Letter to the membership:

As I sit down to write my final note to the membership, I can’t help it but think “When will this year be over?” We have all been dealing with a world pandemic for over three months now and more recently daily protests for justice across the country. Just last week major storms and tornadoes have knocked out power in parts of Southeastern PA. What else could possibly be on the horizon? What will 2020 be remember for? I’m hoping that 2020 is remembered for the change that is upon us as opposed to the negatives that we are all feeling today. As the saying goes, “What does not kill me makes me stronger.” I have faith that this country will rebound and be better for it in the future. This has been proven time and time again in our country’s history.

Let’s put this into perspective. For those of us born in the 60s, we’ve had a pretty good life so far compared to our elders who were part of the “Greatest Generation.” Our parents and grandparents lived through two World Wars, a flu epidemic that killed millions, the Great Depression, two additional wars in Korea and Vietnam, the Cold War with Russia and the assassinations of JFK and MLK. If nothing else, the American spirit is resilient and seems to improve with each successive generation.

I have the same confidence about the future of our industry and this organization, ACEC/PA. We solve problems, we make the world a better for everyone and we are here for you. With roots dating back over 100 years, ACEC has been the voice of the engineering industry and represents more than 600,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors and other specialists across the country. In Pennsylvania, ACEC/PA represents over 130 member firms and affiliate firms with over 13,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors and more. Just check out our newly released Member Directory. You are in some good company being part of ACEC/PA.

As I transition out of the president’s role and begin my term as immediate past president/national director, I will be asking for your continued support of the ACEC/PAC and our own CEPA PAC in the very near future. ACEC/PAC is the engineering industry’s primary tool for political engagement at the national level. Supported by engineering professionals from across the country who work for member firms, the sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry. The centerpiece of the national infrastructure-based recovery agenda will be a multi-year reauthorization of the nation’s surface transportation law – the FAST Act – with sustainable and growing revenues to support critical highway and transit projects. Our voices WILL be heard!

This week was supposed to be our Annual Meeting and Board Retreat originally scheduled in Park City, Utah. While the pandemic has eliminated our ability to travel, we still have critical business to address...
and will do so on June 16 during our Virtual Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Membership. Please join me as I leave ACEC/PA in the very capable hands of incoming president Troy Holloway and his soon to be elected Board of Directors. We have tremendous professionals leading this organization but more importantly great people.

I thank you all for your support as President and look forward to seeing you again at the many great ACEC/PA events we have scheduled in the future, virtual or live.

Thanks,

Eric Frary
ACEC/PA President

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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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**Official forecast by the Department of Revenue on the shortfall facing the Motor License Fund...**[Read more](#)

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**Eugene DePasquale looks to battle Rep. Scott Perry in 10th Congressional race in Pa.; primary foe Tom Brier won’t concede yet**
Pennsylvania’s first election with widespread mail-in balloting appears at week’s end to have given everybody the fall showdown they were looking for in the 10th Congressional District: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, vs. sitting state Auditor General Eugene DePasquale...[Read more](#)

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**School safety, county block grants and Head Start: How Pa. is spending that $2.6B in CARES Act Money | The Numbers Racket**
Giving some insight into the appropriations of the $2.6 billion in federal relief dollars from the CARES Act, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives shared this breakdown Monday...[Read more](#)
Congress updates PPP loan rules, making them more business friendly
It’s gotten a bit easier for business folks trying to hold on by using a Paycheck Protection Program loan lifeline… Read more

DoH debuts new feature
The state Department of Health on Friday launched a feature on its website that shows how each county is performing in terms of the four main criteria the department is using to determine each one’s reopening level… Read more

Legislation would require turnpike commission to maintain beltway projects
Legislation recently introduced in the House would require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to construct, operate, and maintain the Southern Beltway Projects… Read more

Amanda Cappelletti defeats Daylin Leach in 17th District primary
Pennsylvania state senator Daylin Leach, who lost the support of Democratic officials after he was criticized for his treatment of women in his office and on his campaign, has lost his primary contest… Read more

Comitta's lead in 19th holds up for win
State Rep. Carolyn Comitta declared victory on Saturday, after vote totals that included a heavy dose of mail-in ballots showed her with a significant lead over her two rivals for the Democratic Party’s nomination to run for the 19th state Senate District in the fall… Read more

ACEC is providing resources regarding the PPP and FAR Overhead Rate.
From a practical standpoint, one resource that would be of interest is a recording of a webinar hosted a few weeks ago: The Long Term Effect of Coronavirus on Your Firm’s FAR Overhead Rate and Profitability. It covers a range of issues and factors that could impact a firm’s rate. It also gets into the question of PPP loans and loan forgiveness, the federal DOD guidance, and the uncertainty there.

Also, a couple newsletter articles that outline what actions ACEC has taken so far:

ACEC Leads Industry Effort to Seek OMB Intervention on Potential Impact of PPP Loan Forgiveness on Firm Rates… Read more

ACEC Seeks Clarification on Potential Impact of PPP Loan Forgiveness on Firm Rates… Read more

A position paper and coalition letter is provided and ACEC is preparing to approach FHWA and consider whether and how firms may be allowed to carry over their FY2019 overhead rate to 2021, and avoid the wild fluctuations from 2020 that resulted from the pandemic.
2020-2021 Calendar of Events
Please mark your calendars for these important dates of our upcoming conferences, networking, educational opportunities, scholarship fundraising, board meetings and more.

Annual Meeting of the Membership
June 16 ● Virtual
Register now

Board of Directors Meeting
June 16 ● Virtual
Register Now

Government Affairs Breakfast
September 9 ● Dixon University Center or Virtual

Central Chapter Meeting
September 9 ● Dixon University Center or Virtual

Western Chapter Meeting
September 10 ● Cefalo’s or Virtual

Eastern Chapter Meeting
September 15 ● Desmond Hotel or Virtual

ACEC/PA Diamond Awards
January 28, 2021 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 12-14, 2021 ● Hilton Harrisburg

Call for Committee Leaders
Joining a committee is a unique opportunity to get involved - make an impact on the industry, network, share information and best practices, and gain visibility among peers, agencies, clients and professional organizations with similar interests. All committees and leadership serve as a conduit to foster, grow and protect the industry and members of ACEC/PA.

ACEC/PA’s Call For Committee Leaders is an opportunity for you to step up and take on one of the many positions representing your peers through committee leadership.

ACEC/PA is seeking new people to take on a leadership role who are active and committed to moving the industry forward. Review the opportunities on the last page of the Committee Interest form. If interested, submit the Committee Leadership form (last page of the Committee Interest form) and a resume/bio for consideration to Tfornstrom@acecpa.org no later than noon on June 17. Committee leadership will transition on June 16 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

If you are interested in serving on a committee as a new member, you MUST sign-up by checking the appropriate box(es) on the Committee Interest form and return as directed. Committee membership is reserved for individuals who are able to serve as active and engaged participates. If you determine to forgo actively participating on an ACEC/PA committee, remember that all ACEC/PA committee documents can be accessed by any member in good standing.

* Please note, if you are currently serving on an ACEC/PA committee, no action is needed. You will maintain your committee engagement.

If you have any questions, please contact ACEC/PA executive director Leeann Sherman.

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.

32nd Annual ARTBA Public-Private Partnerships in Transportation Conference
July 16-17, 2020 Interactive Event
Learn more

Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers' Summary of Legislation - May 2020
Read more

PA Architects PAC Webinar
How Architects Can Design a Seat at the Table
Citizen Architect Town Hall Series
June 11, 2020 | 1:00 pm
Learn more

RESOURCES
Complimentary Webinars to Guide Your Firm through the Coronavirus Pandemic
As part of ACEC’s outreach to Member Firms during the coronavirus pandemic, the Council will host live webinars over the coming weeks Read more

Check out RKL’s Coronavirus Resource Center for archived webinars on PPP, important information and more...Learn more

Engineering News-Record (ENR) Names RK&K Among Top 500 Design Firms
RK&K was once again ranked in the Engineering News-Record (ENR) annual listing of the Top 500 Design Firms, climbing to the #62 spot...Read more

Handheld Ultraviolet Lights Could Help Kill Coronavirus, Say Penn State Researchers
Read more

HRV welcomes Miguel Diaz, P.E.
Read more

John Nicholson (WSP), MBA, PE is elected President, ASHE-Pittsburgh

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?**
There are only three countries in the world that don’t use the metric system.

**Connect with Us on Social Media**
News travels fast. Please follow ACEC/PA on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest company news and industry highlights, and benefit from a range of useful resources.