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### A Note from ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

The leaves and the temperatures are dropping and we are under two months until Christmas. It is a busy time at the Engineering Center as 2017 comes to a close. Several of us from the ACEC-KY Board and our membership recently attended the ACEC Fall Conference in Orlando, FL from October 15th to the 18th. The conference consisted of the usual high quality speakers and breakout sessions covering a wide range of topics of interest to the engineering profession. The keynote address was given by Robert O'Neill. He was the leader of the Navy SEAL Team 6 that pursued and killed Osama Bin Laden. It was one of the more powerful speeches that I have ever heard.

At the Board of Directors meeting, ACEC-KY was acknowledged for having met our 2017 PAC goal of \$12,164. A big Thank You to Karen Wood, our PAC Champion, for once again leading us to our goal. With so much going on in Washington, DC that effects the funding for engineering projects, it is so important that we maintain the advocacy with our legislators to move infrastructure projects forward. If you still have not made a donation to the ACEC PAC, I would encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Congratulations to our Executive Director Russ Romine who won \$1,000 and to Ben Fister with GRW who took home \$5,000 as part of the PAC sweepstakes.

ACEC-KY was also recognized by ACEC National for achieving increases of greater than 2% for firms and 3% for firm employees for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017. We had a net increase of 10 new firms for a 14.1% growth rate. This led all other ACEC state member organizations in the country. The next closest was 10.6%

growth. Only California, Colorado and Florida added more firms than KY in the last fiscal year. Regarding growth in the number of firm employees, ACEC-KY saw 8.9% growth, ranking us 7th in the country. For comparison purposes, the average state member organization grew by 2.3% for the number of firms and 2.6% for the number of firm employees. Speaking of new members, we would like to introduce two firms that have joined ACEC-KY this month.



*Executive Director Russ Romine, ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer, and ACEC-KY National Director Mark Litkenhus pictured with new ACEC Chairman Satch Pecori.*

**McGhee Engineering** located in Guthrie, KY offers planning studies, design, and construction phase services for a variety of municipal, industrial and private-sector clients. Their website is <http://mcgheeengineering.com>.

**Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.** located in Georgetown, KY and with offices throughout the Midwest and Florida providing aviation, surface transportation, water resources, civil and site services. Their website is <http://www.cmtengr.com>.

Two initiatives for my term as President was to keep meeting the PAC goal and to increase membership. I want to thank all of you that are working so hard for ACEC-KY to make it the organization that is the face and voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access and education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawn P. Washer".

Shawn

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## 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 5:00 PM EST. 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.

[Find out more about submitting your project to this year's EEA competition - just click here!](#)

<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE</b></p> <p><b>Deadline for State Entry Submission:</b> November 27, 2017</p> <p><b>State Judging to Take Place:</b> November 28, 2017</p> <p><b>Deadline for National Entry Submission:</b> January 5, 2018</p>	<p><b>2018</b> <b>CALL</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>ENTRIES</b></p> <p><b>ACEC-KY</b> <b>engineering</b> <b>excellence</b> <b>awards</b></p>
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## Legislative Update

A special legislative session to address public pension reform is expected to be called soon by Governor Matt Bevin. As reported recently, Governor Bevin, Senate President Robert Stivers, and House Speaker Jeff Hoover unveiled their "Keeping the Promise" plan to address Kentucky's public pension crisis. For details of the plan, please refer to Governor Bevin's recent press release: <http://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=KentuckyGovernor&prId=493>. A nice summary of the proposal is included in a link in the last paragraph of the release.

Also on the horizon, the 60-day 2018 Regular Session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 2nd. While the biennial budget and the biennial highway construction plan are two of the larger pieces of legislation to be considered during the full session, it remains to be seen if tax reform will be addressed, or if that will wait for a special session after the regular session adjourns in April.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### [Paducah One Day Seminar](#)

WKCTC - Paducah, KY  
November 2, 2017

### [The Environmental Process for Project Managers](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
November 6, 2017

### [Madisonville One Day Seminar](#)

Ballard Convention Center - Madisonville, KY  
November 8, 2017

### [MicroStation I for Civil Professionals](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
November 14-17, 2017

### [Prestonsburg One Day Seminar](#)

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

### [The Fundamentals of Highway Plan Reading](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
November 30, 2017

### [InRoads I V8i SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
December 5-8, 2017

### [Winter Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)

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

### [Lexington One Day Seminar](#)

Embassy Suites - Lexington, KY  
December 15, 2017

### [7th Annual Bridge Seminar Day](#)

Marriott Griffin Gate - Lexington, KY  
February 6, 2018

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