IN FOCUS

As is tradition, the first chapter meetings of the year provide an opportunity for the new president to highlight initiative and events in the coming year. If you did not have the chance to attend any of the recent chapter meetings, below is a brief synopsis, most of which can be found on our website www.acecpa.org.

2019-2020 Officer and Directors – I look forward to working with our new slate of Officers and Directors who were inducted during the Annual Meeting back in June.

Moving the Industry Forward – we represent over 13,000 employees in 130 firms across the Commonwealth with a primary mission to strengthen the business environment for member firms through government advocacy, political action and business education. Our 5 focus areas include:

Partnerships - ACEC/PA creates partnerships with clients, government, coalitions, other associations and businesses to provide its members with access to valuable information and services designed to enhance day-to-day operations.

Advocacy - ACEC/PA advances legislative priorities that are most important to the consulting engineering industry and helps to shape and influence issues that are critical to the membership.

Education / Events - ACEC/PA hosts accessible and ongoing professional education and training opportunities for new hires to executives. The association’s opportunities are designed to help the membership retain top talent, increase engagement, and stay abreast of relevant industry changes and topics. Check out the Meeting Dates At-A-Glance document on the website.

Resources - ACEC/PA keeps its members informed of essential information and provides significant resources such as this newsletter (forward), a member directory, annual report, salary survey and several other industry-specific publications poised to engage the membership at every level.

Committees - Each of ACEC/PA’s committees and their leadership serve as a conduit to foster, grow and protect the industry and the association’s members through initiatives and relationships with strategic partners. Several new committees have been formed to mirror the ever-changing business climate within which we work.

2019-2020 Initiatives – some of our initiatives for the coming year include:

- Membership Drive – continue to grow and diversify member firms
• Value Proposition – continue to increase the value of ACEC to our members
• Emerging Leaders – succession planning for current leadership
• Advocacy Training – Government Affairs
• Diversity and Inclusion – new committee

I am open to any suggestions you may have to improve the value proposition of ACEC/PA to your respective member firms. I look forward to serving as your president for 2019-2020 year.

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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**ACEC Water, Energy and Environment Committee Government Affairs Update**

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**Report Card for Pennsylvania’s Infrastructure**
The 2018 Report Card for Pennsylvania’s Infrastructure was written by a committee of over 75 civil engineers from Pennsylvania who volunteered their time to collect and analyze data, prepare and present their findings…[Read more](#)

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**Smart Cities Collaborative Year Three**
In 2017, Transportation for America (T4A) launched the Smart Cities Collaborative to build a forum for collaboration and provide direct technical assistance to a number of leading-edge cities advancing smart mobility policies and projects…[Read more](#)

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**Some Democratic presidential hopefuls pledge to ban fracking; it may hurt them in Pa.**
Several Democratic presidential candidates are running on a promise to ban fracking — and stepping on unstable political ground as they do so…[Read more](#)

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**House to vote on stopgap spending measure to prevent shutdown**
The House is slated to vote on a short-term measure to fund the government and prevent a shutdown in mid-September, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) announced Thursday…[Read more](#)

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**Exclusive: How cities around the globe approach 'new mobility'**
Transportation has been a very sleepy field for the last fifty years…[Read more](#)

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**Tax Writers to Focus on Extenders, Retirement This Fall**
Lawmakers returning from recess this week will begin working on the contours of a tax package that they hope to pass by the end of the year…[Read more](#)
Pa. state lawmakers among the highest paid in U.S., but they’re doing less and less actual lawmaking
Pennsylvania has the largest full-time legislature in the nation and its lawmakers are among the highest paid in the country, yet, increasingly, they’re doing less and less actual lawmaking…Read more

Labor Priorities Buried Under Congress’ Post-Recess Calendar
Major labor reform proposals and stagnant nominations may go on the backburner as Congress returns from summer break and lawmakers face a time crunch to address other priorities…Read more

Pa. to launch review of its science standards that may include emphasis on helping students think like scientists
Pennsylvania education officials will begin the process of reviewing the framework around how science is to be taught to students and consider whether to incorporate a set of standards embraced by most other states that encourage students to think like scientists…Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ACEC/PA Scholarship Golf Outing
September 30 ● Armitage Golf Club

Western Chapter Meeting with Katharine Kelleman, CEO of Port Authority of Allegheny County
October 4 ● Cefalo’s
Register now

Government Affairs Breakfast
October 8 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Central Chapter Meeting will include Steve Deck from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Brian Funkhouser with Michael Baker International October 8 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register 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.

Spring Conference
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg

Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7- 9, 2020 ● Park City, Utah

The new BPT (Bureau of Public Transportation) Committee will be meeting this week to start committee work. We are extremely excited to bring the ACEC/PA membership this new committee and look forward to working with PennDOT on Multimodal issues. Doug Smith from Prime AE Group is the Chair of this committee.

Workforce Development/Human Resources Committee has been renamed and we have lots to do. The committee leadership has met to start planning the goals and objectives along with a new discussion for engagement. With adding the HR component to the committee, we now extend the focus to the recruitment and retention of team members in all positions. We are very excited as our Chair Tom Cushman, AECOM and Vice Chair Bryan Wolfe, Dewberry lead this newly focused committee. In the short future you will hear more about our work with schools, workforce
development organizations and ways to get involved personally or your firm to step up.

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee is excited to be working on a new industry award that will be presented at the Diamond Awards event on Feb. 27, 2020 in Lancaster, Pa. This award will highlight what the industry organizations have done and/or are doing within their company to advance diversity and inclusion in the workplace and how it relates to business growth and employee recruitment and retention. We are pleased to welcome Brenda Nichols, CPA, Larson Design Group as our Chair and Nicole Jacobs, GPI, as Vice Chair.

The Municipal Services Committee is gearing up for seven (7) regional conference presentations with the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). The committee has spent the last two months working diligently to provide a plethora of resources and information that will be shared with all in attendance at the PSATS conferences. This is an amazing partnership of PSATS and ACEC/PA working together for the industry and communities across the Commonwealth. Serving as Chair is Clayton VanVerth, P.E., Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

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.

An Evening of Women in STEM and Social Networking
Sept. 19 ● Philadelphia
Learn more

Breaking Ground!
Oct. 16 – 19
Learn more

ACPA PENNDOT Standards and Specifications
Click to learn more
#BeyondEVs - a Twitter chat this Wednesday at 2 p.m. EST to discuss transportation and climate change. Learn more

RESOURCES

ACEC Business Resource Center
Learn more

ACEC Private Industry Brief (Public-Private Partnership)
Learn more

Urban Infrastructure: How SEPTA, oTIS and DRWC are Connecting Communities
Learn more

SHARE-INSPIRE-HIGHLIGHT

Melton Joins Dewberry Board of Directors; Temple Named Vice Chair
Larry L. Melton, Jr., PMP, has joined the board of directors of Dewberry, a privately held, national consulting firm…Read more

RETTEW Continues With Strategic Leadership Succession Plan
RETTEW recently announced that Suhail Khan, current Vice President of Technology and Facilities, has been promoted to a new position at the firm: Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer (CSIO), effective September 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?
September is often associated with fire because it was the month of the Roman god Vulcan. Vulcan was the Roman god of fire and the forge.

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