IN FOCUS

As we enter the Dog Days of Summer we all have our minds set on family vacations and time away from the office. Vacations represent a time to refresh and prepare our minds and bodies for the rest of the year. ACEC/PA is no different. As we enter a new year, we continue our leadership transition and start planning for the upcoming year. Our new Chapter Leaders are starting to schedule their monthly meetings with exciting and engaging guest speakers relevant to our entire industry. Our Fall Conference in November is a day long event in Hershey with a focus on Transportation, just prior to the PennDOT/APC Fall Conference.

This time of year also represents budget season for the governor and the members of the general assembly. Despite the focus on the budget, we continue our advocacy and support for legislation relevant to our industry. Several bills are being tracked such as SB 778 (Act 44 payments) and HB 163 (Separations Act) not to mention the Governor’s Restore PA initiative. Visit our Legislative Bill Tracker on our website for more information.

Lastly, our committees continue to meet throughout the year to focus on issues impacting each committee. Committee are the life blood of this organization and provide a critical forum for our members to engage with our clients and openly discuss business topics that are of importance to not just our members but our clients as well, providing the basis for a true partnership. Each year, we evaluate the effectiveness of each committee and the need for new committees or sub committees. This year is no different. Shortly we will be distributing to our entire membership the new list of committees for 2019-2020. Expect to see some changes that reflect the focus of our organization moving forward. For example, Quality Committee will be elevated to a full committee and not just a PennDOT sub-committee to reflect the importance of this topic to our entire membership. Most of our committee leaders have transitioned from Vice Chair to Chair, creating opportunities for committee members to volunteer for vacated Vice Chair positions. With the distribution of the Standing Committees for the 2019-2020 Program Year there will be a request for nominations for Vice Chairs. I encourage you all to get more engaged with ACEC/PA. Committees are a great way to become an ACEC/PA and ACEC national leader.

I look forward to working with you all as we continue to make ACEC/PA a stronger organization.

Thanks,
Eric Frary
President, ACEC/PA

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**LEGISLATIVE**

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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Pa.'s $34B budget deal: More money for public education, but no minimum-wage increase
Public schools, state-run universities, and community colleges will receive millions more, but there will be no increase in the minimum wage... [Read more](#)

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Joe Sestak, Former Congressman and 3-Star Admiral, Joins 2020 Presidential Race
Former Pennsylvania congressman and retired three-star admiral Joe Sestak announced Sunday that he is running for president, becoming the 25th candidate to seek the Democratic nomination... [Read more](#)

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PennDOT Postpones Start of Job that Will Close I-81 Off-Ramp Until Thanksgiving
PennDOT has postponed the start date of repair work that will close a ramp from Interstate 81 to Route 22 and Cameron Street for up to five months... [Read more](#)

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ACEC and Coalition Partners Urge Action on Infrastructure Legislation, Increase in Gas Tax
ACEC, along with a coalition of more than 40 national business and labor groups, sent a letter yesterday to President Trump and Congressional leaders urging them to resume action on infrastructure legislation this year... [Read more](#)

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Trump, Dems Still Deadlocked on Budget Deal
With no long-term budget agreement in sight, Trump administration officials this week pitched a short-term deal to keep government funding levels in place and extend the government’s borrowing authority for one year... [Read more](#)
More than 75% of Pennsylvanian's Drive Alone, Just 19% Regularly Use Public Transit

PennDOT released the results of its 2019 statewide transportation survey this month… [Read more]

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PennDOT UAS Policy Webinar**
June 27, 2019, 9:00 am  
[Join Skype Meeting](#)  
Join by phone  
Toll number: +1 (267) 332-8737 (Dial-in Number)  
Conference ID: 84000756#

**Industry Day at the Ballpark with PTC, PennDOT, ACEC/PA & APC**
July 31 at 12 p.m.  
Harrisburg FNB Field  
[Learn more and register today](#)

**Western Chapter Meeting with ACEC/PA President Eric Frary, Executive Director Mary Kay Babyak and Program Director Gina Barrett from the Consortium for Public Education**
September 5 ● Cefalo’s  
[Register now](#)

**Government Affairs Breakfast**
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

**Central Chapter Meeting with ACEC/PA President Eric Frary**
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

**Eastern Chapter Meeting with ACEC/PA President Eric Frary**
September 17 ● Desmond Hotel

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

**ACEC/PA Scholarship Golf Outing**
September 30 ● Armitage Golf Club  
[Register and sponsor NOW](#)

**Fall Conference**
November 20, 2019 ● Hershey Lodge  
Lock in your sponsorship and learn more [here](#)

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

**Spring Conference**
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg
**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](mailto:). 

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**P3 Conference & Transportation Advocates Workshop Just One Month Away**
The Public-Private Partnerships (P3) in Transportation Conference, the nation’s premier and longest-standing transportation P3 networking event, will be held July 17-19, in Washington, D.C. The July 17 National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates is also co-located at the Grand Hyatt Washington…[Read more](#)

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**WTS Central PA Rotunda Series - The Importance of Inclusion**
June 27 ● 4 – 5:30 p.m.
[Register now](#)

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**Engineering Business Index (EBI) Survey**

Dear Colleague,

Trends and tax reform are the focus of our next Engineering Business Index (EBI) survey and we’re asking for your input and insights for our next report.

As you know, the [Engineering Business Index](#) (EBI) is the only economic indicator focused solely on the nation’s engineering industry. That’s why we’re asking you and hundreds of your fellow ACEC Member Firm leaders to take a few minutes to provide your perspective on our industry’s current state and future prospects.

The survey takes less than three minutes. [Click here](#) to start.

Sincerely,
Linda Bauer Darr
President/CEO
ACEC

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**RESOURCES**
Approved Engineering Degrees
As described in PennDOT’s Standard Scope of Work for Consultant Construction Inspection Agreements (Dated March 2019), the Minimum Experience and Training (MET) requirements for the TCI-1 and TCI-2 positions reference an approved list of degrees that will be held by Central Office.

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Eight Top Engineering Students to Receive ACEC Scholarships
ACEC’s Fellows Committee has chosen eight engineering students to receive 2019 ACEC Scholarships…. Read more to learn about Jon Cowart, Pennsylvania State University student

Pennoni Expands with Regional Director of Construction Services Hire
Pennoni, a multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm, announced the addition to their Construction Services group… Read more
Ross Stuart named 2019 Rising Star
Ross Stuart, PE, SE, has been named to Civil + Structural Engineer's 2019 Rising Star list…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?
in 1929 U.S. President Herbert Hoover authorized the building of Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam).

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