

ACEC

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Kentucky

Volume 4 | Issue 56

December 29 2017

THE KENTUCKY TIMES ENGINEERING EDITION

A Note from ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed time off work with family and friends. The first six months of my term have gone by quickly and I am sure that the months of 2018 will as well.

It was our honor to have Governor Matt Bevin speak at our December 8th Membership Meeting to give his insight on the issues facing the Commonwealth. The pension crisis continues to dominate the headlines in Frankfort. Since the special session to deal with pension reform did not happen in 2017, the 2018 legislative session will have a full agenda dealing with the budget, pension reform and tax reform. Our Legislative Committee along with our advocates of The Rotunda Group are closely monitoring the activities in Frankfort and are ready to be the face and voice for the engineering businesses. We do not expect substantial legislative action to take place



until after the January 30th filing deadline for the 2018 elections. We will be monitoring the session to see what changes the legislature makes to SHIFT and how

that affects the road plan. Tax reform and a possible gas tax increase will take a back seat to the budget and pension reform. It is important that we reach out to our local senators and representatives and make them aware of our positions on the issues facing our industry. Please mark your calendars for February 27th to attend the Kentucky General Assembly/Legislative Reception sponsored by ACEC-KY and the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.



Our Membership Committee continues to do great work and recruit new members. The **Kentucky Concrete Association (KCA)** has joined ACEC-KY as an Affiliate



Member. KCA members and staff work to improve the overall quality of concrete construction as well as educate Kentuckians about new and existing ways ready mixed concrete can help them build better and smarter. Their web site is <http://kyconcrete.org>.

The backbone of our organization is the work done by our committees. Therefore, whether you have just recently joined ACEC-KY or have been a member for more than 20 years, I would encourage you to be an active member of one of our 24 committees or sub-committees. Encourage your younger staff members to join a committee. It is a good way to expose them to ACEC-KY and to get them

THE KENTUCKY TIMES

involved in promoting the engineering profession.

The March 2018 Membership Meeting will be held at the Morehead State University Space Science Center. We will let you know when we get the date and time set. I look forward to working with you and your firms in 2018 and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Shawn

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.

SAVE THE DATE! ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit

ACEC Annual Conventions and Legislative Summits occurs every spring in Washington, D.C. at our new headquarter hotel, the Marriott Wardman Park. Over 1400 attendees attend educational sessions, congressional appointments and the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala.

Highlighted Events: ACEC Board of Directors Meeting; Welcome Reception and Dinner; General Session Luncheons with Keynote Speakers; Educational Sessions and Forums; CEO, CIO, CFO, and Architect Roundtables; Congressional Issues Briefing and Capitol Hill Visits; Large/Small Firm Teaming Fair; Engineering Excellence Awards Gala

***2018 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit
April 15-18, 2018***

Registration will be open soon!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[MicroStation I for Civil Professionals](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
January 22 - 25, 2018

[7th Annual Bridge Seminar Day](#)

Marriott Griffin Gate - Lexington, KY
January 31, 2018

[MicroStation II](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
February 13 - 15, 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!