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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Leon Kriebel, P.E.



As I close out my year as President, I would like to thank all the people who have given me support throughout the year; the Executive Committee, Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members and most importantly, Jim and Barb. Without everyone's support, it would be impossible for the organization to accomplish what it does for our members.

We have accomplished a lot this past year. The transportation funding increase passed by the General Assembly was one of these accomplishments. As an organization, we lobbied hard for passage of this legislation. Our efforts started years ago and continued last summer with meetings with the Acting

Secretary of Transportation and legislative leaders to try to get a transportation funding bill introduced in the legislature. What got passed and signed into law was not in the form that we all envisioned last summer, but certainly gives us the funding levels that we were looking for. This funding increase will result in a big boost in work for many of our member firms.

Another accomplishment by our Legislative Committee was securing language in the firm permit bill that we could live with. Although firm permitting was not something that ACEC/MD wanted, we recognized that we needed to be involved with crafting language in the bill that would not be onerous to our member firms. These efforts also began last summer with meetings with the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and culminated in the passage of a bill with language that was acceptable to ACEC/MD. There were numerous other legislative bills that would have negatively impacted our businesses, which ACEC/MD opposed and helped to defeat.

Our County Liaison Committee met with numerous counties over the year to discuss ACEC/MD's concerns, upcoming work and ways that ACEC/MD can help the counties. In several instances, we discussed onerous contract language and unacceptable insurance language, and worked to get that language revised. Minutes of these meetings can be found on the ACEC/MD website.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Speaking of our website, the Public Relations Committee worked hard to launch our new website, making it more user friendly and providing additional content on the website for our ACEC/MD members. Be sure to check out the site and the work our PR Committee put into it. The PR Committee also prepared displays, prepared a press release and trinkets/grab bags for Engineer's Week.

Our Educational Committee met with many of our clients to discuss their programs and concerns that ACEC/MD had. These include their selection process, project delivery, LEED, quality control and commissioning. The newly created Finance Committee got off to a good start this year. The committee discussed concerns with state agencies' auditing procedures, problem areas with the new AASHTO Audit Guide and had presentations from professional liability insurance brokers on problematic contractual language and what to expect from the insurance carriers in the upcoming year. The committee has also established a dialogue with the Procurement, Finance and Audits Divisions of SHA to discuss issues that have been problematic for all firms working for SHA. This is an important step for ACEC/MD, as we now have an opportunity to provide input on contractual language, how employees classifications may be invoiced and hopefully, getting some uniformity in SHA's auditing procedures.

Our MDOT Committee had meetings with MTA, MDTA and SHA, where numerous issues were tackled. A subset of our MDOT Committee is our SHA Partnering Committee. They meet four times per year with SHA, but there are several subcommittees that tackle issues raised at the partnering meetings. These subcommittees include the Design/Build, Sub/Prime, Environmental and the newly formed Finance Subcommittee that I discussed above. These small subcommittees have been very effective in resolving issues that could not be addressed by a larger group.

Our Small Business Committee was extremely active. This past year they set up the MDOT Matchmaking event held last June, reviewed and provided input on the Federal Government's proposed revisions to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and continued to provide valuable information to our small business members.

The Environmental Committee met with environmental agencies, clients' environmental divisions, shared information on upcoming environmental conferences and new developments in environmental regulations/practices and planned another successful Environmental Business Opportunities Forum. This forum featured excellent presentations from representatives of several Maryland jurisdictions on their upcoming Stormwater Management Programs, and presentations on Climate Change Adaptation.

ACEC/MD worked this year to secure a new executive director for the QBS Council, a position that had been vacant for the past year. Ron Lepson, retired Chief of the Bureau of Engineering for Howard County accepted this position, and is now on board working to promote QBS. Ron has always been a strong proponent of QBS selection for engineering contracts, and we are delighted to have him as the new Executive Director of the QBS Council.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

There are numerous other committees that support ACEC/MD's efforts that have been active throughout the year, but they are too numerous to mention. As you can see, we have a very active organization with many volunteers that put in a lot of time to make this organization effective. If you have not been involved, I encourage you to do so.

My final duties will include presiding over the last ACEC/MD General Membership Meeting of my term at our Annual Conference, being held at the Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia. We have over 60 people signed up for the entire conference. Our leadership class will complete their final session and be recognized during the conference. We have 27 participants in our class this year, making it one of the largest classes we have had.

I have enjoyed being your President this year, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and throughout the upcoming year!

Transportation Funding Package Highlights 2013 SESSION

For the first time in 20 years transportation advocates were successful in securing a substantial transportation revenue increase during the 2013 General Assembly Session. Legislative Chair Sean McCone (JMT), President Leon Kriebel (WBCM), and members of the Legislative Committee spent countless hours working with members of the legislature and testifying at hearings in support of the need for a meaningful increase in transportation funding.

With the passage of a revenue increase in Virginia earlier in the year and positive signals from Governor O'Malley, by about mid-session it became apparent that 2013 would be the best opportunity to secure an increase for the next two years. With the support of many ACEC/MD member firm representatives who took time out of their busy schedules to correspond with and call their elected officials, ACEC/MD was able to demonstrate the political clout necessary to make the long sought after revenue increase a reality. Congratulations to everyone that participated in this victory!

Out of the 2,600 pieces of legislation introduced in this year's General Assembly session, your Legislative Committee reviewed in detail almost 300 pieces of legislation. ACEC/MD's position and fate of the legislation are as follows:

CF = Cross Filed

TRANSPORTATION

SB 93 - Transportation - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Environmental Impact Study for a Third Span **DIED IN COMMITTEE** MONITOR



SB 132 - Cecil-Harford Highway Impact Revenue Account UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR



TRANSPORTATION (continued)

SB 253 - Transportation Trust Fund - Dedicated Highway Funds DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 362 - Sales and Use Tax - Motor Fuel - Local Transportation Tax DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 397 CF=HB 1097 - Condemnation Proceedings - Compensation and Payment of Fees DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 398 CF=HB 883 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Jurisdiction over Eminent Domain Cases - Circuit Court
WITHDRAWN
MONITOR

SB 538 CF=HB 560 - Public-Private Partnerships DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 574 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption - Use in City- or County-Owned Vehicles DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

SB 602 CF=HB 1045 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Best Available Technology Requirement UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 603 CF=HB 1028 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Safety Reporting Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 604 CF=HB 984 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Construction Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 643 CF=HB 524 - End the Gridlock DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 652 - Motor Fuel - Mass Transit Tax - Transit Funding DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 653 - Sales and Use Tax - Mass Transit DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 707 - Special Taxing Districts - Transportation Improvements and Exemption from County Tax Limitations
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR





TRANSPORTATION (continued)

SB 785 CF=HB 251 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Repeal UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 829 - Transportation Trust Fund - Financing - Use of Funds PASSED ENROLLED SUPPORT

SB 830 - Transportation Financing Act DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 862 CF=HB 979 - Real Property - Easements - Natural Gas Pipelines DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

SB 906 - Transportation - Life Cycle Cost Analysis DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 907 CF=HB 953 - Pipeline Safety and Community Protection Act UNFAVORABLE REPORT HOLD

SB 985 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Public Nuisance Suits WITHDRAWN MONITOR

SB 1013 - Transportation Trust Fund - Use of Funds - Transit Financing DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 1054 CF=HB 1515 - Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 1055 - State Aid for Critical Services - County Maintenance of Effort Requirements DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 59 - Dedicated State Funds Protection Act DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 176 - Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 234 - Transportation - Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 251 CF=SB 785 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Repeal UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE





TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 421 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 446 - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License - Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

HB 472 - Local Government Article APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

HB 524 CF=SB 643 - End the Gridlock DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 560 CF=SB 538 - Public-Private Partnerships APPROVED BY GOVERNOR SUPPORT

HB 605 - Public-Private Partnerships DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 668 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption - Use in County-Owned Vehicles DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 682 - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 760 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Privatization of the Intercounty Connector and the I-95 Express Toll Lanes
DIED IN COMMITTEE

HB 761 - State Highway Administration - Privatization of Rest Areas and Welcome Centers on State Highways
DIED IN COMMITTEE

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HB 771 - Mass Transit Trust Fund DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 784 - Maryland Transit Administration - Farebox Recovery Rate Increase DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 797 - Transportation Projects - Bridges - Water Access APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR





TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 864 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on Condemnation Authority WITHDRAWN
OPPOSE

HB 883 CF=SB 398 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Jurisdiction over Eminent Domain Cases - Circuit Court
WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 953 CF=SB 907 - Pipeline Safety and Community Protection Act WITHDRAWN HOLD

HB 962 - Motor Fuel Taxes - Consumer Disclosure Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 979 CF=SB 862 - Real Property - Easements - Natural Gas Pipelines UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 984 CF=SB 604 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Construction Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 1000 - Maryland Transit Administration - Free Ridership for State Employees DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 1028 CF=SB 603 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Safety Reporting Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 1045 CF=SB 602 - Public Safety - Gas Pipelines - Best Available Technology Requirement UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 1046 - Transportation Trust Fund - Dedicated Highway Funds DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1097 CF=SB 397 - Condemnation Proceedings - Compensation and Payment of Fees WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 1103 - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Expansion and Modifications WITHDRAWN
OPPOSE

HB 1210 - Waterway Improvement Fund - Revenue Distributions - Marinas UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 1287 - Public-Private Partnerships - Appeals Jurisdiction and Time Requirements DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR





TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 1294 - Procurements by Maryland Department of Transportation - Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits Required

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 1322 - Transportation Infrastructure Bank DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1325 - Transportation - Capital Projects - Life Cycle Cost Analysis DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 1510 - Montgomery County - Transportation - Block Grant DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1515 CF=SB 1054 - Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 RETURNED PASSED SUPPORT

HB 1533 - Economic Development - Baltimore Region - Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Advisory Board and Baltimore Region Transportation Board DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL

SB 289 CF=HB 799 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Penalty RECOMMITTED TO SENATE EHEA MONITOR

SB 302 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Reporting and Penalties RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 317 CF=HB 434 - Frederick County - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 325 CF=HB 407 - Environment - Frederick County - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 391 CF=HB 106 - Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 - Repeal UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 443 CF=HB 409 - Land Use - Local Governments - Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycles WITHDRAWN MONITOR

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SB 500 - Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Nitrogen Removal Technology - Prohibition UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR



ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

SB 513 CF=HB 341 - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater - Prohibited Acts WITHDRAWN
OPPOSE

SB 514 CF=HB 337 - Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 524 CF=HB 800 - Wetlands and Riparian Rights - Licenses and Permits for Nonwater-Dependent Projects on State or Private Wetlands

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

SB 563 CF=HB 554 - Environment - Permit Applications - Notice - Neighboring Jurisdictions RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 575 - Environment - Maryland Clean Water Fund - Uses RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 601 - Maryland Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium and Right to Know Act of 2013 UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 671 - Land Use - Local Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycle PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

SB 739 - Agriculture - Nutrient Management Plans - Fertility Index Value Soil Testing UNFAVORABLE HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT MONITOR

SB 748 CF=HB 561 - Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Waters of the State RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 766 CF=HB 828 - Business Occupations - Oil and Gas Land Professionals – Registration RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 799 CF=HB 1266 - Energy - Landfill Diversion - Municipal Solid Waste Portfolio Standard DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 854 - Environment - Gas and Oil Drilling - Financial Assurance RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 879 - Natural Gas Severance Tax and Impact Account DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

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SB 979 - Environment - Watershed Implementation Plan - Conowingo Dam Environmental Assessment UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR



ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 44 - Environment - Maryland Clean Water Fund – Uses UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 95 - Environment - Permits - New Source Performance Standards RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 97 - Environment - Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans – Authority APPROVED BY GOVERNOR SUPPORT

HB 106 CF=SB 391 - Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 - Repeal UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 252 - State Development Plan - Repeal UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 256 - Frederick County - Land Use - Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements - Direct Judicial Review PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 337 CF=SB 514 - Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 341 CF=SB 513 - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater - Prohibited Acts UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 407 CF=SB 325 - Environment - Frederick County - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 409 CF=SB 443 - Land Use - Local Governments - Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycles PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 434 CF=SB 317 - Frederick County - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 508 - Environment - Local Stormwater Management Charges - State Property DIED IN HOUSE MONITOR

HB 554 CF=SB 563 - Environment - Permit Applications - Notice - Neighboring Jurisdictions RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 561 - Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Waters of the State RETURNED PASSED MONITOR





ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 569 - Environment - Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Financial Assistance Study UNFAVORABLE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT SUPPORT

HB 613 - Sustainable Communities - Designation and Financing PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 623 - Environment - Sediment Control - Agricultural Land Management Practices DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 694 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Exemption from Watershed Protection and Restoration Program
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 706 - Natural Resources - Forest Preservation Act of 2013 RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 766 - Environment - Landscape Architects and Land Surveyors - Plan Certification APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

HB 799 CF=SB 289 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Penalty UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 800 CF=SB 524 - Wetlands and Riparian Rights - Licenses and Permits for Nonwater-Dependent Projects on State or Private Wetlands
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 827 - Environment - Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure - Fund UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 828 CF=SB 766 - Business Occupations – Oil and Gas Land Professionals – Registration RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 1198 - Income Tax Credit - Renewable Energy Systems DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 1257 - Land Use - Clarifications and Corrections RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 1266 CF=SB 799 - Energy - Landfill Diversion - Municipal Solid Waste Portfolio Standard DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR





ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 1274 - Maryland Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium and Right to Know Act of 2013 UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 1385 - Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 - Deadline Extension UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

GENERAL BUSINESS

SB 12 - Labor and Employment - Leave - Deployment of Family Members in the Armed Forces RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 34 CF=HB 261 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 47 CF=HB 191 - Procurement - Maryland Buy American Steel and Manufactured Goods Act PASSED ENROLLED OPPOSE

SB 84 - State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects - License Renewal - Continuing Professional Competency Requirements UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 125 CF=HB 100 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2014) DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 126 CF=HB 101 - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 127 CF=HB 102 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2013 DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 179 - Architects, Landscape Architects, and Professional Land Surveyors - Firm Permits UNFAVORABLE HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT MONITOR

SB 188 CF=HB 1353 - Minority Business Enterprises - Goals and Subgoals PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

SB 261 CF=HB 16 - State Government - Administrative Procedure Act - Effective Date of Adopted Regulations
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 273 CF=HB 225 - Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR





GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 280 - Landscape Architects - License Renewal - Continuing Professional Competency Requirement RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HOLD

SB 343 CF=HB 438 - Procurement - Lower-Cost Goods and Services UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 411 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 438 CF=HB 534 - State Procurement - Contracting for Services Outside the United States WITHDRAWN MONITOR

SB 469 - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2013 UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 498 CF=HB 564 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification and Credit - Creation of a Qualifying Business Enterprise
WITHDRAWN

SB 565 - Corporate Income Tax - Federal Repatriation Holiday DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 569 - Capital Budget - Local Initiatives - Matching Funds DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 599 CF=HB 585 - Procurement - Subcontractor Equal Access to Bonding Act of 2013 PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

SB 615 - Economic Development - Job Creation Incentive Tax Credit DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 622 CF=HB 702 - Corporations and Associations - Document Filing and Processing APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

SB 664 - Procurement - Prevailing Wage Rate Law - Repeal DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 666 - Procurement - Required Clauses - Project Labor Agreement Prohibition DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 668 - Labor and Employment - Right to Work DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR





GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 669 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 670 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 697 CF=HB 1140 - Corporations and Associations - Conversions RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 719 - State and Local Government - Economic Aid - Award to Employers DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

SB 756 CF=HB 788 - Living Wage Law - Application and Enforcement UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 789 - Procurement - Preferences - Rural County Business Enterprise Participation UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

SB 819 CF=HB 1156 - Maryland Contributory Negligence Act DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 831 - State Budget - Evidence-Based Policy Options DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 833 - Frederick County - Exemption from State Procurement Laws Concerning Minority Business Enterprises and Prevailing Wage Rates UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 879 - Natural Gas Severance Tax and Impact Account DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 883 CF=HB 1039 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Baltimore Museum of Industry Capital Improvements
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 968 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Access and Safety Project DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 978 - Corporate Income Tax - Foreign and Domestic Corporations - Capital Investments DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 1037 CF=HB 1513 - Public Safety - Response to a State Disaster or Emergency - Licensing and Taxes DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

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MONITOR



GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 1039 CF=HB 1499 - Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013 DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 16 CF=SB 261 - State Government - Administrative Procedure Act - Effective Date of Adopted Regulations

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 19 - Minority Business Enterprise Waiver Disclosure Act WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 20 - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Participation Subgoals - Prime Contractors WITHDRAWN SUPPORT

HB 24 - Minority Business Enterprises - Time Frame and Monitoring of Payments UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 25 - Minority Business Enterprises - Board of Public Works – Regulations WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 26 - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Former Subcontractors Transitioning to Prime Contractors

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 33 - Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Directory - Contract Amount WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 43 - Income Tax Credit for Qualifying Employees - Sunset Repeal and Expansion RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 50 - Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Cap on Personal Net Worth WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 53 - State Procurement - Use of State Residents and Businesses WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 100 CF=SB 125 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2014) PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 101 CF=SB 126 - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR





GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 102 CF=SB 127 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2013 PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 155 - Baltimore County Revenue Authority - Purchases - Competitive Bidding DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 181 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 191 CF=SB 47 - Procurement - Maryland Buy American Steel and Manufactured Goods Act PASSED ENROLLED OPPOSE

HB 225 CF=SB 273 - Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

HB 259 - Campaign Finance - Affiliated Business Entities - Attribution of Contributions DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 261 CF=SB 34 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 293 - Construction Contracts Awarded by Public Bodies - Retention of Percentage as Security PASSED ENROLLED SUPPORT

HB 317 - State Government - E-Verify Program DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 318 - Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 347 - Professional Engineers - Firm Permits PASSED ENROLLED SUPPORT

HB 353 - Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors - Licensing - Examinations APPROVED BY GOVERNOR HOLD

HB 363 - Tax Increases - Majority Vote Required DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 438 CF=SB 343 - Procurement - Lower-Cost Goods and Services WITHDRAWN MONITOR





GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 479 - Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages UNFAVORABLE REPORT HOLD

HB 533 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 564 CF=SB 498 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification and Credit - Creation of a Qualifying Business Enterprise WITHDRAWN

HOLD

HB 585 CF=SB 599 - Procurement - Subcontractor Equal Access to Bonding Act of 2013 RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 686 - Professional Boards Special Funds - Transfer of Funds - Three-Fifths Committee Vote DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 702 CF=SB 622 - Corporations and Associations - Document Filing and Processing APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

HB 722 - Estate Taxes - Qualified Family-Owned Business Property - Exclusion REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY SUPPORT

HB 731 - Capital Projects - Eliminating Individual Bond Bills DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 757 - Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Reporting of Architectural Services and Engineering Services Contracts
Approved by Governor
MONITOR

HB 788 CF=SB 756 - Living Wage Law - Application and Enforcement WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 850 - Corporate Income Tax - Investments in Maryland DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 904 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction and Reform DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1039 CF=SB 883 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Baltimore Museum of Industry Capital Improvements
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
SUPPORT





GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 1064 - Income Tax Credit - Flexible Workweek DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1113 - Procurement - Disclosure Requirements and Penalties WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 1140 CF=SB 697 - Corporations and Associations - Conversions RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 1156 CF=SB 819 - Maryland Contributory Negligence Act DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

HB 1158 - Corporate Income Tax - Main Street Employer Tax Rebate DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1246 CF=SB 469 - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2013 DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1295 - Procurement - State Funds - Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Fixtures WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 1326 - Task Force to Improve the Business Climate in Maryland WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 1353 CF=SB 188 - Minority Business Enterprises - Goals and Subgoals RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 1486 - Procurement - Occupational Safety and Health Prequalification DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1499 CF=SB 1039 - Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013 PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 1513 CF=SB 1037 - Public Safety - Response to a State Disaster or Emergency - Licensing and Taxes PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

WORKPLACE / HEALTH

SB 51 - Employment Contracts - Noncompetition Covenant - Conditions Affecting Enforcement UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 482 - Income Tax Credit - Security Clearances - Employer Costs RETURNED PASSED MONITOR





WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

SB 555 CF=HB 330 - Construction Safety and Health Training - Public Work Contracts UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

SB 609 CF=HB 595 - Workers' Compensation - Retaliation by Employer - Prohibition DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

SB 698 CF=HB 735 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act DIED IN COMMITTEE OPPOSE

SB 757 CF=HB 795 - Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act - Discrimination Against Employee - Complaints
RETURNED PASSED
OPPOSE

SB 758 CF=HB 1130 - Labor and Employment - Lien for Unpaid Wages - Establishment RETURNED PASSED OPPOSE

SB 784 CF=HB 804 - Employment Discrimination - Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities Due to Pregnancy
RETURNED PASSED
OPPOSE

SB 816 - Courts - Civil Action for Embezzlement by Employee DIED IN COMMITTEE SUPPORT

SB 1051 - Maryland Private Sector Employees Pension Plan and Trust DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE OPPOSE

HB 55 - Labor and Employment - Sick Leave Policy – Requirement WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 104 - Occupational Safety and Health - Good Faith Actions by Business Owners - Penalty Forgiveness UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 281 - Determination of Unemployment Insurance Benefits - Voluntarily Leaving Work - Valid Circumstances

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 283 - Unemployment Insurance - Appeal of Benefit Determination - Discovery of Financial Crime UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 330 CF=SB 555 - Construction Safety and Health Training - Public Work Contracts WITHDRAWN MONITOR





WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

HB 348 - Unemployment Insurance - Employer Contributions - Application for Refund or Adjustment APPROVED BY GOVERNOR MONITOR

HB 354 - Unemployment Insurance - Recovery of Benefits - Monetary Penalty for Fraud APPROVED BY GOVERNOR SUPPORT

HB 595 CF=SB 609 - Workers' Compensation - Retaliation by Employer - Prohibition REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY OPPOSE

HB 599 - Courts - Jury Service - Employer Compensation UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 664 - Workers' Compensation Commission - Regulation of Charges - Medical Services and Treatment WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 735 CF=SB 698 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 795 CF=SB 757 - Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act - Discrimination Against Employee - Complaints
RETURNED PASSED
OPPOSE

HB 804 CF=SB 784 - Employment Discrimination - Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities Due to Pregnancy
RETURNED PASSED
OPPOSE

HB 1283 - Prevailing Wage Enforcement Act UNFAVORABLE REPORT MONITOR

HB 1330 - Workers' Compensation - Insurance Coverage - Employer Compliance RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 1331 - Labor and Employment - Parental Leave - Birth or Adoption of a Child UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE

HB 1334 - Employment Discrimination - Leave for Pregnancy and Childbirth WITHDRAWN OPPOSE

HB 1335 - Labor and Employment - Short-Term Disability Insurance for Pregnancy - Requirement UNFAVORABLE REPORT OPPOSE





MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES

SB 18 CF=HB 469 - Public Safety - Building Codes - Balcony Inspections (Jonathan's Law) FAILED OPPOSE

SB 82 - Elevator Safety - Third-Party Inspectors – Certification PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

SB 138 - Build Maryland Tax Credit Act DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 245 CF=HB 103 - School Buildings - Solar Technology - Design Development Documents RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 350 CF=HB 270 - Electrical Inspectors and Plumbing Inspectors - Master License Required RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

SB 667 - Procurement - Prevailing Wage - School Construction DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 743 CF=HB 860 - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction Authority DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 750 CF=HB 769 - Public Safety - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Local Wind Design and Wind-Borne Debris Standards
RETURNED PASSED
MONITOR

SB 878 - Procurement - Prevailing Wage Rates for School Construction - Application DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

SB 969 CF=HB 1413 - Public Safety - Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Smoke Alarms PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 103 CF=SB 245 - School Buildings - Solar Technology - Design Development Documents RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 270 CF=SB 350 - Electrical Inspectors and Plumbing Inspectors - Master License Required RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

HB 469 CF=SB 18 - Public Safety - Building Codes - Balcony Inspections (Jonathan's Law) WITHDRAWN MONITOR

HB 616 - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority APPROVED BY GOVERNOR SUPPORT





MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)

HB 621 - Maryland Energy Administration - Regulated Sustainable Energy Contract Program RETURNED PASSED OPPOSE

HB 637 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - High Performance Buildings MC/PG 101-13
RETURNED PASSED
MONITOR

HB 769 - Public Safety - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Local Wind Design and Wind-Borne Debris Standards
RETURNED PASSED
MONITOR

HB 860 CF=SB 743 - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction Authority PASSED ENROLLED MONITOR

HB 1249 - Baltimore City - School Construction - Block Grants DIED IN COMMITTEE MONITOR

HB 1319 - Procurement - Competitive Sealed Proposals - Construction Contracts - Economic Inclusion Plans
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
OPPOSE

HB 1413 - Public Safety - Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Smoke Alarms RETURNED PASSED MONITOR

As we gear up for the 2014 General Assembly session, your Legislative Committee will be reviewing potential initiatives. If there is a specific activity that your firm would like to have considered, please forward the request to the ACEC/MD office.

ACEC/MD FIRM REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZED WITH ESB AWARDS

This year's Associate Society Council of The Engineering Society of Baltimore awards program featured the recognition of ACEC/MD representatives in a number of categories. These awards are presented to engineers and professionals who are the best in their field and whose achievements from 2012 honor the ideals of the Society. Congratulations to this year's Honor Award winners that included:

- -Engineer of the Year: Tom Sprehe, PE (KCI Technologies)
- -Young Engineer of the Year: Blaine Linkous, PE (WBCM) (ACEC/MD Leadership Grad)
- -Meritorious Service: Ron Lepson, PE
- -Business Firm of the Year: Weston Solutions
- -Project of the Year: The Mary Catherine Bunting Center at Mercy Hospital (ACEC/MD 2012 Grand Award Winner)





PATENT TROLLING SURFACES ACROSS THE NATION - HAS YOUR FIRM BEEN CONTACTED?

At the ACEC Spring Convention, attendees were advised of an onerous practice being conducted by certain law firms and shell companies called patent trolling. These firms have been sending letters to engineering firms and many other businesses around the country attempting to extract payments by asserting infringement of certain business process patents, such as commonly used technology to scan and send documents.

Legislation is pending in Congress to address this issue, including draft proposals that have been jointly developed by the Chairmen of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees – Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Senator Pat Leahy (D-VT). The White House has also weighed in, announcing a series of executive orders and legislative requests last week to protect businesses from patent trolls and making it harder for the "trolls" to take a case to court.

ACEC representatives recently met with senior staff of the House Judiciary Committee to brief them on the problem from the engineering industry perspective and offer ACEC's help in advancing legislation. They hope to move a bill this summer, with the goal of having legislation passed and signed into law before the end of the year. ACEC has been asked to assist in gathering information on the scope of the problem. A number of states have reported this issue, but ACEC would like to determine the extent of the problem. If you have received one of these patent troll letters, please advise the ACEC/MD office. If you could help assist ACEC in identifying the number of instances where firms have received letters from trolls, this will be helpful information to the committee staff.

ACEC's Risk Management Committee is working on information for those members who receive letters from trolls. Please let us know if you have encountered this problem. As always, thanks for your assistance in helping ACEC and ACEC/MD protect the business environment in which your firm operates.

ACEC/MD'S 46TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS

While the weather for this year's tournament was far from perfect with overcast skies and chilly temperatures, any event without rain is a success. Nearly 100 golfers took part in ACEC/MD's 46th annual tournament on a course with extremely fast greens. While the \$20,000 Hole-In-One prize was safe for another year, the closest shot did land within five feet of the cup!

Coming out on top this year at the challenging Greystone Course was Century's Harry Stephen, who shot an impressive low gross score of 70. Through the purchase of mulligans, golfers also contributed a record \$860.00 to ACEC/MD's Scholarship Fund. We would also like to thank both the contributors to the silent auction and the bidders that helped raise \$2,150 for CEPAC, ACEC/MD's state political action committee.

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Notable performances during the tournament included: Tournament Winner 1ST LOW GROSS – Harry Stephen (Century Engineering) 2ND LOW GROSS – Steve Hershey



ACEC/MD'S 46TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

1ST LOW NET – Ed Croft (KCI) 2ND LOW NET – Kevin Kreis (EBA) 3RD LOW NET – Geoff Howard (OCL)

LEAST # OF PUTTS — Hank Pokigo (H&H)
MOST # OF PUTTS — Ali Abbasi (Prime)

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE - Neil Leary (WRA) LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE - Stacy Morin (AECOM)

CLOSEST TO THE PIN (2) – Greg Frederickson (M.Baker) & Manny Sidhu (Sidhu Assoc.)

ACEC JOINS MEMBER FIRMS IN FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE EDUCATIONAL EFFORT

Recognizing the importance of an informed electorate, at ACEC/MD's request, ACEC's Executive Committee has approved a \$5,000 grant to the Broad Stripes/Bright Stars 501(c)4 educational fund. As you may recall, the primary focus of this effort is to educate the public on the importance of adequately funding infrastructure projects. It is envisioned that through this initiative, it will be easier to both elect and re-elect legislators that support a pro-infrastructure/pro-business agenda.

The ACEC contribution coupled with ACEC/MD's and its member firms' contributions now total \$48,000. We would like to thank the following firms for stepping up to the plate and assisting in this effort:

A. Morton Thomas & Associates
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BADGES REFLECT MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACEC/ MD POLITICAL ACTIVISM

Firm representatives often need a reminder of the significance of the items that decorate many of the name badges worn at various ACEC/MD events. The items are as follows:

- **American Flag pin** Signifies a contribution to ACEC/PAC, ACEC's federal PAC. Based on member strength, ACEC assigns a goal for each member organization. This year's goal is \$20,881.
- Maryland Logo Denotes firm contribution to CEPAC, ACEC/MD's state PAC. Total goal for all
 member firm contributions is \$100,000 over the four-year election cycle or \$25,000 per year.
 Suggested contributions are based on the size of the firm.
- Crab Denotes individual contribution to ACEC/MD's state PAC, CEPAC.

We thank all of the firms and individuals that have contributed to ACEC/MD's political activism through both their time and monetary contributions. Don't get caught with a "naked" badge at the next ACEC/MD event. Help assist ACEC/MD in delivering to our elected officials a message that it is essential to protect the business interest of the consulting engineering profession.



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MEMBER NEWS

GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. (GPI) and NOLAN ASSOCIATES, INC. (NAI) have announced that both companies have agreed to the merging of NAI into GPI. NAI principals, *Charles Nolan, PE* and *John Nolan, PE* will join GPI as Vice Presidents.

JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON is pleased to announce the expansion of the firm's Cultural Resources capabilities, part of their Environmental and Natural Resources Group, with the addition of *Lindsey Allen*, Architectural Historian, *Richard Geidel*, Archeology Principal Investigator, and *Timothy Moyer*, Archeological Field Technician.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES is pleased to announce the following:

- -President *Nathan J. Beil, PE, D.WRE* was appointed as secretary and treasurer of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.
- -Senior Vice President *Charles A. Phillips Jr., RPLS* was elected to the board of directors of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.
- -Nicole D. Baer, PE was named by the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as Young Engineer of the Year.
- -Richard A. MacInnes, has joined the firm as Director of Turn-Key Project Delivery. He will play a critical role in the firm's expansion as an engineer-constructor as well within the D/B and P3 arenas.

NAVARRO & WRIGHT is pleased to welcome *Charles H. Hegberg* as Director of Environmental Services. He will be responsible for the department's new business development and marketing initiatives, client and project management, public outreach and industry presentations, and staff management.

SAVE THE DATE!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17, 2013 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (ESB)
NOVEMBER 21, 2013 - LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST (ESB)
DECEMBER 5, 2013 - HOLIDAY PARTY (BMI)
DECEMBER 19, 2013 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOSTED BY THE FELLOWS, FEATURING ANIRBAN BASU (ESB)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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