just a few short minutes and few the membership video that ACEC has put together. And always, do not hesitate to contact ACEC/PA staff with any questions, comments or feedback.


Leann Sherman

ACEC/PA Executive Director

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**LEGISLATIVE**

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

- Transportation Recap - Read it [here](https://www.acec.org/membership/2018-membership-video/)
- Capitol Recap - Read it [here](https://www.acec.org/membership/2018-membership-video/)
GOP gubernatorial candidate Scott Wagner: 'I want this job so bad I can taste it'
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Improving our schools and ensuring that our students and educators have the resources they need to succeed has been a top priority for my husband as governor.…Read more

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In Pennsylvania, six pivot counties offer a test for the U.S. Senate candidates…Read more

Driverless-car makers want Congress to free them from state safety standards
As Silicon Valley and automakers attempt to steer the nation toward a future of driverless vehicles, a group of influential lawmakers remains concerned that bipartisan legislation now moving through Congress could leave consumers at risk by preventing states from demanding tighter safety regulations…Read more

ACEC's Advocacy Center
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UPCOMING EVENTS

In an effort to prepare our members for the upcoming year, we have confirmed dates for ACEC/PA meetings and events for the 2018-19 ACEC/PA fiscal year and additional will be added as needed.
The list of dates are available on the ACEC/PA website. We encourage you to incorporate these events into your calendar and share with your staff to encourage their participation in ACEC/PA.

*Please note that the Western Chapter meeting dates for September and October have changed.

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

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

Diamond Awards
Call for entries for the 2019 Diamond Awards are coming soon. The deadline to submit is Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. The Diamond Awards Committee has been working diligently to create an event that will showcase the best of the best which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. Mark your calendars and don’t miss the submission deadline!

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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.

**PARTNERS**

30th Annual ARTBA Public-Private Partnerships in Transportation Conference ● July 18-20 ● Learn more
Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Conference ● Sept. 13-14 ● Learn more

ACEC National Fall Conference ● Oct. 28-31 ● Learn more

40th Annual APC/PennDOT Fall Seminar ● Nov. 14-16 ● Learn more

PACA Annual Meeting ● Nov. 12-14 ● Learn more

ASHE Events ● Learn more

American Institute of Architects ● Learn more

ASHE-Related Training at ABC Keystone ● Learn more

RESOURCES

Call to action: Weigh in on how overtime changes would affect your business
Business leaders have an opportunity to make their voice heard on a critical employment issue…Read more

OSHA and workplace safety round-table
Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 ● Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey
Learn more here

Frank Joanlanne Begins Tenure as Borton-Lawson and Precise Visual Technologies President & CEO

Borton-Lawson recently announced that Frank Joanlanne has assumed his role as the company’s president & CEO. Mr. Joanlanne joined our board of directors in 2009 and
became president in 2012. He also leads Borton-Lawson’s sister company, Precise Visual Technologies.

“Frank was the obvious choice to succeed Chris Borton and lead us into our next phase,” Patrick Endler, AIA, Chairman of the Borton-Lawson Board of Directors, said. “This is a natural transition and a continuation of an evolution started by Chris some 30 years ago.”

Together, Mr. Borton, who founded the company in 1988, and Mr. Joanlanne have spent the past 14 months meeting with employees, clients and partners to ensure a seamless transition.

“Although there is a change in leadership, our journey is continuing on a path we charted many years ago,” Mr. Joanlanne said. “We have tremendous people here and take pride in ensuring a strong employee culture. My plan is to build upon these strengths and elevate Borton-Lawson from good to great. We will continue to complement our people by leveraging technology to provide clients with forward-thinking and innovative solutions. We take a partnership approach with clients on both a local and national level to provide high-value consultative solutions. While a Pennsylvania-based business, this approach resulted in projects in 23 states throughout 2017.”

“I am so grateful to have worked with Chris,” Mr. Joanlanne continued. “We are fortunate that he will continue to lend his expertise and serve as a mentor to us moving forward. He gave us all something very special to continue and push forward. Whatever decisions we make, we will always hold true to the values on which Chris founded and built Borton-Lawson.”

Mr. Borton will continue to serve on the Board and in an executive advisory capacity. He will also help continue to drive community engagement efforts and assist local government leaders in optimizing our infrastructure.

“My goal when I started this company was to leverage technology to create a firm that was both successful and sustainable,” Mr. Borton said. “Frank is someone who continues to realize and invest in that vision. His forward-thinking approach, combining engineering expertise with the latest technologies, will allow Borton-Lawson to ascend to new heights and continue to transcend geographic boundaries.”
About Frank Joanlanne

Mr. Joanlanne was born in New York City, where he resided and worked until he and his family moved to Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2003. He is a graduate of New York University’s Stern School of Business, where he graduated with degrees in Economics, International Business and Foreign languages. He spent the first 15 years of his career on Wall Street managing international bond sales and trading operations for a number of banks.

Prior to joining Borton-Lawson, Mr. Joanlanne was Senior Vice President at Frontier Communications. Before joining Frontier, Frank was Senior Vice President of Penn Millers, where he also served as President of Penn Software and Technology Services and as Senior Vice President of Eastern Insurance.

He has established a strong business network based on his professional contacts and his many community leadership roles. Among the organizations Mr. Joanlanne has been active in are: The Institute on Public Policy and Economic Development at Wilkes University; United Way of Wyoming Valley; Northeast Pennsylvania Technology Institute; The Scranton Chamber of Commerce; the Westmoreland Club; Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA; past- Chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business & Industry.

He and his wife Allison reside in Dallas and have 3 daughters; Alyssa, Nathalie and Nicole.

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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 Leann 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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