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### A Note from ACEC-KY Executive Director Sara Massey

Just like our favorite two minutes in sports, May started off fast out of the gates! May 4-8th ACEC-KY traveled to DC for the 2019 ACEC Annual Convention. We had 14 members present for the convention where we heard from several speakers ranging from Donna Brazile and Dana Perino discussing the political climate in DC to Salim Ismail outlining the changing world and the impacts on engineering. Most importantly though, we heard from our colleagues at ACEC National and from other states.

One of the most intriguing discussions was of the recently failed attempts to pass legislation in several states that would allow government entities to require data tracking software for companies who are doing contract work with that governmental entity. The concept of this sounds like a great idea as it would in theory allow governments to ensure they are being properly billed for their contract work. Even better, it is being presented by a group called TransparentBusiness – how could anyone disagree with a transparent business! However, in reality, other states found that this effort would allow computer keystrokes to be tracked which could result in security breaches



The ACEC-KY Group met with Representative Andy Barr and discussed STEM Education and Infrastructure Funding

and compromising proprietary information. Kentucky did not see this bill filed during the 2019 Regular Session but we will continue to keep a close watch on any movement here.

ACEC-KY also spent two full days

meeting with each member of the Kentucky Congressional delegation. We focused on advocating for infrastructure investment, increasing the cap on H-1B visas, and



ACEC-KY Members met with Representative Thomas Massie during the ACEC Annual Meeting

the passage of the Employer Participation in Repayment Act of 2019. We had mostly positive dialogues with each of the members and their staffs on these issues. In fact, your colleagues' advocacy resulted in Congressman James Comer signing on as a co-sponsor to the Employer Participation in Repayment Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1043/cosponsors/>)!

However, as expected, there was agreement among the members

that there is still a lot of work to be done in order to see an increase in our Federal infrastructure funding. Linda Bauer Darr (ACEC President) and Steve Hall (ACEC Senior Vice President Advocacy and External Affairs) are continuing to advocate tirelessly for us all on this important issue. Their team was successful in having an opinion piece by Linda included in the Wall Street

Journal that highlights why a proactive approach to infrastructure investment is better for the public interest than a reactive approach. You can

read the full opinion letter here: [https://](https://www.wsj.com/articles/preparing-for-disasters-saves-costly-cleanups-11558980513?shareToken=st7a6d66cdba1f4929b8059a1c2c0aef68)

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Representative John Yarmuth met with ACEC-KY Members during the ACEC Annual Meeting

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We'd also like to congratulate the following Kentucky project for winning awards at the ACEC EEA Gala:

- Bacon Farmer Workman and Marcum ACEC National Recognition Award Reconstruct I-24/I-69 Interchange



*Representative James Comer took the time to talk infrastructure funding with our ACEC-KY Members while they were in Washington*

- QK4 ACEC Engineering Excellence Award Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives PowerVision

The 2019 ACEC Fall Conference will be held October 13-16 at the Sheraton Grand in Chicago. Registration will be open soon so check [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org) for updates if you would like to attend!

The Interim Joint Committee meetings will resume in Frankfort the first week of June. The schedules have changed this year to have all committees meet during a single week each month. We will keep you updated as any topics of interest are discussed in the Interim Joint Committees. To view the new committee schedule, please follow this link: <https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/2019%20Interim%20Calendar.pdf>

As always, ACEC-KY values your membership and support. If you have any interest in participating on one of the ACEC-



*The ACEC-KY Group got to meet with Senator Mitch McConnell while in DC*

KY committees, please let me know! The partnerships we have created with our member firms is the key to ACEC-KY's success.



## ACEC-KY Annual Meeting - June 12 at Buffalo Trace Distillery

Join us to wrap up the ACEC-KY 2018-2019 year at Buffalo Trace Distillery on June 12th! The business meeting will begin at 10:30 am followed by lunch at 11:30am. Our guest speaker will be announced shortly so watch for that announcement.

We greatly encourage you to come to this meeting and bring your colleagues to find out more about what ACEC-KY members and committees are doing in the engineering community. Cost for the event is \$35. Registration for the event is available [online here!](#)



## Leadership PE Applications Due June 30

We are now accepting applications for the 22nd Class of Leadership PE. Applications are due to the KEC on June 30th.

Leadership P.E. is a leadership development program designed to encourage, strengthen and build the professional careers and the civic involvement of entry- and mid- to upper-level engineers. Sessions cover Communication, Team Dynamics and Volunteerism, Professionalism, Legislative, Personal Management and more.

To find out more about the Leadership PE program and to access the application, please [visit this link!](#)

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Our group at the ACEC Annual Convention met with Senator Rand Paul



Representative Brett Guthrie met with the ACEC-KY group

## ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

June 12, 2019

[ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting](#)

Buffalo Trace Distillery - Frankfort, KY

September 3-5, 2019

[2019 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference](#)

The Galt House - Louisville, KY

September 18, 2019

[24th Annual Kentucky Engineers' Golf Classic](#)  
University Club of Kentucky - Lexington, KY

SAVE THE DATE

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

June 4-6, 2019

[Beginner HEC-RAS](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

June 13, 2019

[Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)

Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest - Clermont, KY

June 25-28, 2019

[MicroStation I for Civil Professionals](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

July 16-17, 2019

[Upgrading to MicroStation CONNECT](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

August 8, 2019

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

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

August 27-28, 2019

[Roadside Design Guide](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center, Frankfort, KY

February 4, 2020

[9th Annual Bridge Seminar Day](#)

Marriott Griffin Gate - Lexington, KY

### OpenRoads Training

Watch for Registration to Open Online For:

*Upgrading to Open Roads Designer* - August  
*Upgrading to Microstation Connect* - September  
*Upgrading to Open Roads Designer* - October  
*Upgrading to Microstation Connect* - November

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