IN FOCUS

Two years ago, we began the process of developing a new branding campaign for the entire association. The time has now come for the next phase.

Your association continues to move forward with a plan to include more disciplines into the membership. By doing so, the association will have the ability to emerge with new projects and programs for the entire industry, like a rebranded political action committee.

Rebranding the political action committee will allow your association to be an even stronger voice in the state by honoring its primary purpose of supporting the election campaigns of selected candidates, staying compliant with the applicable state laws and regulations governing political action committees and including more industry disciplines.

This is yet another exciting step towards deeper member engagement and moving the consulting engineering industry forward.

Leeann Sherman
ACEC/PA Executive Director
*Naik Consulting Group, PC (Naik) is a certified DBE/MBE/SBE firm founded in 1997, by Sanjay Naik. The company has grown to a 124+ person, multi-disciplinary engineering consulting firm with office in Edison, NJ (Corporate Headquarters), New York City, and Philadelphia. The company’s primary fields of expertise are transportation related services including bridge and roadway design, traffic engineering, utility engineering, survey and right-of-way mapping. Naik also offers highway lighting, design of ITS facilities, site engineering and full-service construction management.

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**LEGISLATIVE**

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

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**PennDOT officially launches initiative to use gender-neutral language**

*Excerpt from letter from Secretary Richards*… “The Department is officially launching the initiative to use gender-neutral language in all documents issued within the agency. Gender-specific references are outdated and many times inaccurate. Therefore, I am requiring all forms, publications, plans, bonds, legal documents, contracts, and any other documents generated by the Department (“documents”) be revised to use gender-neutral language.

Effective immediately, Department employees are instructed to draft all newly generated documents using gender-neutral language in accordance with this initiative. Existing documents may be updated to replace gender-specific language in conjunction with regularly scheduled revisions or editions. Revisions to previously executed contracts or documents are not required. To the extent practicable, documents
received by the Department for signature or other action should also be revised to use gender-neutral language.”

For those who are wondering the impact of this new policy on the industry and SOIs, ACEC/PA has discussed with PennDOT and the following statement was provided share with membership. “The consultants will not be disqualified if they do not use gender-neutral language. PennDOT is requiring to the extent practicable, use gender neutral language.”

Please make note and utilize the terms and enforce changes where proper and possible.

Pa. commission recommends that panel, not lawmakers, should redraw districts
A commission set up by Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf recommended Thursday that Pennsylvania redraw congressional and legislative districts through an 11-person appointed group that would provide a set of options that state lawmakers would choose from…Read more

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PennDOT’s 511PA website will include travel information for every Penn State home football game this year, beginning with the first game against the Idaho Vandals…Read more

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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.

NEW Committees Formed
Do you want to participate in the new ACEC/PA BPT subcommittee dedicated to interacting with the Bureau of Public Transportation, also affectionately known as “BPT?” If the answer is yes, complete and return the Committee Interest Form now.
This is indeed a new committee, so initial activities will involve:

- Doug Smith, P.E. (subcommittee Chair) and Leeann Sherman (executive director) meeting with Deputy Secretary Granger to get her advice and guidance in how we should create the subcommittee to most effectively partner with the department, the bureau, and the multimodal deputate;
- Crafting a subcommittee mission statement;
- Discussing goals and objectives; and
- Recruiting additional members that may help us achieve our mission.

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**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:Leeann.Sherman@acec-pa.org).

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**The Forum on Architecture + Design**

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Urban Engineers  
This year is Urban’s 59th year of business. In anticipation of its landmark 60th anniversary coming up, they will celebrate what they value at Urban – namely the people, culture, and work – by focusing on a different theme each month. While they recognized its 50th anniversary with stories of the firm’s history, they will focus on what they value at Urban and its vision for the future leading up to the next milestone.

WBCM welcomes new employees  
WBCM is pleased to announce the following recent hires…Read more

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- 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?  
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