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A Note from Your ACEC-KY President Brad Montgomery

Dear Fellow Colleagues:

As my time as your President winds down, ACEC-KY activity has not slowed. We have continued to advocate on behalf of our industry in the following arenas:

Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

On April 14, 2017, Russ Romine, Lee Czor and I attended a meeting with Secretary David Dickerson and other officials from the Public Protection Cabinet (PPC). We had been invited to attend the meeting to hear about upcoming reorganization changes that will impact the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Also invited to the meeting were representatives from the Kentucky Board of Architects, the Kentucky Board of Landscape Architects, the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, and the respective membership organizations associated with these boards. From the meeting, one thing that is very apparent is that change is



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coming. Secretary Dickerson proposed the establishment of a new Board/Office within the PPC that will include Engineers/Surveyors, Architects, Landscape Architects and Geologists. Compared to other reorganization models that have been discussed, things could have been much worse. As we all know, the devil is in the detail, so we will not be able to fully evaluate the new structure until the final form is outlined in an Executive Order. Along with KSPE, ACEC-KY's primary role is an attempt to insure that our profession is adequately represented within the proposed organizational structure. Stay tuned.

Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition

On April 21, 2017, the Kentuckians for Better Transportation hosted members of the Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition, including ACEC-KY, at their Board Meeting at Keeneland. After quickly dispensing of Board business, Representative Jeff Hoover (Kentucky Speaker of the House), Kentucky Transportation Secretary Greg Thomas and former Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Barry Schoch served as guest speakers. Former Secretary Schoch told the attendees, including Speaker Hoover and Secretary Thomas, how Pennsylvania used a significant gas tax increase as a major part of the a program to improve funding levels for their State transportation program.



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ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit

The ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit was held in Washington, D.C. on April 23 through 27, 2017. During the convention, the ACEC-KY contingent visited the offices of all of Kentucky's US Senators

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and Representatives on The Hill. We were able to meet in person with Representatives James Comer, Brett Guthrie, John Yarmuth, Andy Barr and Hal Rogers. We met with staff representatives of Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, and Representative Thomas Massie. Our two big picture advocacy messages were robust, sustainable funding for infrastructure and equitable tax reform that doesn't penalize any classes of businesses. A link to the national ACEC advocacy

message on Infrastructure can be found [here](#) and the national ACEC advocacy message on Tax Reform can be found [here](#). A link to the Kentucky-specific message can be found [here](#).

Our messages seemed to be well-received by our members of Congress.

Since this will be my last newsletter article, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as President of ACEC-KY. It has been a great year that has flown by. I am so pleased with the work that we have done to represent our industry and profession. I could not be any more proud of our profession and the true professionals with whom I have been lucky enough to serve during my tenure on the ACEC-KY Board. I would like to wish Shawn, Steve, Brad and the rest of our Board much success as they continue to promote our industry. I would like to thank Russ, Marcie and Jennifer without whom none of our accomplishments



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would have been possible. It has been a true honor to serve. Thank you!

Regards,

Brad Montgomery, P.E.
2016-17 ACEC-KY President

ACEC/PAC

As you know, ACEC-KY has a long history of supporting ACEC's political action committee (ACEC/PAC) in Washington, DC. Thank you to those who have regularly contributed and helped ACEC-National and ACEC-KY get our message out. ACEC/PAC is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level, and it is currently the largest federal PAC in the design industry. The sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. Congress who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry.

As detailed in President Montgomery's message, several of your ACEC-KY colleagues were recently in Washington meeting with our elected leaders, advocating for long-term, sustainable infrastructure investment. Supporting candidates that understand and appreciate our positions is what ACEC/PAC

is all about. Your contribution helps us send a strong message.

On behalf of our ACEC/PAC Champion, Karen Wood, please consider supporting ACEC/PAC today. We are halfway toward our annual goal. It would be great if we could join states like Indiana and Tennessee, and meet our goal well ahead of the deadline.

For more information,

or to make your contribution right now, please visit: <http://www.acec.org/advocacy/advocacy-pac/>

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2017 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference

The 2017 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering is being held August 15-17, 2017 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.



Call for Topics, Speakers & Moderators:

2017 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference
The 22nd Annual ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference has been scheduled for August 15-17, 2017 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites, 140 N 4th Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

This is a call for topics, speakers and moderators. This is the time to recommend any topics/issues you would like covered in the general session on Tuesday, the breakout sessions on Wednesday and/or the general session on Thursday.

Conference registration will be available online beginning July 1, 2017. Participants can register through July 31, 2017 for a fee of \$175.00. Late registration will be from August 1, 2017 until the start of the conference at a fee of \$200.00.

To submit your recommendations for topics or to volunteer to be a moderator, please use the following link:

<https://form.jotform.us/70855428273159>

All recommendations must be received no later than June 1, 2017. The topic selection meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017. Notifications of the selected topics will be sent out no later than June 15, 2017.

SAVE THE DATE! ACEC-KY Annual Meeting - June 21, 2017

Champion Trace Golf Course
20 Avenue of Champions
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Agenda:

- 10:30 am Business Meeting
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:15 pm Guest Speaker
- 1:30 pm Golf

Registration will be open soon!

KENTUCKY ENGINEERS' *Golf Classic*

SAVE THE DATE! Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic - September 20, 2017

Be sure to save the date for the 22nd Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic being held on September 20, 2017 at the University Club of Kentucky, located at 4850 Leestown Road in Lexington.

We are looking forward to another outstanding golf outing this year, so be sure to mark us down on your calendar! Registration will open in July!

ACEC-KY Would Like To Welcome New Firms:

BAEngineers/Bryant Associates | *Louisville*
Cannon & Cannon, Inc | *Bowling Green*
E. L. Robinson Engineering Co | *Ashland*
Evergreen AES | *Shelbyville*
Gonzalez Companies, LLC | *Louisville*
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | *Lexington*
Noyes Engineering | *Nicholasville*
Precision Engineering | *Tompkinsville*
Structural Engineering Services, PLLC | *Lexington*
The Roberts Group, PSC | *Lexington*
Vector Engineers, Inc. | *Shelbyville*

ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

June 21, 2017

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting
Champion Trace Golf Course - Nicholasville

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification

Bernheim Arboreum - Clermont, KY
June 1, 2017