IN FOCUS

Like many of you, our weekend celebration was limited to a gathering of immediate family and watching numerous neighborhood firework displays from the comfort of the backyard vs. attending a typical 30+ person party and a trip to the local carnival grounds for sanctioned fireworks. However, you spent your holiday, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!

As we embark on the 2020-2021 ACEC/PA year, I want thank Eric Frary for his leadership and guidance over the past 12 months. It has been a challenging time, but your steadfast leadership has positioned the organization for continued success. Additionally, as their time on the Board concludes, my appreciation goes out to our Past President & National Director - Perry Schweiss and At-Large Directors - Matt Marquardt and Matt Natale, for their dedication to the organization and service over the years.

To be expected, there is consistency between the organization’s focus under Eric’s leadership over the past year and our next steps. Reflecting on the organization, and to develop a plan for the upcoming year, I went back to the mission of ACEC, it states in part – to strengthen the business environment for our member firms through government advocacy, political action, and business education.

Our top priority will be advocacy. That is a commitment from the Board and our Executive Director. In anticipation of future efforts, ACEC/PA has expanded the Government Affairs committee leadership to better cover regional activity throughout the Commonwealth. In support of Andrew Pennoni, Government Affairs Chair, Larry Bankert and Ed Reese will each serve as Vice Chair. With strong relationships throughout the legislative community, I am excited to work with them and the At-Large Directors to advocate for and advance our positions.

These efforts will not be without challenges - interaction with law makers, how to reengage the grassroots campaign (in-person and virtually) and the political divide both nationally and here in the Commonwealth. We know that even before COVID-19, an increase in funding at the federal and state level was required and it has been exacerbated by this pandemic. It is said that ‘all politics is local’. To this end, the organization needs your active participation. Together, we can engage our politicians, share the benefits of enhanced funding such as improved economic development opportunities, job opportunities, and public safety.
I look forward to working with you to advance our collective interests.

Troy Holloway, P.E., PTOE, PTP
ACEC/PA President

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**LEGISLATIVE**

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

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May data from the U.S. Census Bureau provides the strongest evidence yet that highway construction work has continued and even accelerated amid the broader economic shutdown from the impact of COVID-19… [Read more](#)

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**Led by Chair DeFazio, House Democrats Approve Transformational Infrastructure Bill to Rebuild America**

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 233-188 to pass H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, comprehensive legislation that invests more than $1.5 trillion in our Nation’s roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports and harbors, schools, housing, broadband, drinking and wastewater systems, postal service, clean energy sector, health care infrastructure, and so much more… [Read more](#)

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**A Promising Year for Pennsylvania’s State Budget Ends with a $3.2 Billion Thud**

Pennsylvania closed out its fiscal year Tuesday with a $3.2 billion shortfall, with revenues falling 9% below official estimates as the state continues to grapple with the economic damage caused by the coronavirus outbreak… [Read more](#)

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**Could the Coronavirus Kill the Gasoline Tax**

A crisis in how to pay for roads and bridges with a gasoline tax had been worsening for decades… [Read more](#)

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**PA Chamber Applauds Enactment of Occupational Licensure Reform Law**

Last week, Gov. Tom Wolf signed S.B. 637 into law as Act 53 of 2020… [Read more](#)
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.

AEC Industry Collaboration for Better Business/Built Environment Outcomes
July 22 ● 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 Fall Conference
November 18 ● Hershey Lodge

ACEC/PA Diamond Awards
January 28, 2021 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
View the 2021 ACEC/PA Diamond Awards for Engineering Excellence Call For Entries information today.

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

PennDOT Accepting Unsolicited Public-Private Partnership Proposals Until July 31
The PennDOT Office of Public-Private Partnerships (P3) announced today that it is accepting unsolicited proposals for transportation projects from the private sector through July 31…Read more

Engineering Influence: A Podcast from the American Council of Engineering Companies
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RESOURCES
National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates
July 14 – 15 (Live and Online)
Register here

APC Flagger Train-the-Trainer
July 17 (Virtual) • 8 a.m.
Register here

Porous Asphalt Pavement for Stormwater Management Webinar
July 20 • 3 p.m.
Register here
ACEC/PA COVID-19 Updates
Need to review any of the updates and information directly related to COVID-19 and operations…Read more

Borton-Lawson Expands Sister Company, Precise Visual Technologies
Borton-Lawson is proud to announce the expansion and new core mission of our sister company, Precise Visual Technologies (PVT)…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 world's largest man-made oyster reef was created in Maryland.

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