A Note from Your ACEC-KY President
Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

We had a beautiful summer day for our Annual Membership Meeting that took place on June 21st at the Champion Trace Golf Club. It was an honor for me to accept the gavel from Brad Montgomery and become your 2017-18 ACEC-KY President. Our meeting included a full agenda with two special acknowledgements. Chad LaRue joined us at the meeting and accepted a Lifetime Affiliate Membership with ACEC-KY on behalf of KSPE with whom we have enjoyed a great partnership. Also, the annual ACEC-KY President’s Award was renamed the George M. Binder President’s Award. George, thank you for your many years of service to our organization. It was a pleasure having you join us at the meeting.

At the recommendation of the Budget Committee and the Board of Directors, the membership in attendance voted for the first increase in dues in 15 years. The Board had been contemplating the increase for several years but had not implemented the increase due to the amount of revenue generated from the Professional Development Committee’s work. However, we did not feel it was appropriate to keep increasing the amount of revenue from this source. Based on our 2017-18 budget, we felt the dues increase was appropriate at this time. The average annual increase to our member firms will be approximately $195.

Ben Quinn, Jr. is leaving our Board after fulfilling his two year term as the National Director. Thank you, Ben, for your years of service. Joining our Board as the Western Region Director will be Bob Pickerill of Bell Engineering in Hopkinsville. Welcome to the Board, Bob.

I look forward to working with all of the Board, committees, and staff members as we move forward with our initiatives to be the face and voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access, and education. I want to keep moving forward with the progress that we are making with QBS and continue to meet our PAC goals. A couple of my goals for the coming year are to strengthen our membership and increase the participation. We need more of the younger engineers and project managers involved in our organization.

Please reach out to me if there is anything that I can help you with in the coming year. Together, let’s promote the engineering profession and accomplish great things for our businesses and ACEC-KY.

Sincerely,

Shawn

Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

As you know, there has been a lot of discussion surrounding a possible reorganization of the Board of Licensure over the last several months. The proposed reorganization is part of Governor Bevin’s “Cut the Red Tape” initiative, with all existing boards and commissions being scrutinized and considered for elimination or consolidation. Additionally, a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision [North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission, 135 S. Ct. 1101 (2015)] was referenced as a contributing factor in the reorganization decision.

It had been anticipated that the timing of the Board of Licensure reorganization would coincide with the start of the new state fiscal year, on July 1. As you may have seen, however, the Public Protection Cabinet recently announced that the reorganization of our board, and several other boards and commissions, will not occur on
July 1. Cabinet officials said that a new effective date has not been established. They continue to fine tune the reorganization plan and will share new information as it is available. In the interim, licensing boards will proceed with operations as normal. We will share additional details as they are known.

REGISTRATION OPEN! 2017 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference
Registration is now open for the 2017 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference being held August 15-17, 2017 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.

Registration is $175.00 per person through July 31st. After August 1st, registration is $200 per person.

Get registered now and find information to reserve your room in our block here: http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=932816&group.

ACEC-KY Annual Meeting - June 21, 2017

We had a great turnout for our ACEC-KY Annual Meeting that was held on June 21st at Champions Trace Golf Course with special guest speaker Representative Sal Santoro, Chairman of House Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation.

We want to thank Brad Montgomery for his outstanding leadership and commitment to ACEC-KY this past year. It has been a pleasure working with you for the betterment of the profession and the organization.

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!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MicroStation I
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
July 10-13, 2017

2D HEC-RAS 5.0.3 Modeling Training
KYTC C112 - Frankfort, KY
July 12-14, 2017

Roadside Design Guide
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
August 2-3, 2017

InRoads I V8i SS4
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
August 8-11, 2017

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Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY
August 15-17, 2017

Roadside Design Guide
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
August 23-24, 2017

InRoads II V8i SS4
Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
September 11-13, 2017

Check http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/ to see what other classes we have scheduled for the coming months!