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President's Message by Joe Makar, P.E.



I would like to begin by saying thank you to Michael Myers from RK&K for his commitment to ACEC/MD in 2009-2010. I also would like to thank Jim and Barb for their continued support of our efforts. Funding continues to be a major concern in all disciplines of our industry, including Transportation, Utility Infrastructure, **Buildings** Development. Although the initial focus was on transportation, all aging infrastructure is affecting every aspect of the public works profession. We will have to work hard and effectively to meet this challenge. I look forward to working with all member firms in meeting this challenge. The following is an update on several active and important Committees and Programs.

Committees and Programs

The Leadership Program has successfully provided an opportunity for firms to hand select "up and coming" leaders to participate in a series of management training seminars tailored to educate the participants on all aspects of managing a Consultant Engineering business in Maryland. Topics have included Characteristics of Leaders, Finance and Profitability, Political Activism and Risk Management. This year, nomination forms will be sent out in the Fall and the seminars will begin in January 2011. Please consider who you feel would benefit from this valuable program.

The Matchmaking Program on June 16, 2010 was one of the most successful events in the consultant industry in Maryland to facilitate new partnerships between prime and MBE firms. Twenty four prime firms and seventy MBE firm representatives participated in the event. Beverley Swaim-Staley, Maryland's Transportation Secretary, complemented ACEC/MD's participation in this event. Due to the success, this program will become an annual event. The marketing materials, company profiles, and 254 forms can now be accessed by clicking on matchmaking at www.acecmd.org.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Beverly Pannee, Laura Soprano and Summer Lee (RJM Engineering) and Ziad Sabra (Sabra Wang & Associates) for their time and effort in making this event successful.

Army Corps of Engineers Subcommittee Meeting: ACEC/MD met with the Baltimore Corps of Engineers to discuss the future of the program and other business items. Although the BRAC program is winding down in the Baltimore-Washington area, there will be a smaller program similar to the program size prior to BRAC. ACEC/MD discussed the inconsistencies in the debriefing process and the Corps agreed to develop a Debriefing Committee to improve the process. If you have concerns that you would like addressed, please contact Jim Otradovec.

Transportation Funding Committee members have their work cut out to determine how to improve transportation funding in Maryland. We are in a "no tax" political environment which will make our effort very challenging. We are strategizing on what approach to take, what organizations to develop partnerships with in this endeavor and what is a reasonable goal that can be obtained.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 13-14 IT Forum & Finance Forum

Chicago IL. ACEC's popular specialty forums for non-engineering professionals. For more information, call 202.347.7474 or go to www.acec.org.

September 15-16 Changes in Federal Procurement are Coming

Washington, DC. Presented by ACEC. For more information, call 202.347.7474 or go to www.acec.org.

September 28
Green Roofing for Design
Professionals
September 29
Advanced Thermal and Moisture
Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Professional Roof Consulting
Atlantic City, NJ. For more information call 800.828.1902 or go to www.rcionline.org.

Also, last year the committee developed a video presentation called "Transportation and You" that highlights the importance of transportation funding to society and our industry. It also explains how long it has been since our industry has had an increase in funding. It is important that each member firm representative expose their staff to this video. It can be found on our website (www.acecmd.org)

Design-Build Subcommittee: Over the years, SHA has always partnered with ACEC/MD on modifying processes to meet the ever changing infrastructure environment, including environmental regulation changes, utility coordination, development of CADD standards and procedures, FAR regulation changes and many more. As part of this partnership, a **Design-Build Subcommittee** was formed to work with the SHA on discussing the current processes and potential changes that could benefit the entire industry and increase quality to the highway users.

Supporting ACEC/MD in educating your Elected Officials on our industry's issues: In order to support this effort we need your financial commitment and your participation. This is the final year of the four-year CEPAC pledge cycle. In December, a breakfast meeting will be held to solicit firm participation. If you pledged before, either as a firm or an individual, please remember to send your pledges in to ACEC/MD. Additional information will follow.

In addition, ACEC/MD is organizing a fundraiser for Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger on September 28, 2010. Please sign-up to participate in the breakfast at the Engineers' Club. Tickets are \$125.00.

2011 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition: Will your firm substantially complete an innovative or unique project between November 1, 2008 and October 31, 2010? If so, submit the project for consideration in the Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. Submissions must be received by September 23, 2010 and the finalists will be announced on October 14, 2010.

Committee Participation: The goal of ACEC/MD is to have active participation of all firms to keep the organization fresh with new ideas and ensure we support all member firm's business interest. I would like to encourage anyone interested in participating in a committee to contact Jim Otradovec.

Conferences: The Annual Conference was held in South Beach, Miami, Florida from June 23 through June 26. It was an excellent opportunity to meet new people, as well as spend time with friends and colleagues.

The ACEC Fall Conference will be held at the La Conquistador Resort/Spa in Las Corabas, Puerto Rico on October 17 through October 20. Fall will be under way so it will be a perfect time for a quick getaway to warm, sunny Puerto Rico. For more information on the resort, visit http://www.elconresort.com/

Save the Dates!

October 14, 2010 General Membership Meeting

June 15 – 17, 2011 23rd Annual Conference at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur

Springs, WV

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

Former President's Message by Michael W. Myers, P.E.

Many ACEC/MD members and their families recently enjoyed our 22nd Annual Conference in South Beach, Miami....and there was plenty to enjoy...networking, interesting sessions, great food, camaraderie and of course, South Beach. At the conference, the ACEC/MD officers for the 2010-2011 year were installed bringing to a close my year as President.

Harry Stephen told me last June when he passed the gavel to me that the year would fly by and he was right on. I look forward to supporting Joe Makar, ACEC/MD's new President, and ACEC/MD during the upcoming year.

I want to thank the directors and officers of the Executive Committee and the committee chairs and members for their time, hard work and dedication to ACEC/MD throughout the past year. I also want to especially thank Jim and Barb for their tireless efforts, their patience with me and their outstanding ability to make ACEC/MD a top-notch member organization.

Even though I jokingly pledged last year to focus solely on water and wastewater issues, because of the transportation funding crisis, it was the Executive Committee's primary mission to educate our legislators, our employees and the general public about the importance of adequately funding transportation and infrastructure improvements. And, even though our success was limited due to the election year, we are very proud that we accomplished the following:

- Formed an Ad-Hoc Transportation Funding Committee
- Developed a professionally-narrated video entitled "Transportation and You" and distributed to member firms to educate their employees and to plant the seeds for grassroots support
- Assembled a broad coalition of business and trade organizations with similar goals
- Continually met with and provided financial support to our legislators on Capitol Hill and Annapolis

My last request as President is for all of our members to get behind Joe this year and support our continuing efforts to deliver the funding necessary for a sustainable infrastructure system in the State of Maryland. I thoroughly enjoyed my term as President and trust you will become even more involved in this great organization.

Thanks again for your support.

2010-2011 Officers Installed

The 2010-2011 American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) officers were recently installed at the organization's 22nd Annual Conference at the South Beach Marriott in Miami Beach, Florida. On hand to perform the honors for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) was ACEC Chair-Elect Terry Neimeyer.

Joe Makar, PE, of Whitman, Requardt & Associates, Baltimore, succeeds, Mike Myers, PE, of Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, Baltimore, as President. The other officers are: Jeff McBride, PE, of EBL Engineers, Baltimore, as Vice President; Jack Moeller, PE, of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Sparks, as Secretary, and Leon Kriebel, PE, of WBCM, Towson, as Treasurer.

Joseph S. Makar, P.E., is the Administrative Partner at Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP (WR&A), a Baltimore-based firm established in 1915 with offices in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. Joe has over 30 years of transportation expertise and currently manages the day-to-day business operations of the firm. He is also involved in the firm's Transportation Division, which encompasses planning, environmental services, design and construction management for roadway, bridge, traffic, rail and transit projects. Joe is a Registered Professional Engineer in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

A resident of Reisterstown, Joe joined WR&A in 1993 as an Associate, became a Partner in 1996, and then assumed the responsibility of Administrative Partner in 2006. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1978

and a Masters of Business Administration from Loyola College in 1982. Joe previously served ACEC/MD as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ACEC/MD Director and chair of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Liaison Committee. He actively participates in the Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Maryland Association of Engineers, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Joe has also been involved in programs focusing on exposing high school and middle school students to the transportation industry.

Jeff McBride, P.E. is Principal and Director of Engineering at EBL Engineers, LLC, a Baltimore-based multi-disciplined engineering firm. A resident of Abingdon, Jeff is a registered professional engineer in Maryland and twelve other states. In addition to overseeing the firm's engineering and consulting groups, he is actively engaged in fire protection engineering and is a certified building inspector.

A graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Fire Protection Engineering, Jeff previously served as Treasurer, Secretary, ACEC/MD Director, and chaired the Department of General Services (DGS) Liaison Committee. The former president of the Engineers Council of Maryland (ECM), Jeff is active in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA), AlA, and the Chesapeake Area Society of Healthcare Engineering (CASHE).

John (Jack) A. Moeller, P.E., is Executive Vice President of Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., where he is in charge of operations and serves on the Board of Directors.

Jack earned a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1976 and Masters of Science in Civil Engineering in 1979. He has over 34 years of civil engineering experience. Jack has been a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland since 1980, and currently holds an inactive CPA license from the State of Maryland.

Prior to joining JMT in 1995, Jack previously held increasingly responsible positions within the Maryland State Highway Administration and then the Maryland Transportation Authority, where he held the position of Director of Engineering. His experience with these agencies included the planning, design, construction and inspection of major bridge, building, and highway projects. During his tenure with the Maryland Transportation Authority he received citations from the Governor, the Maryland Senate, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Motor Vehicle Administrator and the Secretary of Transportation for various projects he led.

Leon Kriebel, P.E., is the President of WBCM, a Baltimore-headquartered architecture, engineering and construction firm. WBCM serves public and private clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond with additional offices in Baltimore's Canton waterfront and in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Leon has 35 years of experience in the planning and design of transportation projects throughout the State of Maryland. His broad range of design experience includes expressways, urban streets, streetscapes, interchanges, hydrologic/hydraulic analysis, storm drain design, stormwater management, erosion/sediment control and environmental permits.

Leon continues to oversee the highway, bridge, transportation planning and traffic engineering departments. He has been an active design Principal on major projects, and along with ACEC/MD, is actively involved in other A/E/C professional organizations including ASCE, ASHE, and DBIA.

In addition to the officers, the following were also installed to serve on the ACEC/MD Executive Committee: ACEC Director – Harry Stephen, P.E., Century Engineering (Hunt

Valley); ACEC Alternate Director – Mike Myers, P.E., Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (Baltimore); 2008-2011 Directors – Chris Griffith, P.E., KCI Technologies (Hunt Valley), and Jerry Jannetti, P.E., Parsons Brinckerhoff (Baltimore); 2009-2012 Directors – Art Barrett, P.E., Gannett Fleming (Baltimore), and Stuart Taub, P.E., Wallace, Montgomery & Associates (Towson); and 2010-2013 Directors – Jim Blake, P.E., Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (Annapolis Junction), and Stu Robinson, P.E., A. Morton Thomas & Associates (Baltimore).

2010-2011 ACEC/MD Committee Programs

The following Committee Chairs have been appointed by ACEC/MD President Joe Makar:

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While the deadline to sign up for committees has passed, if you have not already signed up to participate on a committee, please contact the ACEC/MD office. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request. For a description of the committees, please go to www.acecmd.org. If there are any items that your firm would like addressed by ACEC/MD's committees, please forward the information to the ACEC/MD office.

South Beach Provides Perfect Setting for Conference

Sixty ACEC/MD representatives and their guests took part in ACEC/MD's 2010 annual conference in sunny South Beach, Miami, Florida. Coinciding with World Cup fever, this world-class resort destination took on even more of an international atmosphere as nationalities from around the globe cheered on their favorite teams

This year's primary session featured an informative review of Innovative Multi-Discipline Design/Build presented by Kiewit's Business Development Manager Joe Iniguez and Tom Boyle, Kiewit Southern Company's Project Manager.

On Saturday morning, conference attendees were given an opportunity to tour the dynamic Port of Miami and hear a description of the Port of Miami Tunnel Project. Ground was just being broken for the nearly 4,000-foot tunnel that will include a widening of the MacArthur Causeway linking the city of Miami to the beach resorts. Being developed through a public-private partnership, once completed, the nearly \$1-billion project will eliminate the need for cruise passengers and truck traffic to traverse the streets of downtown Miami.

Another interesting fact divulged in the presentation was that the highest traffic counts recorded on the causeway occur at 3:00am on weekends, coinciding with patrons coming and going to bars that remain open until 8:00am in the morning. We will have to take their word for it!

This year's conference tour featured a stop at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. Created by the founder of International Harvester James Deering, the property situated along beautiful Biscayne Bay features ten acres of formal gardens and a Main House stocked with furniture and artifacts that Mr. Deering collected on his many trips around the world.

Every conference has its challenges that normally occur behind the scene. This year's version revolved around our bus driver that made getting from point A to B something to remember. He began Thursday by leaving the Executive Director at Doral Golf Resort rather then returning back to the hotel with him, then proceeded to lock his keys in the running bus at Vizcaya, and finished the day by being unable to locate the tour boat for the evening cruise despite being given written instructions.

Speaking of the cruise, the mansions of the stars and athletes that were observed from the water are truly spectacular and demonstrate why the cost to attend sporting events is so exhorbitant. A special thanks to ACEC's Business Insurance Trust, represented by Sandy Boillot, for sponsoring this year's cruise.

We were pleased to be joined by ACEC Chair-Elect Terry Neimeyer (KCI Technologies) and his wife Mimi. When inducting ACEC/MD's officers, Terry did a very nice tribute to recently deceased ACEC/MD Past Presidents Bob Davidson and Dev Sidhu, while also acknowledging all the past presidents of the organization in attendance. It was also a time to recognize the Penn State, University of Maryland, and Woodlawn High School graduates that were in attendance.

During his parting remarks outgoing President Mike Myers (RKK) thanked everyone for their support throughout the year, and reminded them that although transportation funding dominated his term of office, he is still a water/wastewater person at heart. He also recognized retiring director Dana Knight (McCormick Taylor), who will be chairing ACEC/MD's Legislative Committee in the new fiscal year.

Incoming President Joe Makar (WRA) vowed to continue the momentum to gain adequate infrastructure funding in the state while mixing in some fun. Speaking of fun, no ACEC/MD conference is complete without a golf tournament to determine who secures the coveted John E. Greiner trophy. This year's tournament was played on the challenging Blue Monster course at Doral. Our tournament winner with a low net of 73 was WBCM's Leon Kriebel. Other notable performances included:

Low Gross (84) – Manny Sidhu (Sidhu Associates) Closest to the Pin – Joe Makar (Whitman, Requardt & Associates) Least Putts (28) – Harry Stephen (Century Engineering) Most Putts (51) – Vince Pielli (Urban Engineers)

Be sure to mark your calendar for June 15-17, 2011, and plan to join your friends and colleagues at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

The Sun Shines on Golf Tournament

PEI's Steve Carl Captures Trophy

Although a non-golfer, Past-President Mike Myers (RK&K) delivered on his promise that the sun would shine on this year's tournament at Greystone Golf Course in Whitehall. Recently ranked by *Golfweek Magazine* as the 26th top municipal golf course in the nation, the course was in perfect shape for the 100 golfers that participated in this year's tournament.

This year's winner Steve Carl (Prime Engineering) had an impressive low gross score of 71 on the challenging course. Other notable performances included:

- Low Net (71) Richard Dorsey
- 2nd Low Net (71)

 Tim Burgess
- Longest Drive Hank Pokigo
- Least Putts (29) Charlie Adams

Be sure to mark your calendar for May 2, 2011 and plan to challenge Steve for next year's trophy.

Major Shakeup in Baltimore City

Baltimore City Government has announced the following major personnel changes at key agencies:

Public Works Director David E. Scott reportedly was asked by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to resign due to a "difference of opinion". Replacing Mr. Scott is Col. Alfred H. Foxx, who headed up the City's Transportation Department for the past decade. Mr. Fox is a veteran of the first Persian Gulf War and previously held a high ranking position in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He will supervise a \$382 million operating budget.

Khalil A. Zaied, who led the City's Department of General Services since 2008, has been tapped to replace Mr. Fox as the new head of the Transportation Department. Mr. Zaied worked in the Transportation Department from 1998 to 2006, until he took a position at the City schools supervising design and construction. Replacing Mr. Zaied at General Services is former Deputy Director Ted Atwood.

Mari Ross, former director of the recently shuttered Baltimore Public Works Museum, has been named Chief of Boards and Commissions. She previously worked in the City's Finance Department and the Mayor's office. Ms. Ross replaces Bob MacLeod, who recently retired from the position.

Seeking Employment

The following individuals are seeking employment and have a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office. Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

- Former principal with 37 years of local civil engineering experience seeks position with firm. Experienced in the planning, design, and rehabilitation of storm drains and stormwater conveyance systems.
- 2. Individual with four years of experience looking for full time CADD drafting position

in engineering. Previously worked two years for local structural consulting firm that specializes in design of institutional, residential, and commercial buildings and modifications.

New Members

The following firms have been elected to Regular membership:

ALLEN & SHARIFF ENGINEERING

7061 Deepage Drive Columbia, MD 21045

Rep.: Shawn Ruehl (sruehl@allenshariff.com) Telephone: 410-381-7100; Fax 410-381-7110

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Allen & Shariff Engineering, established in 1993, provides Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Technology, Energy design and engineering services. The firm specializes in telecommunications, audio/visual, security systems, commissioning, and energy services design in addition to traditional MEP services. The field of operation for the firm is Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Commissioning, and LEED services.

FINDLING, INC.

3401 Carlins Park Drive Baltimore, MD 21215

Rep.: Amsalu Duressa (aduressa@findlinginc.com) Telephone: 410-367-1400; Fax 410-466-6867

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Established in 1997, Findling, Inc. specializes in geotechnical engineering, construction inspection, and environmental engineering. The firm is an African-American owned business, and is certified as a MBE/DBE firm by MDOT, the city of Baltimore and many other jurisdictions. Findling has a well equipped soil and concrete laboratory that is accredited by the AASHTO Material Reference Laboratory (AMRL).

NAVARRO & WRIGHT

849 International Drive, Suite 215

Linthicum, MD 21090

Rep.: Paul Navarro (pnavarro@navarrowright.com) Telephone: 443-270-5181; Fax 410-859-9958

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc., established in 1996, is a multi-disciplined civil engineering company specializing in solutions for water supply and treatment, wastewater systems, land development, land surveying and mapping, municipal engineering, environmental resources and construction services. Navarro & Wright serves private- and public-sector markets, including federal, state and local government entities. The firm's field of operation is architectural, environmental, general municipal, structural, transportation (bridge and highway), land development, mapping, surveying, water/wastewater, and utilities.

The following firm has been elected to Affilate membership:

STAMBAUGH NESS, P.C.

2600 Eastern Boulevard, Suite 101

York, PA 17402

Rep.: M. Scott Hursh (shursh@stambaughness.com)
Telephone: 717-757-6999; FAX: 717-840-6117

Website: www.stambaugh-ness.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Formed in 1996 by the merger of Harry Ness & Company and Stambaugh Dorgan & Company, Inc., Stambaugh Ness, PC is one of the largest accounting firms in the Central Pennsylvania business community. In

1998, the firm diversified further by adding a technology affiliate, SN Business Solutions, LLP (SNBS). SNBS installs and supports computer networking, accounting software solutions and other forms of technology. As a partner with Deltek, SNBS offers Deltek Vision, a leading enterprise software solution designed for professional services firms to improve business performance, streamline operations, and win new business by integrating a firm's end-to-end business processes through the automation, planning, tracking and administration of resources and projects.

We welcome these firms as members of ACEC/MD. Be sure to add their information to your records. The next time you see one of their representatives, please take the time to let them know we're glad that they have joined the Council!

Member News

A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES (AMT) is pleased to announce that *Murphy Tuomey* has been promoted to Senior Vice-President. With over 28 years of experience in the industry, she is the Principal-in-Charge of the firm's Construction Management and Inspection practice. The firm also announces that newly elected ACEC/MD Director *Stuart J. Robinson, P.E.* has been promoted to Vice-President. Stu has over 30 years of experience in the industry and is the Principal-in Charge of the firm's Water Resources Division.

GREENHORNE & O'MARA, INC. recently announced the hiring of *Tim McKindles, SPHR*, as Senior Manager, Recruiting Services. He is responsible for the management of Staffing Services function including recruiting efforts.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is pleased to announce the acquisition of ASC Geosciences, Inc., a Florida-based company specializing in geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering, materials testing, forensic engineering, and construction inspection.

NMP ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. announces that they have moved to Suite 300 in their existing building located at 11350 McCormick Road, Executive Plaza III, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

PRIME ENGINEERING, INC. (PEI) is pleased to announce that *Michael K. Rice, P.E.* has joined the firm as the Vice-President of the firm's Bridge Inspection Operations. He has over 26 years of transportation experience with an emphasis on bridge inspection and rehabilitation.

URS is pleased to announce the following:

- J. Brian Jarboe, P.E. Vice President has been promoted to Operations Officer.
- **Richard H. Nau, AICP**, Vice President has joined the Hunt Valley Office as the Transit Business Line Leader.
- Michael L. Brown, P.E. has joined the firm as Electrical Engineering Department Manager.
- M. Wayne McFall, P. E. has been promoted to lead the Civil Engineering Group for the Hunt Valley Office.
- Mark T. Mosko, RA, NCARB has been promoted to Architectural Department Manager.
- Michael P. Pizza, P.E. has been promoted to Aviation Civil Engineering Manager.
- **Jennifer M. Lutz** has been promoted to lead the Hunt Valley Office's Aviation Planning and Environmental Department.