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A Note from Your ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the mild August weather we are experiencing. This is a busy time of year both at work and at home. It seems like it was yesterday that we were moving our college students home for the summer. Now they are back in school with the fall semester in full swing. The people of western Kentucky, along with many visitors, got to experience something truly amazing last week with the total eclipse. It only lasted for 2 minutes and 22 seconds but is something that I will never forget.


Please welcome Terracon Consultants, Inc. as the newest member to ACEC-KY. Terracon operates offices in Louisville and Lexington providing services in environmental, facilities, geotechnical, and materials. Lisa Wilson-Plajer is the new chair for the Membership Committee and we had our first meeting on August 24th. We are looking at ways to grow both our full members and our affiliate members. Therefore, always be on the lookout for prospective new members.

The annual ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference was held August 15th through the 17th at the Galt House in Louisville with over 800 in attendance. A big "Thank You" goes out to the staff from each of the three organizations for the work that was done to make the conference a success. Wednesday's technical sessions provided 40 presentations. These presentations take a significant amount of time and effort which was shown in the quality of the content. Keep up the great work! Partnering is my favorite conference to attend. It brings out the unique relationship that exists between the organizations. It is the one place where all levels of staff from both KYTC and the consultant community come together. Work will soon begin for the 2018 conference and we look forward to another great conference.

The work with promoting QBS at the local level continues. The QBS Resource Manual is now available at www.QBS-KY.org. The QBS Kentucky Coalition was chartered by ACEC-KY, AIA-KY, and KSPE and members of each organization contributed to writing and editing the manual. The QBS website will be a tool used to promote QBS to cities and municipalities for their engineering and architectural projects. On August 24th, the coalition was asked to participate in a panel discussion about QBS at the Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference in Louisville. Janet Pike with AIA-KY gave an overview of the QBS process and Russ Romine led the discussion. Thanks to Jennifer Linton, Steve Emly, and Eric Dawalt for answering questions on how the QBS process has worked for them on past projects. Please look for ways that you can promote QBS and be prepared to answer questions that may come up from our clients.

Fall is just around the corner and the college football season starts this weekend. Be safe wherever your fall activities take you. Let us know if there is anything that ACEC-KY can do for you.

Sincerely,



Shawn

Call for Entries - 2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards

Do you have a recent project you would like to highlight? Would you like the opportunity to showcase your engineering achievement and promote the quality and innovative work you're providing for your clients? Why not consider participating in the 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA)? The 2018 ACEC-KY EEA competition is approaching and we want your projects. The deadline for submitting your entry is November 27, with entries due at the Kentucky Engineering Center by

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5:00 PM EST. For those considering participation on the state level, Russ will provide an EEA orientation at the Kentucky Engineering Center on September 14. You may also participate in the national competition and have your project considered alongside the best in the country. Entries for ACEC-National's competition are due on January 5, 2018. Stay tuned for more details.

[Sign up for the EEA Orientation at this link!!](#)

Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition

The KY Infrastructure Coalition is online and social. Find up-to-date information, stats, articles, videos, downloads and more on our new Facebook and Twitter pages and our newly designed website. Follow us today; then share and like our posts.

By working together as an online community, we increase our reach and further our mission to develop a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism that provides adequate revenues for all modes of transportation so our state can maintain the infrastructure we have today and build what we need for our future.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kickstartky>

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REGISTER NOW! 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 is open here:

<http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=932760&group=>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[InRoads II V8i SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
September 11-13, 2017

[InRoads III SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
October 10-13, 2017

[Highway Capacity Analysis using HCM 2010/ HCM 6th Edition with HCS 2010/HCS7](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
October 17-19, 2017

[Ashland One Day Seminar](#)

EN Engineering - Catlettsburg, KY
October 25, 2017

[Paducah One Day Seminar](#)

WKCTC - Paducah, KY
November 2, 2017

[Madisonville One Day Seminar](#)

Ballard Convention Center - Madisonville, KY
November 8, 2017

[Prestonsburg One Day Seminar](#)

Jenny Wiley State Park - Prestonsburg, KY
November 15, 2017

[Winter Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)

Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest - Clermont, KY
December 7, 2017

[KRS 322 MTS Code of Conduct & Expert Witness](#)

Embassy Suites - Lexington, KY
December 15, 2017

[Lexington One Day Seminar](#)

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December 15, 2017

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