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A Note from ACEC-KY Executive Director Russ Romine

Dear Members:

I recently had the opportunity to join ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer and ACEC-KY Treasurer Brad Gregory as we visited ACEC headquarters in Washington, DC and participated in the annual leadership orientation workshop. Each year, ACEC leadership in Washington conducts this workshop and it provides a great opportunity for state member organization leaders to join with colleagues from other states and learn more about ACEC's mission and influence in our nation's capital. It's evident that ACEC remains a strong voice for the engineering profession and the business of engineering. Now more than ever, ACEC's role in Washington is critical to ensure that your needs are being heard and addressed by our elected leaders.

As we look ahead to 2018, I encourage you to consider attending the ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit, April 15-18, in Washington, DC. More details will be coming soon.

Governor Bevin to Address Membership

As an example of ACEC-KY's efforts to promote the business of engineering and the engineering profession a little closer to home, I wanted to remind you that Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin is scheduled to address our membership on Friday, December 8, at the ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting in Frankfort. If you haven't registered, time is running out to reserve your spot. We encourage you to join us at 10:00 A.M. at the Frankfort Country Club – 101 Duntreath Street – as we host Governor Bevin. With a special legislative session still possible, and with the regular legislative session scheduled to begin on January 2, this will be a great opportunity to hear from Governor Bevin, and to impress upon him the need for additional state investment in infrastructure. We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Congratulations to Steve Gardner!

ACEC-KY congratulates J. Steven Gardner – President and CEO for ACEC-KY member ECSI, LLC – for his nomination by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the next Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation & Enforcement (OSMRE) at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Steve wants to assure everyone that once he assumes this new role, ECSI will be in good hands. He also expresses appreciation for the trust clients and colleagues in the consultant engineering community has put in his partners and him over the last 35 years. ECSI now has 20 partners in the firm and many other associates who will continue to offer the same quality engineering, geologic, environmental and surveying services.

We wish Steve all the best as he embarks on this opportunity to serve President Trump and our country! For more details on his nomination, please follow this link to the press release issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/zinke-cheers-president-trumps-nomination-steven-gardner-interior-post>

P3 Kentucky Roundtable / P3KY.com

Earlier this year I told you about the launch of a new website that is focused on promoting economic development and investments in Kentucky's public infrastructure through the use of public-private-partnerships. That website – www.p3ky.com – aims to help public leaders and professionals better understand the P3 model and determine whether it's the right financing tool for their priority public works projects. It's a digital community for advocates, resource providers and community leaders.

With the recent passage of statewide P3 legislation, and with the need to better understand this new option, ACEC-KY became a founding member of the "P3 Kentucky Roundtable." As a member of this group, we are part of an advisory council comprised of leaders

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and influencers from across Kentucky, helping connect community leaders with resources that will help them navigate and evaluate this new financing tool for their priority projects. **Facilitated by C2 Strategic Communications** – a new ACEC-KY affiliate member – we are joined by leaders from the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Association of Economic Development, the Kentucky Association of Counties, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association, and Kentuckians for Better Transportation. The group recently added new members from the Louisville Water Company Inc., Frost Brown Todd LLC, Jackson Kelly PLLC and Scotty's Contracting and Stone LLC.

The P3 Kentucky Roundtable recently met for the first time and discussed many issues regarding Kentucky's new legislation, plus members heard details about a first-of-its kind infrastructure fund that has been launched by six Kentucky-based banks to support public-private partnership projects throughout Kentucky. The institutions launching the \$150 million Commonwealth Infrastructure Fund (CIF) are among the largest community banks in the state and include Central Bank & Trust Co., Commonwealth Bank & Trust Co., Kentucky Bank, Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co., Traditional Bank, Inc., and United Bank & Capital Trust Co.

As I indicated in my first report on this new group, we recognize (and strongly emphasize) that nothing can replace increased local, state, and federal funding to address our public infrastructure needs. But, with the emergence of this new delivery option, the goal is for ACEC-KY to be part of the conversation and at the table with public leaders as they look for ways to bring their projects to fruition.

To learn more about P3 Kentucky and how you can join the discussion, please visit www.P3KY.com.

Welcome New Members!

Please join me in welcoming the following new members and affiliate members to ACEC-KY:

Hanson Professional Services Inc. – ACEC-KY Member – Headquartered in Springfield, IL, and with a branch office in Louisville, Hanson Professional Services is a full-service consulting firm providing a wide range of engineering, planning and allied services to its clients. To learn more about all that Hanson Professional Services Inc. offers, please visit their website: www.hanson-inc.com.

[com](http://www.parsonselectric.com)

Parsons Electric Inc. – ACEC-KY Member – Parsons Electric was formed in 1979 and operates from a tradition of excellence, hard work and dedication. Based in Lexington, Parsons Electric is a leading electrical contractor offering a complete range of electrical contracting and engineering services for commercial, industrial and institutional requirements and applications. To learn more about Parsons Electric Inc., please visit their website: www.parsonselectric.com

Garver – ACEC-KY Member – Headquartered in Arkansas, and with a branch office in Lexington, Garver is a multi-disciplined engineering, planning, and environmental services firm committed to quality practices, progressive methods, and honorable relationships. To learn more about Garver, please visit their website: www.garverusa.com

Kentuckians for Better Transportation – ACEC-KY Affiliate Member – Headquartered in Louisville, Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT) has been a strong voice for transportation since 1977. With more than 290 members, KBT's mission is to educate and advocate for all modes of transportation to provide a safe, sustainable transportation network that brings economic growth and improved quality of life for all Kentucky communities. For more information about KBT, please visit their website: www.kbt.net.org

ACEC Business Insurance Trust – ACEC-KY Affiliate Member – As part of ACEC's Trust Programs, the Business Insurance Trust (BIT) oversees a program that provides business and professional liability insurance coverage for participating ACEC member firms. The program offers policyholders ACEC-exclusive tailored coverage along with broad policy terms and conditions. For more information on the ACEC BIT, please visit their website: www.acecbit.org

It has been an active month at ACEC-KY, and things won't be slowing down as we close out 2017. Thank you for all that you do to support ACEC in Kentucky. We are excited for what the new year promises to bring. Please look for a message from ACEC-KY President, Shawn Washer, in the next *THE KENTUCKY TIMES – Engineering Edition*. As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these issues... or any other issues you may have, please let me know.

All the best!



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2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards

Judging is complete on the 2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards. Some outstanding projects were submitted and we look forward to celebrating those awards in early 2018. We are still working out the details for the Awards reception that we hope to hold in late February/early March. Once details for that event become available, we will share those with you and welcome you to attend!

Reminder for those who submitted: Entries for ACEC-National's competition are due on January 5, 2018.



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December 7, 2017

[Lexington One Day Seminar](#)

Embassy Suites - Lexington, KY
December 15, 2017

[7th Annual Bridge Seminar Day](#)

Marriott Griffin Gate - Lexington, KY
January 31, 2018

[Design of ADA Sidewalk Facilities for Roadways in the Public Right-of-Way](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
March 29, 2018

[2018 KSPE Annual Convention](#)

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY
April 18-20, 2018

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

You're Invited!

When: December 8, 2017

Where: Frankfort Country Club, 101 Duntreath Street,
Frankfort, KY 40601

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost per person: \$35.00

Special Guest Speaker



Governor Matt Bevin

Agenda

10:00 AM Special Guest Speaker: Governor Matt Bevin

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Membership Business Meeting

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM ACEC-KY Board Meeting

Register Online Here (Space is Limited): <http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1034093&group>