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## A Note from Your ACEC-KY Executive Director, Russ Romine

Having started my tenure as executive director at the Kentucky Engineering Center on September 1st, I quickly got my feet wet with some of the issues and challenges facing consulting engineers. An issue of great importance to us, qualifications-based selection (QBS), was recently included in a Kentucky Administration Regulation (KAR) change proposed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The change would have repealed three existing administrative regulations associated with QBS that have been in place for several years. Specifically, 600 KAR 6:020, 6:030, and 6:060 were included in the “repealer” regulation, 600 KAR 6:061. Although KYTC was not directly targeting QBS through this action, the removal of these regulations caused great concern and would have made future changes to the QBS process much more difficult to track. Fortunately, KYTC heard our concerns and withdrew their repeal. We were pleased to have ACEC National and NSPE join us in our effort to emphasize the importance of this issue. Both organizations wrote letters thanking the Transportation Cabinet for withdrawal of the repeal request, and highlighted the need to retain the regulations. We value the relationship and partnership we have with KYTC and look forward to opportunities that will strengthen that relationship going forward.

Speaking of partnerships, as highlighted below, ACEC-KY recently participated in the 21st Annual Partnering Conference. As you know, the Partnering Conference has long been an opportunity for our members to join with the Transportation Cabinet and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to discuss the latest issues and nurture a partnership that brings value to all who participate. This year we had representatives from 37 ACEC-KY member firms who were joined by over 330 KYTC and FHWA employees to discuss topics ranging from Project Prioritization to Electronic Tolling. The two-day conference concluded with insightful messages from KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas and FHWA Kentucky Division

Administrator Thomas Nelson.

As September comes to a close and temperatures begin to fall, activities at the Kentucky Engineering Center are on the rise. We look forward to this year’s installment of “seminar days” as we travel across the Commonwealth, bringing training opportunities to a meeting place near you. We are also excited to kick-off the 19th edition of Leadership P.E. which provides in-depth training and leadership development for entry and mid-to-upper level engineers. Many other activities and opportunities are upcoming, so please check the “dates to note” section included in this newsletter.

Finally, I’m excited to be your new executive director and to work alongside Marcie and Jennifer as we serve you. I’m also excited to work with your President, Brad Montgomery, and the rest of the leadership team as we accomplish the goals and objectives of ACEC-KY. Our doors are open, so please don’t hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

## Transportation Cabinet to file P3 Regs

As prescribed in HB 309 – the “P3 bill” that passed during the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly – the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has been developing Administrative Regulations that will detail the procurement approach and proposal review process that will be used for public private partnerships. KYTC will be filing the first set of regulations by October 15, with regulations regarding unsolicited proposals to be filed later. A review/comment period will be provided. ACEC-KY’s Transportation Steering Committee continues to communicate with KYTC’s State Highway Engineer’s Office and monitor the progress. We will provide future updates as they are available.

## 2016 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference

The 2016 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference was held September 6-8, 2016 at the Galt House Hotel

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in Louisville. In total, the conference had 848 individuals on site that included consultants, Federal Highway Administration

(FHWA) representatives and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) employees.

KYTC started out the conference on Tuesday afternoon with topics pertaining to KYTC personnel only. It was followed by a reception where consultants and KYTC employees networked.

On Wednesday, the conference was open to KYTC, FHWA, and consultants with eight different tracks ranging in topics from Right of Way and Utilities to Project Highlights.



Thursday was an all-inclusive session where we heard from KYTC and FHWA's leadership about the direction of transportation in Kentucky. It was another successful conference and a great representation of the partnership between the Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky's consultant community.



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## 2016 Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic

This year's Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic was held last Wednesday,

September 21st, at the University Club of Kentucky in



Lexington. We had outstanding weather and a great turnout. This year brought us 200 golfers to enjoy a day of golf and help support the KSPE



Scholarship fund for college students and Project Lead the Way teachers.

We want to thank all of our sponsors and golfers for their support again this year, without you none of this would be possible. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year!

Be sure to check out our video that recaps the day here: <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckySocietyOfProfessionalEngineers/videos/968238489989169/>.



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## DATES TO NOTE

**October 19-22, 2016**

ACEC Fall Conference  
*Colorado Springs, Colorado*

**November 28, 2016**

Kentucky EEA Entries  
*due at the Kentucky Engineering Center, Frankfort*  
*(judging will be done on November 29, 2016)*

**December 14, 2016**

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting  
*TBD*

**January 6, 2017**

EEA Entries due to the National ACEC Office  
*Washington, DC*

**March 22, 2017**

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting  
*TBD*

**April 23 - 26, 2017**

ACEC Annual Conference  
*Washington, DC*

**June 21, 2017**

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting  
*TBD*



Deadline for submitting EEA Projects to the KEC for State Judging  
November 28, 2016

State Judging to Take Place - November 29, 2016

Deadline for National ACEC EEA Submissions - January 6, 2017

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Ashland One Day Fall Seminar**

EN Engineering - Catlettsburg, KY  
October 5, 2016

**Bowling Green One Day Fall Seminar**

WKU - Bowling Green, KY  
October 7, 2016

**Paducah One Day Fall Seminar**

WKCTC - Paducah, KY  
October 19, 2016

**Madisonville One Day Fall Seminar**

Ballard Convention Center - Madisonville, KY  
November 9, 2016

**Prestonsburg One Day Fall Seminar**

Jenny Wiley State Park - Prestonsburg, KY  
November 16, 2016

**Lexington One Day Fall Seminar**

Clarion Hotel - Lexington, KY  
December 7, 2016

**KRS 322 MTS Code of Conduct & Expert Witness**

Clarion Hotel - Lexington, KY  
December 7, 2016

**Winter Dendrology & Native Tree Identification**

Bernheim Arboretum - Clermont, KY  
December 9, 2016

**Louisville One Day Fall Seminar**

Ramada Plaza - Louisville, KY  
December 16, 2016

**6th Annual Bridge Day**

Marriott Griffin Gate - Lexington, KY  
February 1, 2017

**2017 KSPE Annual Convention**

Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter - Covington, KY  
April 19 - 21, 2017

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