IN FOCUS

On the heels of returning from our 2019 Annual Meeting in Nashville, I am honored to serve as the next President of ACEC/PA and thrilled to welcome several new members to the ACEC/PA Board of Directors, as well as those returning for another year of service.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Joe O’Neil, Maggie Talarico, Todd Morris, Jon Livingston, Ed Reese, Yassmin Gramian and Samantha Safara for their leadership and tireless efforts working on behalf of the industry and our members as their terms on the board have ended. Perry Schweiss moves from President to Immediate Past President/National Director but that means we have one more year of his steadfast leadership. Perry and all the other termed board members provided the integrity and guidance that is required when serving on a board such as ACEC/PA. Without individuals like them, we would not be able to focus on items that matter most and continuously build relationships. THANK YOU!

Moving forward with some new and seasoned faces on the ACEC/PA board of directors, we are looking at what the future brings for advocacy, membership growth, expansion of education and more. We will be enhancing some of our committees and seeking new committee leadership over the next few weeks. Please consider joining a committee and or serving in committee leadership. We are stronger together.

I look forward to the year ahead and welcome the opportunity to serve as your 2019-2020 ACEC/PA President and continue to legacy of all our Past Presidents.

Eric Frary
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](#)
• Bill Tracker - Read it [here](#)

Appropriations Committee Releases Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Funding Bill
The House Appropriations Committee today released the draft fiscal year 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies funding bill, which will be considered in subcommittee on Thursday, May 23… [Read More](#)

GOP Congressmen Ask Gov. Wolf to Help Trump Administration on Mexican Border
Five Pennsylvania congressmen joined in a letter Thursday asking Gov. Tom Wolf to send Pennsylvania National Guard troops to the Mexican border to help deal with a renewed surge in illegal crossings… [Read More](#)

U.S. Army Corps Plans to Strengthen Flood Control Along Missouri River
In the wake of the record-breaking flooding this spring in states along the Missouri River, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is looking to strengthen the flood control system along the river… [Read More](#)

ACEC President/CEO Linda Bauer Darr Releases Statement on Infrastructure
Linda Bauer Darr, the President and CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies released the following statement after yesterday's meeting between Democratic congressional leaders and President Trump on infrastructure… [Read More](#)

PennDOT: Drivers Make Merging Into Construction Zones Worse Than It Needs To Be
Blue skies, sunshine and an open road ahead… [Read More](#)

Construction Costs Rise for 31st Straight Month
U.S. Construction Costs increased in May for the 31st consecutive month, according to the IHS Markit PEG Engineering and Construction Cost Index… [Read More](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Western Chapter Meeting
September 6 ● Cefalo’s
Government Affairs Breakfast
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

Central Chapter Meeting
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

Eastern Chapter Meeting
September 17 ● Desmond Hotel

Tri-State Conference
September 22-24 ● Tropicana, Atlantic City

ACEC/PA Scholarship Golf Outing
September 30 ● Armitage Golf Club
Learn more [here](#)

ACEC/PA Fall Conference
November 20, 2020 ● Hershey Lodge

Diamond Awards
February 27, 2020 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**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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**PARTNERS**

**The Southeast Partnership for Mobility Calls on State & Local Leaders to Address Transportation Funding Crisis**
The Southeast Partnership for Mobility, a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), was created in late 2017 to develop a blueprint to meet the region’s growing mobility challenges and to develop potential solutions to address the impacts of changes coming to Act 44 public transportation funding sources…[Read more](#)

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**The ACEC Minuteman Fund Wants You**
Learn more [here](#)
ACEC Designations and Certifications
See what is available here

AIA in Pennsylvania: Capitol Advocacy & Education
Read more here

PSPE Boot Camp West
The PSPE 2019 Education Committee designed a 24 PDH Boot Camp, where licensed engineers can gain a broad range of knowledge and make connections with experienced professionals…Register here

Transportation Construction Safety Center
Read the information here

ACEC Retirement Trust
If you didn’t get a chance to attend the Annual Meeting or pick up information, you can still access the wealth of resources (provided solely to ACEC members) that are available to appropriately address your firm’s retirement plan needs. Learn more

RESOURCES

Strategic Thinking — Think Like a Leader Should
Tuesday, June 4 • 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register now

Cyber Security and Best Practices for Engineering Firms Webinar
June 5 • 4 – 5 p.m.
Learn more here

Succession Planning: Rewarding Senior Owners & Opportunities for Younger Employees
Thursday, June 20 • 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register now

Engineering Inc.
Engineering Inc. is the Council's bimonthly magazine that features thought-provoking articles on the advocacy and business interests of ACEC. The publication is targeted to an external audience as well as to member firms…Read more
WTS PHILADELPHIA'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE presents ENERGY LEADERSHIP
Do you have trouble understanding and connecting with coworkers who have a different approach than you?
Did you know that there are 7 distinct energy "levels" with their own traits, advantages, and disadvantages?
Learn more

Just a Friendly Reminder
The Michael Baker International Golf Outing Registration and payments are due for the outing on June 7. Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. Registration information can be found here.

Pennoni Appoints New President and Chief Executive Officer
Pennoni recently announced David DeLizza has been selected as the firm’s new President and Chief Executive Officer beginning July 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 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 first engineer known by name was the Egyptian pyramid builder Imhotep. Around 2700 B.C. he built the first pyramids in Egypt and thus gained an almost godlike status.

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