IN FOCUS

My message to all of you is simple and to the point as we begin 2019…We at ACEC/PA are poised to make this new year one very exciting and energy-filled experience! The committees are buzzing with activity with conference calls scheduled throughout January. Government Affairs and the new Legislative Outreach Group are busy organizing and planning for the upcoming Legislative Day in March. The Chapters are experiencing high registration attendance for their January meetings and plan to maintain the record numbers for future events. The Board has been busy with wrapping up the By-Laws and other governing document updates. And last, but certainly not least, with the addition of our new Director, Member Engagement & Business Development Ms. Kimberly Whetsell, we are gearing up for a membership recruitment initiative that is expected to expand our firm numbers and breadth of engineering firms beyond our primary transportation discipline!

Our New Years resolution was to build upon the recent successes of ACEC/PA and further enhance the value-added proposition to the current member firms and future prospective member firms…and we are well on our way to making this happen! And it’s only January. Your input and support of legislative matters, suggestions for new member firms, and response on adopting our governing documents will go far in maintaining this positive energy! So stay tuned for more information, events, updates, etc. as we continue to move forward.

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](#)

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**Long-delayed REAL ID licenses coming to Pa.**
After more than 13 years of delay, Pennsylvania will begin complying with the federal REAL ID Act in March…[Read more](#)

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**AccuWeather CEO steps down to pursue role in Trump administration**
AccuWeather CEO Barry L. Myers has stepped down as officer and director and sold all his interest in the company to move into a role leading the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration…[Read more](#)

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**Sarah Sanders: Trump looking at ‘every option available’ to build wall**
White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Sunday left open the possibility that President Donald Trump will attempt to build a wall on the southern border using his own authority…[Read more](#)

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**Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown dies at 91**
Harold Brown, who as defense secretary in the Carter administration championed cutting-edge fighting technology during a tenure that included the failed rescue of hostages in Iran, has died at age 91…[Read more](#)

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**'Not much headway': Talks flounder as shutdown enters third week**
Congressional Democrats and President Donald Trump remain a long way from reopening the government, though top congressional officials and the Trump administration agreed to keep talking on Sunday about how to lift the government out of a partial shutdown…[Read more](#)

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**Pennsylvania Turnpike toll hike now in effect**
Turnpike tolls are going up yet again, across all 552 miles of the system that stretches from New Jersey to Ohio…[Read more](#)

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**PennDOT Seeks Feedback to Improve Roads, Operations**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) wants your feedback, so it can improve its operations…[Read more](#)
Elizabeth Warren takes big move toward 2020 presidential run
Sen. Elizabeth Warren is taking the first major step toward launching a widely anticipated campaign for the presidency...Read more

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Chapter Meetings/Government Affairs Breakfast

**January Government Affairs Breakfast with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary, Leslie Richards**
Wednesday, Jan. 9
Hershey Country Club
Read more

**January Central Chapter Meeting with Brad Heigel, P.E., Chief Engineer, PA Turnpike Commission**
Wednesday, Jan. 9
West Shore Country Club
Read more

**January Western Chapter Meeting with Gary Graham, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, PA Turnpike Commission**
Friday, Jan. 11
Cefalo's Restaurant
Read more

**January Eastern Chapter Meeting with Christopher Drda, PennDOT District 8-0 and Christopher Kufro, PennDOT District 5-0**
Tuesday, Jan. 15
The Desmond Hotel
Register now

**ACEC/PA Diamond Awards Gala**
Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
Register now

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ACEC/PA Legislative Day**
March 20, 2019
PA State Capital
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.

Girls In STEM
Whitaker Center offers engaging programming to get girls in grades 4-8 excited about the STEM field…Read more

ACEC Trust Programs
ACEC's Trust Programs are designed to enhance your membership investment by helping to control your firm's costs…Read more

RESOURCES

ACEC/PA Career Page
Have you posted your open position on the ACEC/PA Career page? Find out more by contacting ACEC/PA today. This is a FREE benefit to ACEC/PA Members.

ACEC Scholarship Program for Students Entering the 2019 Academic Year
Under the auspices of ACEC’s College of Fellows, the ACEC Research and Management Foundation will award seven (7) General Scholarships in 2019…Read more

State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists
The State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists regulates the
practice, licensure and registration of engineers, land surveyors and geologists in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to safeguard life, health and property…Read more

Use of MASH Compliant Crash Cushions in Projects
Strike-off letter requiring that projects with crash cushions, including maintenance contracts, let after Dec. 31, 2018 may only use MASH compliant crash cushions. Crash cushions include Permanent Impact Attenuating Device Types IV, V and VI. For projects that are already advertised, please take appropriate action to modify subject item numbers accordingly. The new crash cushion MASH items numbers and letter is found here.

Last Word
Building a strong foundation for sustained growth and leadership…Read more

Transportation Builder: 2018 TB Archive
Click here to read the Transportation Builder

Creating a Great Place to Work While Achieving Financial Success
Thursday, Jan. 24 ● 1:30- 3 p.m.
Register now

Emerging Technologies for Engineers
Thursday, Jan. 31 ● 1:30- 3 p.m.
Register now

Job Posting: Environmental Planner 2
Click here to read the posting.

Skelly and Loy Welcomes New Employees
Read the recent press releases here.

RETTEW Transitions to Full ESOP Ownership
A Lancaster-based engineering and environmental consulting company is now 100 percent employee owned, through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The transaction was effective Jan. 2…Read more

WBCM Construction Services Names Mike Baker President
We are pleased to announce that Mike Baker has assumed the role of President of WBCM Construction Services (WBCM CS) effective January 1, 2019…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 Leean 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 Romans named it January after Janus, the God of gateways.

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