IN FOCUS

ACEC/PA just completed our Fall Conference last week which had a record attendance of 218 industry professionals. While there were several changes to the full day conference, we welcome your feedback to start the planning process for next year. Please save the date for Nov. 18, 2020. Post conference presentations will be available shortly and do not forget to contact Tina Fornstrom via email if you are interested in receiving your PDH certificate for attending the targeted sessions.

The three additional awards given out at the February 28, 2020 Diamond Awards for Engineering Excellence are still open until Dec. 13th. Nominate today for the Client of Distinction, Awards of Merit and NEW Diversity & Inclusion awards. For more information visit the Diamond Awards event page.

What else is going on? Committees are starting to submit topics and speakers for inclusion into the 2020 Spring Conference being held May 11-13th at the Harrisburg Hilton. This is an opportunity for education, networking, information sharing and resource gathering from every subject matter for layers of individuals on your staff and YOU! This is a Can’t Miss conference so plan to be there.

Very soon we will be announcing the dates 2020 Legislative Day activities at the Capitol including the Legislative reception the evening prior. This year we had 63 ACEC/PA members participate and we hope to have even more. The events are planned when the legislature is in session so they see the hustle and bustle in the capitol, can attend our press conference in the Main Rotunda, are aware that we are “everywhere” that day and we get a chance to chat with them or their staff. We all know that staff is so important as they held filter information and give direction and opinions to the legislators. This is a crucial time for the industry and our partners in 2020 and we will need YOUR HELP! Look for more information to come soon for March 2020.

As we come close to ending 2019, ACEC/PA is excited to be providing the first ever Annual Report and a Member Directory which will be shared with legislators, clients, partners, like organizations, other associations and more. This is be an important tool moving the industry forward. We also ask all of our members to sign the Pledge to PA. You can find a copy located on our website.
Have a wonderful holiday!

Leeann Sherman
ACEC/PA Executive Director

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**LEGISLATIVE/NEWS**

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

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

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**Democrat’s defection reverberates in Pennsylvania’s Senate**
As Pennsylvania state senators filed through the tight, wood-paneled corridor that leads out of the Senate chamber this week, John Yudichak turned into an equally tight staircase that no Democrat ever takes: down to the Senate Republican majority caucus room… [Read more](#)

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**New Pa. law requiring immigration checks on construction workers shows labor’s identity crisis**
In October, Pennsylvania’s building trade unions scored a big win when Gov. Tom Wolf let a controversial bill become law… [Read more](#)

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**SEPTA Board names PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards as next general manager**
The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Board voted unanimously on Nov. 21 to appoint Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards as the authority’s new general manager… [Read more](#)
New bills would require legislative approval to join cap and trade programs, impose a carbon tax

Last week, lawmakers in both the House and Senate held a press conference in support of newly introduced legislation that would require the General Assembly’s approval of entrance into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or any other multi-state cap and trade program…Read more

Longtime state Rep Steve Barrar retiring, will not seek re-election

After two decades of service and wanting to spend more time with family while also facing health concerns, state Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-160, of Upper Chichester, announced his retirement…Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

PA Society Co-Sponsored Event
December 7, 2019 ● Connolly’s Pub & Restaurant
To register, click here

Diamond Awards
February 27, 2020 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
*Sponsorships opportunities can be found here

ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg
*Sponsorships opportunities can be found here

ACEC/PA Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7-9, 2020 ● Park City, Utah
*Sponsorships opportunities can be found here

COMMITTEE NEWS
You Are ACEC/PA
Recently, the newly formed ACEC/PA (BPT) Bureau of Public Transportation Committee developed its mission statement as a new committee. During this process, the committee determined to change the committee name to depict the true work of the committee. The new name is the ACEC/PA Multimodal Committee. If you are interested in joining this or any committee, please complete the Committee Interest form found on our ACEC/PA website.

We are still seeking a Vice Chair for the Municipal Services Committee and a Human Resource professional as the Vice Chair for the Workforce Development/HR Committee. Please contact Leeann Sherman to get involved today!

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.

The State Transportation Innovation Council business meeting was held on November 20
Review information here

PennDOT Innovations Challenge
The PennDOT Innovations Challenge is a statewide competition that challenges teams of students in ninth through 12th grade to use their problem-solving, creative, and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges. Regional winners will be selected from PennDOT’s Engineering Districts…Read more

WTS of Central PA Annual Recognition Awards
WTS Central PA honors those who have made major impacts to the local transportation industry and the chapter, as well as notable projects that have advanced the region. Nominations are being accepted until January 3…Read more

RESOURCES
PennDOT SBE Set Aside
ACEC/PA Diverse Partnerships Committee is asking all firms, big and small, to complete a PennDOT SBE Set Aside survey by 10 a.m. on December 3. The goal is to gather data from large and small, prime or subconsultant firms so we can communicate information to PennDOT.

We urge everyone to provide feedback who has thoughts, knowledge or is involved with the program. The data will be kept confidential to ACEC/PA’s executive director and only a summarization will be used to develop next steps to be shared with PennDOT.

Virginia Dept of Transportation to Host the 53rd Mid-Atlantic Quality Assurance Workshop
View the information here.

Skelly and Loy Welcomes Micah Barlett as a Construction Technician
Micah Barlett is a Construction Field Technician in Skelly and Loy’s AMS Group... 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 City of Pittsburgh was founded on this day in 1758… November 27, 1758

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