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 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 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.

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

Back home, the KY General 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 P. Woolery

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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)
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 & Research 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!