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A Note from ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

The calendar says that spring is here and I will be glad to see some consistent temperatures in the 70s and lots of sunshine. Several of us just returned from the ACEC 2018 Annual Spring Convention

and Legislative Summit held in Washington, D.C. Russ, Mark, and I opened



Representative James Comer met with ACEC-KY Members

the conference by attending the leadership breakfast with our counterparts from AL, FL, GA, IN, OH, and TN led by our outgoing Executive Committee liaison Tom Mosure from Ohio. The issues of funding for needed engineering projects, QBS, increasing membership, and professional licensure

are common with our surrounding states and we discussed what has worked and not worked in dealing with these



ACEC-KY Members met with Representative Thomas Massie

issues. Stephanie Hachem of NC will be our new Executive Committee liaison and we will now be grouped with IL, IN, NC, VA, and WV. David Raymond gave his last “state

of the union” presentation as President/CEO at the Board of Directors meeting. David is retiring after 19 years leading ACEC and the search committee

hopes to wrap up the selection process within

the next 3 months. ACEC is on firm financial ground and has over 600,000 employees at its member firms. The ACEC PAC raised over \$1,000,000 last year and has a goal of \$1,036,000 for 2018. Kentucky is well on the way to reaching our PAC goal of \$12,164 for this year. Congratulations to Karen Wood for winning \$1,000 in the PAC sweepstakes.



ACEC-KY Members meeting with Representative Andy Barr

We had two days of Capitol Hill visits with our congressional delegation from Kentucky. We were able to meet with



Representative Brett Guthrie met with ACEC-KY Members

Representatives Rogers, Comer, Guthrie, Barr, and Massie and staff members for Senators McConnell and Paul and Representative Yarmuth. There were common themes from the meetings. There is a good chance that the House will flip to the Democrats this fall. The FAA Reauthorization Bill is expected to be approved within the next few weeks and the WRDA Bill is expected to pass in the next couple of months. There are strong headwinds

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for an Infrastructure Funding Bill but it is likely to be next year before it becomes a reality. It does not look like the Senate is going to move forward with raising the federal gas tax. Thanks to everyone that participated in these meetings.



Representative Hal Rogers met with ACEC-KY Members

Assembly finished the session without passing HB 609 that would have raised the state gas tax 10 cents per gallon. A big thank you to representatives Sal Santoro and John Sims, Jr. for introducing the bill. We have got to stay in touch with our legislators to keep the issue of infrastructure funding as a top priority. The needs continue to grow as we look for long term, sustainable revenue.

Be on the lookout as we schedule our 4th quarter board and membership meetings for late June. This past year has flown by and it has been my pleasure to serve as the ACEC-KY President. We have an amazing staff and it is has been great to work alongside Russ, Marcie and Jennifer. As I turn over the reins to Steve McDevitt with Burgess & Niple, please continue to give him the support that is needed for ACEC-KY to be the face and voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access, and education.

Sincerely,

Shawn



ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting - MSU Space Science Center - March 22

The ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting held on March 22nd was held at the MSU Space Science Center in Morehead. We want to thank Dr. Ben Malphrus for spending the day with us, as well as



Jeff Kruth for his presentation and taking us on a tour of the facility. It is impressive! If you didn't make it this time - they invite you to stop by and take a look around any time.

2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards - March 29



Honor Award

The Denes Field Transformation
Firm: American Engineers, Inc.
Client: Western Kentucky University

Honor Award

Martin Hill Road (KY 1417) Bridge Replacement
Firm: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
Client: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - District 5 (Louisville)

Honor Award

Safety, History and the Future
Firm: EA Partners PLC
Client: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - District 2 (Madisonville)

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Grand Award

Frankfort Plant Board Telecommunications Headend Facility
Firm: GRW Engineers, Inc.
Client: Frankfort Plant Board

Grand Award

East Campus Roundabout and Gateway to U of L
Firm: Qk4, Inc.
Client: University of Louisville Foundation

Grand Award

Frankfort Plant Board Administration Building
Firm: GRW Engineers, Inc.
Client: Frankfort Plant Board

Grand Award

Sewer Overflow Abatement - Glasgow, KY
Firm: Cannon & Cannon, Inc.
Client: Glasgow Water Company

Grand Award

Town Branch Wet Weather Flow Storage and Pumping Facilities
Firm: GRW Engineers, Inc.
Client: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Grand Award

Danville Water Systems Improvements
Firm: HDR Engineering, Inc.
Client: City of Danville, KY

Grand Award

The Cellar at Maker's Mark Distillery
Firm: American Engineers, Inc.
Client: Maker's Mark Distillery

Grand Award

The Left "Over" Loop US 60/KY 4
Firm: Qk4, Inc.
Client: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - District 7 (Lexington)

Grand Conceptor Award

Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges
Firm: Community Transportation Solutions (HMB, BLN and Parsons)
Client: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Indiana Department of Transportation



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2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards Grand Conceptor Award Recipient
Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Firm: Community Transportation Solutions (HMB, BLN, and Parsons)
Client: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet & Indiana Department of Transportation

Congratulations to all!

ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

June 27, 2018

ACEC-KY Annual Meeting

Location TBD

January 27-29, 2019

[ACEC-KY Retreat 2019](#)

The Renaissance - Nashville, TN

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[KYTC Basic Traffic Engineering Design](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
May 2, 2018

[Design of ADA Sidewalk Facilities for Roadways](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
May 3, 2018

[InRoads III SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
May 21 - 24, 2018

[Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)

Bernheim Arboretum & Reserach Forest - Clermont, KY
June 8, 2018

[The Environmental Process for Project Managers](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 14, 2018

[InRoads Survey](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 19-20, 2018

[InRoads Survey](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
June 21-22, 2018

[2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference](#)

Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY
September 4 - 6, 2018

[23rd Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
September 19, 2018

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