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A Note from Your ACEC-KY President Brad Montgomery

Dear Colleagues,

I realize that I sound like a broken record, but we've had another eventful month at ACEC-KY. In our most recent newsletter edition, Russ indicated that I would provide a more detailed summary of our Annual Membership Retreat which was held in Nashville, Tennessee on January 29-31, 2017. It was a full program that included presentations on issues ranging from QBS to P3 to ownership transition to strategies to engage and develop millennials in the workplace. Members also heard an overview of recent actions taken by the 2017 Kentucky General Assembly, plus a preview of what's to come as the legislature began Part II of the 2017 session the following week. Katharine Mottley, ACEC Director of Tax and Regulatory Affairs, provided a Washington update and shared insights into what to expect with the 105th Congress and the new Trump Administration.

The retreat began with a reception on Sunday evening and included visits from US Representatives Brett Guthrie (KY-02) and James Comer (KY-01). Both congressmen visited with membership for nearly two hours and shared their thoughts and insights on the new administration and what we might expect with the new congress. There are many important issues to address in Washington, but one that we were particularly interested to hear both congressmen mention was the need for increased infrastructure investment. ACEC-KY pledges to work with our congressional delegation to promote the needs for a long-term, sustainable infrastructure investment strategy.

Congressman Comer, joined by his District Director Sandy Simpson, kicked off our program on Monday as he addressed the ACEC-KY membership during breakfast. While in Tennessee, ACEC-KY members were fortunate to hear from ACEC-TN Executive Director Kasey Anderson and Tennessee DOT Commissioner John

Schroer. Kasey tag-teamed a presentation with ACEC-KY QBS Committee Chair Mark Willis and provided our members with an overview and update on Tennessee's QBS efforts. At the luncheon on Tuesday, Commissioner Schroer grabbed everyone's attention and imagination as he gave us a glimpse into the future of transportation with autonomous vehicles. Rapid technological advancements in this area will demand that we continually reassess how transportation is evolving and how we can contribute to these advancements.

An all-star lineup of public and private sector experts shared their thoughts and provided real-life examples of public-private-partnerships during Monday afternoon's program. Leaders from finance, construction, real-estate development and insurance discussed, in detail, the benefits and risks that need to be evaluated when considering the P3 delivery model. Given the recently passed P3 legislation in Kentucky, this three-hour comprehensive session was one of the focal points of the retreat.

As the conference wrapped up, we welcomed the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's State Highway Engineer, Patty Dunaway. Members gained valuable insight into two new programs that will drive the Transportation Cabinet moving forward. Tuesday morning also included informative presentations from ACEC Life/Health Trust and ACEC Retirement Trust.

This was the first ACEC-KY membership retreat in many years, and feedback from the 35 owners/principals who participated was very positive and encouraging. The retreat provided us a great opportunity to highlight what the Future of ACEC-KY holds. It's through events like this that we intend to live out our mission and vision, which is... "ACEC-KY is the face and voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access and education!"

If that wasn't enough, many of you are aware that ACEC-

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KY has signed on to support the newly formed Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition (KIC). The KIC was formed to highlight and address the significant need to maintain the multi-modal transportation network in Kentucky, and to build the transportation network that will allow the Commonwealth to continue growing in the future. Ensuring we have adequate funding for a robust state transportation program is the number one goal of the coalition. As we all know, comprehensive tax reform is coming – likely in a special session to be called later this year. The KIC is developing a strategy that will outline the many transportation infrastructure needs and will identify possible investment solutions that will move Kentucky forward. A key part of that strategy will be engaging the legislature. ACEC-KY has taken a leadership position in KIC by participating in the KIC Steering Committee and investing \$10,000 to promote legislative efforts. Stay tuned for more information.

On February 17, the Engineering Center hosted a work session for the joint ACEC-KY/KSPE QBS Committee. Led by Committee Chair, Mark Willis, the QBS Committee developed a QBS Strategic Plan for the selection of professional design services by the public sector in Kentucky. This Strategic Plan will be presented to the ACEC-KY Board of Directors for adoption at our March 22 Board meeting. If adopted as expected, the Strategic Plan will then be unveiled to our membership at our Membership Meeting immediately following the Board Meeting.

Speaking of the Membership Meeting, ACEC-KY will host our 3rd Quarter Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in Camry Hall at Toyota Motor North America, 1001 Cherry Blossom Way, Georgetown. The Membership Meeting will be followed by a buffet luncheon highlighted by a presentation on Kentucky FAME with Jack Lewis (see below for details on this program). At 1:30 p.m., attendees will be provided an opportunity for a guided tour of Toyota. [Register for this exciting event here!](#)

As most of you remember, our 3rd Quarter Membership Meeting has traditionally been our venue for presentation of the ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards. Since this year's 3rd Quarter Meeting is being held in conjunction with a presentation and tour at Toyota, we will hold our 2017 ACEC-KY's Engineering Excellence Awards Reception on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Bourbon on Main, 103 West Main Street, Frankfort. Hor d'oeuvres and drinks will be

served! Circle this date on your calendar and [register online here!](#)

Before you know it, Spring will be here and so will the ACEC 2017 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit. The Annual Convention will be held April 23 – 26, 2017 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. With the relationships that we have developed with our congressional delegation on The Hill, we are excited for this visit to Washington. Please make plans to attend! More information can be found at <http://www.acec.org/conferences/annual-convention-2017/>.

Last but not least, another ACEC PAC year has begun. Let's not make ACEC-KY PAC Chair Karen Wood wait until the end of the year to see if we meet our goal. Making your contribution early gives you the opportunity to enter the PAC Sweepstakes twice! Contributions can be made [here](#).

Like I said, there is a lot happening. Thanks for all of your support!



Brad Montgomery, P.E.
2017 ACEC-KY President

ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting on March 22nd

Make plans and register to be at the ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting on March 22nd at Toyota in Georgetown. We will have a membership meeting to start the program at 10:30 am. We will discuss the ACEC-KY Retreat that was held in January, the Legislative Session, what your committees have been doing and more. Following lunch, we will have Jack Lewis speak about the KY FAME program.

The Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education



(KY FAME) is a partnership of regional manufacturers whose purpose is to implement dualtrack, apprenticeship-style training that will create a pipeline of highly skilled workers. The primary method to achieve this goal is through partnerships with local educational institutions to offer the Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program (AMT).

It will be interesting to see how they are handling the “pipeline” for their workforce. We might gain insight on how to start really creating that “pipeline” for engineering.

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Following the FAME presentation, we will be taking a tour of the Toyota Plant.

- Toyota will need the names of everyone going on the tour at least one week prior to our tour date so **if you plan to go on the tour you must let us know by March 15th.**
- Anyone over 18 needs a picture ID (driver's license or passport).
- As you come into the Visitor Center everyone must register at the desk. Then we will show you to Camry Hall. Bags, purses, cellphones cannot go on the tour so they will need to leave those in Camry Hall or go out to their vehicles and lock them up before we board the trams.

Where:

Toyota Motor North America
1001 Cherry Blossom Way
Camry Hall, Building 601, 1st Floor
Georgetown, KY 40324

Time: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost per person: \$25.00

We absolutely encourage you to bring other employees to this meeting with you.

[Register online here for the Quarterly meeting!](#)

ACEC-KY EEA Awards Reception on March 29th

Join us for the 2017 ACEC-KY's Engineering Excellence Awards Reception. Six projects will be highlighted during this reception so please make plans to join us. Our venue for this year's reception is an outstanding and unique space, the perfect atmosphere for networking and awards.

When:

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Hor d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.



Where:

Bourbon on Main
103 West Main
Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601

Cost:

\$25 per person

[Register online here now for the 2017 EEA Awards Reception!](#)

ACEC-KY Legislative Updates

Each week we send out a legislative update highlighting specific legislation we are tracking. If you are not on our mailing list or have not been receiving the updates, please contact Jennifer (jennifer@kyengcenter.org) to get added to that list.

ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

March 22, 2017

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting
Toyota, Georgetown

March 29, 2017

2017 ACEC-KY EEA Awards Reception
Bourbon on Main, Frankfort

April 23 – 26, 2017

ACEC Annual Conference
Washington, DC

June 21, 2017

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting
TBD

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2017 KSPE Annual Convention

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

Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification

Benheim Arboretum - Clermont, KY
June 1, 2017

2017 KSPE ANNUAL CONVENTION

REGISTRATION OPEN
ONLINE NOW!

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ON APRIL 19-21, 2017