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### A Note from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt

It's been a busy month trying to get prepared and organized for the ACEC-KY/KYTC/FHWA Partnering Conference on September 4th thru the 6th. ACEC-KY and KYTC staff, along with members of the various ACEC-KY Transportation Subcommittees, have worked some long hours preparing

to deliver another great conference. Hopefully everyone has marked their calendars and set time aside not only to enjoy the conference but to visit the different new sites and attractions in downtown Louisville. The completely remodeled Kentucky International Convention Center just reopened this month, the new Omni Hotel this past winter, and two new bourbon distilleries – Old Forester and Rabbit Hole – both opened in downtown Louisville in recent weeks. Along with all the local restaurants, there is plenty to see and do downtown, and it's all within walking distance from the conference.

Other calendar events this month included meeting with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Greg Thomas, PE, Deputy Secretary Paul Looney, PE, and State Highway Engineer Andy Barber, PE, to discuss a variety of transportation-related partnering issues between KYTC and ACEC-KY. The Transportation Steering committee—under the new leadership of Ben Edelen, PE, and the past three years under the leadership of Randy Gnau, PE—has kept ACEC-KY's relationship with KYTC strong. The regular partnering meetings with KYTC are open to all ACEC-KY members and we encourage you or someone from your firm to attend. The meetings are very informative and provide you with the latest information and happenings at KYTC. They also provide a regular forum for both organizations to share information, successes, and/or any concerns.

Due to our continued success in meeting our ACEC PAC goals, ACEC-KY maintains a strong voice with our elected representatives in Washington. Over the past few weeks, we have hosted meetings and presented

PAC contributions to Congressman Andy Barr (KY-6), Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-2), Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5) and Congressman James Comer (KY-1) at the Kentucky Engineering Center in Frankfort. Because our representatives have such prominent roles on various committees in DC, ACEC more than matches what we send to the national PAC fund. The access ACEC-KY has as a result of your support is evident through our recent meetings in Frankfort, plus the productive meetings we had with congressional members this past April in Washington during the ACEC Annual Meeting. Because of ACEC's efforts both nationally and locally, we helped influence changes on proposed legislation that could have been detrimental to our businesses and profession, including tax law changes and professional licensing standard changes.

I am going to continue my monthly plea for you to consider joining us at the ACEC Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. next May. As highlighted above, it's a great opportunity to visit with each of our federal representatives. Having ACEC-KY members visit from their district to discuss ACEC advocacy priorities has a powerful effect on each Congressman. Those discussions include the importance of funding for federal programs like the State Revolving Fund for Clean Water and Drinking Water, Community Development Block Grants, USDA-Rural Development grants, and long-term infrastructure funding and investment, plus other important issues like QBS and professional licensing standards, to name a few. If you can't make it to Washington next spring, please consider attending the 2019 ACEC-KY Membership Retreat in Nashville on January 27th thru 29th. Many of the same topics discussed in Washington will be on the agenda in Nashville.

**Out & About** It's been a busy month for ACEC-KY Executive Director Russ Romine as he's promoted the organization and the work our firms do, plus continues to defend why QBS is so important to our industry. At the Governor's Local Issues Conference this month, Russ was joined by GRW's Joe Henry, PE and Qk4's Rob Martin,

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PE as they presented a session entitled: *Have a Dream? Hear How Engineers Can Make It Happen*. Additionally, Russ and other ACEC-KY and QBS Kentucky Coalition members delivered a panel presentation on the values of QBS at the Kentucky Rural Water Association's Annual Meeting in Louisville. Another QBS-related presentation will be delivered next month during the Kentucky-APWA Annual Convention in Owensboro.

As always, there are plenty of ways to get involved in ACEC-KY... from being involved on a committee or subcommittee, to serving as a committee chair, to helping with any number of meetings and events organized by our organization. Please give me a call or shoot me an email to let me know how you may want to help.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. McDevitt, P.E.  
President, ACEC-KY 2018-19



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

## 2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference

Don't forget the ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference is being held next week! The conference is being held at the Galt House on September 4-6 in Louisville. If you still have not registered, please do so at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2018PartConf>. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## Call for Entries – 2019 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 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA)? The 2019 ACEC-KY EEA competition is approaching and we want your projects. The deadline for submitting your entry is November 26, with entries due at the Kentucky

Engineering Center by 5:00 PM EST. For those considering participation on the state level, Russ will provide an EEA orientation at the Kentucky Engineering Center on September 13. 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 4, 2019.

[View Kentucky's 2019 EEA Competition Materials & Information](#)

[Sign up for the EEA Orientation at this link!!](#)

## REGISTER NOW! 23rd Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic

The 2018 Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic is coming up quickly. We are looking forward to another great day for golf and networking on September 19, 2018 at the University Club of Kentucky, located at 4850 Leestown Road in Lexington. Lunch for the event will begin around 11:30 am and the shotgun start will be at 12:30 pm. The event is only a few weeks away so be sure to get your team registered as soon as you can! You can register for the Golf Classic here: <http://bit.ly/2MxaaZh>





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## Reminder!

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Join Us for the next  
ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting

at the  
Opening Reception  
of the  
2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC  
Partnering Conference

starting at 4:45 pm on  
Tuesday, September 4th

in Ballroom A  
at the Galt House Hotel  
in Louisville.

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Galt House Hotel  
140 North Fourth Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

September 13, 2018

[ACEC-KY EEA Orientation](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

September 19, 2018

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

University Club of Kentucky - Lexington, KY

January 27-29, 2019

[ACEC-KY Retreat 2019](#)

The Renaissance - Nashville, TN

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY

September 4 - 6, 2018

[InRoads I V8i SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

September 25-28, 2018

[InRoads II SS4](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

October 16-18, 2018

[Mechanical/Electrical One Day Seminar](#)

Hilton Garden Inn - Georgetown, KY

October 17, 2018

[Madisonville One Day Seminar](#)

Ballard Convention Center - Madisonville, KY

October 24, 2018

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