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A Note from ACEC-KY President Steve McDevitt

I have officially taken over the reins from Shawn Washer

and, as always, it was a smooth transition for the new board. I want to especially thank Shawn for what he and all the past presidents have collectively accomplished over the last several years. Our organization continues to grow, and last year alone, added six new ACEC-KY member firms and six new ACEC-KY Affiliate members. We also continue to meet our ACEC PAC goal each year, and we are on track to meet it again this year. Your contributions play an essential role in advancing issues that are important to the engineering industry, plus they provide opportunities for ACEC-KY influence and access to our elected representatives in Washington, DC on a regular basis.



Passing of the gavel to President Steve McDevitt from Immediate Past President Shawn Washer

Your new 2018-19 ACEC-KY Board of Directors includes:

- Shawn Washer, Past President (*HDR*)
- Brad Gregory, President-Elect (*Municipal Engineering Company*)
- Tim Choate, Treasurer (*Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing*)
- Clint Goodin, Secretary (*Vaughn & Melton*)
- Nicole Galavotti, Eastern Region Director (*Shield Environmental Associates*)
- Chuck Allen, Central Region Director (*Parsons*)
- Bob Pickerill, Western Region Director (*Bell Engineering*)
- Mark Litkenhus, National Director (*Stantec*)

Please reach out to me or anyone on the board with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the coming year. As an organization, ACEC-KY is here to serve you, to promote and protect our industry and the engineering profession, and to actively engage and partner with government agencies—many of which provide funding or regulatory oversight for the public infrastructure projects our member firms design throughout Kentucky. Additionally, ACEC-KY continues to advocate for increased public infrastructure funding with the Bevin administration and with members and leaders in the Kentucky General Assembly. It is so important—not only as an organization, but also as individuals—to stay in front of our local representatives with the issues facing our industry.

Kentucky currently faces a serious challenge as our elected leaders explore ways to raise revenue and boost investment in our state's transportation system. Helping bring awareness to this challenge, ACEC-KY continues to financially support and serve on the Steering Committee



2018-2019 ACEC-KY Board of Directors at the ACEC-KY Annual Meeting

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for the Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition (www.KickstartKY.com). This coalition of transportation advocates is at the forefront of bringing the highway funding shortfall message to our legislative leaders and to citizens across the commonwealth. A safe and efficient transportation network is critical for the economic growth of our state and our local communities. With the continued uncertainty of the federal transportation program, and with less and less state funding available, the challenge to maintain and improve Kentucky's roads and bridges will only grow. Additionally, our counties and local communities have seen significant reductions in their public works budgets, as they depend heavily on support from the state's Road Fund.

Now is the time to get involved and to introduce the ACEC organization to the younger staff in your firm. There are plenty of ways to get involved, including joining one of ACEC-KY's 20+ committees or subcommittees, attending ACEC-KY's quarterly luncheons/membership meetings, or attending the ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference coming up in September. You could also join us for the ACEC-KY Membership Retreat in Nashville this January, or attend ACEC-National's Annual Convention in Washington next May. Attending one (or several) of these meetings and bringing a staff member with you is a great place to start.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our profession. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,



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

2018 ACEC-KY Annual Meeting

The ACEC-KY Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 27th at Malone's Prime in Lexington. The food was



Department for Local Government Commissioner Sandy Dunahoo speaking at the ACEC-KY Annual Meeting



House Transportation Committee Chair Ken Upchurch speaking to the membership at the ACEC-KY Annual Meeting

amazing and we had a great turnout for our special guests, Department for Local Government Commissioner Sandy Dunahoo and House Transportation Committee Chair Ken Upchurch. Commissioner Dunahoo is looking forward to the continuation of our partnership with the Department for Local Government and open dialogue as they move forward in making decisions. House Transportation Committee Chair Ken Upchurch is looking ahead to moving Kentucky forward and tackling tax reform, including plans towards a solution for infrastructure funding and the gas tax.

It was a great day and we greatly appreciate Commissioner Dunahoo and Representative Upchurch

coming to speak to our members on Wednesday! Thanks to all who joined us - we are looking forward to a great year with ACEC-KY!



2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference

Plans are coming together for this year's Partnering Conference. The conference is being held at the Galt House on September 4-6 in Louisville. Registration is open at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2018PartConf>.

To make room reservations in the Conference block, please use the following reservation link:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/49563791>

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The Room Block closes on August 4th! Prices are as follows for rooms: Rivue (West) - \$149 per night and Suite (East) - \$169 per night.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

21st Class of Leadership PE

Applications for the 21st Class of Leadership PE are due tomorrow so if you have any individuals working on their applications, please make sure that they get those in to us.

The Leadership PE committee is to be making their selections at a meeting on July 9th.

Governor's Local Issues Conference

Join the Department for Local Government for the 43rd Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference. It's being held August 14-16, 2018 at the Galt House Hotel. You can register and find out more at: <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/LocalIssues/16GlicHome.cfm>



ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

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

[Beginner HEC-RAS](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
July 24-26, 2018

[MicroStation I for Civil Professionals](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
July 31-August 3, 2018

[MicroStation II](#)

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY
August 21-23, 2018

[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!