IN FOCUS

The fourth week of July has begun and it’s time to start thinking about what comes after summer vacations are over and the hot days fade away.

Just like the kids going back to school, ACEC/PA is back to offering a countless education and networking opportunities in September. On September 5, the Western Chapter meeting will take place with ACEC/PA President Eric Frary, P.E. and Executive Director Mary Kay Babyak and Program Director Gina Barrett from the Consortium for Public Education. The month continues with the Central Chapter, Government Affairs and Eastern Chapter meetings respectfully taking place on September 11 and 17 (details below). Rounding out September is our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. All these events can be found on our calendar of events and many already have registration open.

Don’t forget to check out the Tri-State Conference also being held in September in Atlantic City, NJ with ACECNJ and ACECNY. This is the 3rd Tri-State Conference which began in 2013 in PA then 2016 in New York and now 2019 in New Jersey. We cannot wait for you to attend and have been working diligently to pull together amazing speakers. What may be even more exciting is knowing that in 2022, Pennsylvania will host the event.

While we have some amazing early fall events in September and October, don’t forget to save the date for the Fall Conference in Hershey with a new agenda that includes a PAC evening reception. More details will be available shortly on this not to miss event.

Please share the list of ACEC/PA events with your peers and staff and keep up to date by reading the email announcements, future newsletters and as always, don’t hesitate to contact the ACEC/PA team with any questions or comments.

Leeann Sherman
ACEC/PA Executive Director
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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**Three Mile Island’s 60-year shutdown: ‘More akin to a marathon than a sprint’**
The Three Mile Island Unit 1 nuclear reactor shutdown, which is set to begin no later than Sept. 30, will take nearly 60 years and $1.2 billion to complete…[Read more](#)

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**Trump and congressional leaders reach sweeping budget agreement**
White House and congressional leaders on Monday clinched a sweeping fiscal deal to lift the nation’s debt limit and dramatically raise federal spending levels…[Read more](#)

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**Pa. thruway bridge spanning Susquehanna won’t be ready for vehicles until 2022**
The nearly mile-long Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River is to be completed in the fall of 2020 but only construction vehicles will be using it for two years…[Read more](#)

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**I-70 traffic restrictions will allow PennDOT to install permanent data collector**
Traffic patterns will be disrupted beginning Wednesday on a section of eastbound Interstate 70 in Westmoreland County, as PennDOT installs permanent devices for counting vehicles…[Read more](#)

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**Fuel-tax drop reflects need for funding solutions**
John Finnerty, who covers the Statehouse for newspapers in Johnstown, Meadville, New Castle, Sharon and Sunbury, dug up an interesting story recently noting that Motor License Fund revenue fell $58 million short of projections in the recently ended fiscal year…[Read more](#)

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**Electric vehicle measure advances in PA House**
House Bill 1392, the measure that would impose annual fees on all-electric vehicles, was approved by the Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee this week and continues on in the legislative process…[Read more](#)
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 Executive Director Mary Kay Babyak and Program Director Gina Barrett from the Consortium for Public Education and ACEC/PA President Eric Frary, P.E.
September 5 ● Cefalo’s
Register now

Government Affairs Breakfast
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

Central Chapter Meeting with Auditor General, Eugene DePasquale and ACEC/PA President Eric Frary, P.E.
September 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East

Eastern Chapter Meeting with Larry Bankert, P.E., PTOE, Associate Vice President, Toll Services, c/o PA Turnpike Commission and ACEC/PA President Eric Frary, P.E.
September 17 ● Desmond Hotel
Register now

Tri-State Conference
September 22-24 ● Tropicana, Atlantic City
Registration is now open

ACEC/PA Scholarship Golf Outing
September 30 ● Armitage Golf Club
Register and sponsor NOW

ACEC/PA 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
The call for entries is open. Click here to learn more.
You Are ACEC/PA

Joining a committee represents a unique opportunity for members to get involved - to make an impact on the professional and business climate, to network, to share information and best practices, and to gain visibility among peers, agencies, clients and other professional organizations with similar interests.

If you are interested in joining an ACEC/PA committee or serving in a leadership role, view the current committee leaders and complete the committee interest form here.

Take a moment to participate in PennDOT’s 2019 Highway Safety Survey.
Start here

York College’s ASCE Student Chapter - Summer Happy Hour
July 25 ● 5 – 7 p.m.
Register here

Government officials address P3s in transportation conference
Key officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the White House, and several state lawmakers and transportation department leaders addressed critical legislative, regulatory, and market issues at ARTBA’s 31st Annual Public-Private Partnerships (P3) in Transportation Conference…Read more

RESOURCES

Define Your Terms: Smarter Scope & Design Budget Management
August 15 ● 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register here

Radically Relevant: Reshape Your Message, Earn Their Attention, Gain More Trust and Clients
August 28 ● 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register here
The Professional Procrastinators Guide to Dealing in Difficult Conversations
August 29 ● 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register here

Pennoni appoints new chief operating officer
Pennoni, a multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm, announced that David Pennoni has been selected as the firm’s new Chief Operating Officer effective July 1, 2019…Read more

Dewberry selected to provide engineering services for PennDOT District 3-0
Dewberry announced it has been awarded a contract by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to design five bridges on State Road 522 in Snyder County, Pennsylvania…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 word “engineer” is derived from the Latin word “ingenium,” which means something like “native talent” or “cleverness”. Until the 18th century, the job exclusively referred to war engines, i.e. engineers built weapons and fortresses.

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