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A Note from Your ACEC-KY President, Brad Montgomery

Dear friends and colleagues,

There never seems to be a slow month at the Engineering Center and October was no exception. The month was highlighted by a couple of significant events, one national and one local:

- The ACEC Fall Convention was held October 19 through October 22 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. On top of the spectacular location and great weather, ACEC put on its typical high quality program. We had the ability to interact with our ACEC staff from Washington, D.C., learn from our sister member organizations, and enjoy fellowship with each other. We were informed, educated and inspired. For me, the highlight was the keynote address by Erik Weihenmayer, who is the only blind person to have climbed Mount Everest. His life is a true testament to overcoming impossible odds. I highly recommend his book, Touch the Top of the World. As usual, ACEC-KY was well-represented in Colorado Springs. We even found the time to cheer on the University of Kentucky in their victory over Mississippi State.

- On October 27 and 28, we held the first ever ACEC-KY Leadership Retreat at the Engineering Center in Frankfort. Our event was jump started with a presentation by Tom Mosure who is our ACEC Executive Committee representative. The remainder of the Retreat was facilitated by Rubi Ho of The Rubi Ho Group from Cincinnati. With Rubi's help, we were able to initiate a complete reset of ACEC-KY. Our goals were to change the trajectory of the organization, infuse some energy, determine our direction for the future, bring us closer together, and give back to those volunteer leaders who have dedicated so much of their time to the association. Thanks to the diligence and effort of our leadership team and staff, the mission was accomplished. While the goal of the Retreat was not strategic planning, the program included several strategic

planning elements. One of the things of which I am most proud is the development of an "elevator speech" that tells who we are:

"ACEC-KY is the face and voice of engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access and education!"

Too much was accomplished at the Retreat to fully describe in this letter, but I feel confident that the energy and enthusiasm will be apparent as we strive to better serve our members.

Lastly, I want to put in a plug for ACEC PAC. It is still not too late to contribute to the 2016 ACEC PAC. We have had an exceptional year with advocacy on the Federal level and ACEC PAC is the primary driver for our access to our congressional delegation. This access for advocacy is one of the primary benefits of ACEC membership and is not possible without your contribution. Please contribute today! **To get a little more for your money, consider the "Last Chance" ACEC/PAC Sweepstakes Raffle** - Entries are \$100 each and there are three chances to win, including the Grand Prize of \$2,000. The Sweepstakes runs from now until Friday, December 20, 2016! [Fill out your form here!](#)

KYTC Partnering Meeting

Mark your calendars...KYTC and ACEC-KY have scheduled the next Partnering meeting. KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas, State Highway Engineer Patty Dunaway, and other key staff members are scheduled to meet with ACEC-KY members on **Tuesday, November 22nd, at 1:30 pm at the Kentucky Engineering Center in Frankfort.**

Please let us know if you plan to attend, as space is limited in the Board Room.

ACEC-KY EEA Competition

Please make plans to participate in the 2017 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition. This is the 50th Anniversary for ACEC-National's Engineering

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Excellence Awards, and the 2017 Gala – known as the “Academy Awards” of the engineering industry – will be an event you won’t want to miss. The 50th anniversary celebration will include an increased number of Grand Awards presented – from eight to 16, and Honor Awards – from 16 to 20. From the 16 Grand Award winners, one Grand Conceptor Award winner will be chosen and will represent the year’s most outstanding engineering achievement.

The Gala will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2017, during the ACEC Annual Convention.

To be eligible for national consideration, you must participate in ACEC-KY’s EEA competition. The call for entries is going on now and the deadline for submission is Monday, November 28. All entries must be received at the Kentucky Engineering Center’s office by 5:00 p.m. on the 28th. For more information on the national awards, please refer to the Call for Entries brochure located on their website, (<http://www.acec.org/awards-programs/engineering-excellence-awards/>).

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer, Marcie or Russ at the Kentucky Engineering Center. We look forward to your participation.

DATES TO NOTE

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 - 9:30 am
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting - 11:30 am
Frankfort Country Club

January 6, 2017

EEA Entries due to the National ACEC Office
Washington, DC

January 29-31, 2017

ACEC-KY Membership Retreat
The Renaissance Nashville - Nashville, TN

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lexington One Day Fall Seminar/ 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

REGISTER ONLINE! for these classes & more!



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