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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jack Moeller, P.E.*



Congratulations to the new President of ACEC/MD, Dana Knight who will be leading ACEC/MD over the next year!

As my year winds down I would like to encourage each member firm representative to stay involved in this organization. Believe me, I know it takes time, but who else will look out for the best interest of our industry if we don't do it? I'm pretty sure owners, clients, contractors and the government all have a different idea of what is best for our industry than we do. ACEC/MD, in my opinion, is one of, if not the best of the State Member Organizations of ACEC. Clearly,

the executive staff is second to none. During my tenure on committees, Executive Committee and as President, it has been clear that while many of us are fierce competitors, we can collegiately come together to solve the issues facing our industry. ACEC/MD is a place where international, national, local, small and DBE firms work together cooperatively. Let's never let that change!

I would like to leave you with some of my random thoughts. They might not be particularly insightful, but I share them with you nevertheless.

### Transportation Trust Fund (TTF)

Now that Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia have increased state funding of transportation, the elephant in the room is the Federal Transportation Trust Fund. Just as we are starting to see projects move on the state level, now we face the threat of the Federal Transportation Trust Fund running out of money this summer. State transportation departments are developing contingency plans to cut back their programs if something isn't done at the federal level. Congress continues to ignore the fact that transportation funding can't be fixed with gimmicks. The latest gimmick getting attention is transferring the savings for eliminating Saturday mail delivery to the TTF. Since the US Post Office is looking at eliminating Saturday deliveries to balance their own shortfalls, where is the excess money to transfer? The only certainty in this funding mess is that Congress won't do any long term fixes in this election year.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

### Public Private Partnerships (P3s)

Those in Federal and State government that think P3s are the solution to funding projects should have attended the P3 presentation at the April ACEC Meeting in Washington. We heard at that meeting that the targeted return on investment (ROI) for the lowest risk type P3s (Availability Payment P3s) was about 11% and toll road P3s had a ROI ranging from 18% to 22%. It hard to see the economic value of P3s when you compare those ROIs to State issued 30-year revenue bonds currently trading at 3.5% to 4%. Assuming only an 11% ROI, the up front capital cost of a project would need to be reduced by half to make a P3 equal in capitalized cost to 30-year bond financed projects. Stating it another way, a \$200M bond financed project would need to be value engineered to a \$100M P3 project to have the equivalent annual cost to the agency. Therefore, the reason for selecting the P3 procurement model must be based primarily for reasons other than cost.

### Where Logic Doesn't Apply

Since Maryland is essentially a one party state it would be hard to blame partisan politics for this year's meager legislative successes. If we are looking to blame someone, I think we need to look no further than ourselves. As engineers, we analyze an issue, develop a logical solution, and expect others to see the merits of our solution. We don't look for the unrelated issues that can derail even the best solutions. We need to understand that the political world doesn't necessarily work the way we do. For example, we worked with the architects to modify language in a Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) Bill that would have allowed firms to practice architecture if they had an architect as an officer of the corporation instead of the current requirement to have them on the Board of Directors. Everyone appeared to be on board with the final language of the bill. What we neglected to understand was that the committee chair wasn't going to let any DLLR bills out of committee because of an unrelated perceived slight by the DLLR. We didn't see this result coming because we weren't looking for it. There appeared to be no opposition to the bill. Had we known of this situation, we could have done something different? Maybe, by having ACEC/MD firms voicing so much support that the committee chair wouldn't dare let the bills die without a vote.

### Where Logic Doesn't Apply #2

All state contracts containing certified MBE participation goals now contain a liquidated damages provision and a statement threatening termination of contract for non-compliance. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, you might think this new specification would be heavily supported by ACEC/MD's MBE/WBE firms, not so. In fact, ACEC/MD's Small Business Committee is leading the charge to have the new specification modified and/or rescinded for a number of reasons including:

- The liquidated damages are not needed because on State A&E Contracts compliance with the MBE program is very good. In fact, a procurement officer for MDOT stated they currently have better avenues to ensure compliance than liquidated damages.
- The unintended consequence of the prime firms feeling the need to protect themselves from being assessed liquidated damages will hurt the smaller specialty MBE firms. Prime firms will use only larger diversified MBEs to ensure that they can subcontract work without having to move funding between subconsultants or by adding new MBE firms. This unintended consequence is in direct contrast to the goal of the MBE program to grow and nurture small MBE businesses.

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### Where Logic Doesn't Apply #2 (continued)

- The current trend in A&E Contracting is to use large "Open End Contracts" with comprehensive scopes and undefined tasks. Specialty MBE firms will not be included on teams if the primes are threatened with liquidated damages for not assigning work to every MBE on their team regardless of the MBE's capabilities.
- MBE firms are concerned that they will only be given staff services type work because primes will be more concerned about meeting the goals than giving them interesting assignments.
- Prime firms will include similar liquidated damage provisions in their MBE sub-contract agreements.

### Workloads and Overhead

Workloads are getting back to normal which is good not only for engineering firms, but also for clients that pay us on a cost plus fixed fee basis. The increase in our billable hours has the effect of driving down our overhead rates which reduces the cost of our services. From an overhead perspective, every hour that moves from indirect labor to direct labor is about twice as important as just adding a new direct labor hour.

### Shortage of Engineers

While the pool of recent engineering graduates appears to be sufficient to meet current demand, I expect the pool to dwindle quickly as increased hiring is driven by the uptick in the economy and the increase in retirements of baby boomers. My prediction is that the shortfall of engineers is just around the corner. I think our first shortage will be seen in the mid level engineers (2005-2010 graduates) because many of them left or never entered the profession during the "Great Recession". We need to look only to the early 1990's recession to see a similar situation. Because very few new graduates were hired during the recession, many firms had to live with the shortage of mid level engineers in the late 1990's. The only solution then and probably for the next time around is to work overtime. The good news is billable overtime pretty much tops everything for improving the companies' bottom line.

### The End

I would like to thank all those that worked diligently to support the efforts of ACEC/MD during this last year including the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Jim Otradovec and Barb Wise. Jim and Barb understand that all ACEC/MD member firm representatives have day jobs and that is to run their companies. Jim and Barb do whatever is necessary to guide us through our ACEC duties as painlessly as possible. They set up the meetings, develop the agendas, take minutes, develop action items, and generally hold our hand through every step of the way. Jim and Barb are also the masters of gentle reminders. They nicely remind you of all the things you need to get done...like this President's Message.

Thank You Barb and Jim!

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## Ralph W. Miller

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of former ACEC/MD President Ralph W. Miller, who died May 8th at the age of 91.

A graduate in 1940 from Polytechnic Institute, upon graduating from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1943, Ralph became a member of the renowned Air Force Squadron, the Flying Tigers, that operated in China. Upon returning to the states in 1946, Ralph joined Whitman, Requardt & Associates (WRA) and then co-founded Miller, Schuerholz and Gipe in 1956.

He served as ACEC/MD President in 1975-76, and helped ACEC/MD become one of the preeminent business organizations in the state of Maryland.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Ralph's family and friends.

## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE*

After last year's success in gaining passage of a meaningful transportation revenue package, the 2014 General Assembly Session was less than gratifying. When the clock struck midnight and the confetti dropped, the ACEC/MD-initiated Certificate of Merit (HB 345) and Duty to Defend (HB 1302) legislation failed to receive a vote in the Senate Judicial Proceedings (JPR) Committee chaired by Senator Brian Frosh (Dist. 16-Montgomery). While it is rare to gain passage of legislation in the first year that it is introduced, since both bills came to the JPR with strong support from the House of Delegates and little opposition, we were optimistic that they would pass this year. Coupled with the withdrawal of the Liquidated Damages legislation (HB 1315) that failed to gain passage due to the political landscape in Maryland, we are looking for far greater success in 2015.

It is anticipated that almost a quarter of our elected officials will not return. This will create both challenges and opportunities, as we have an opportunity to educate our elected officials on the importance of a pro-business environment in Maryland.

In total, your legislative committee, chaired by Sean McCone (JMT), reviewed in detail over 230 pieces of legislation out of the nearly 2,700 bills introduced in the 2014 General Assembly. While we were unsuccessful in gaining passage of our major initiatives,

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

success can also be measured by the preservation of infrastructure funding achieved in the previous session. Thank you for everyone's involvement in the political process! The fate of important legislation considered by the committee and ACEC/MD's position are as follows:

CF = Cross Filed

### TRANSPORTATION

SB 88 - Department of Transportation - Special Bonds and Borrowing - Revenue-Backed Bonds  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

SB 185 - Transportation - Capital Projects - Life-Cycle Cost Analysis  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

SB 547 / HB 172 - Economic Development - Baltimore Region - Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Advisory Board and Baltimore Region Transportation Board  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

SB 627 (CF = HB 1279) - Special Taxing Districts - Transportation Improvements and Exemption From County Tax Limitations  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 629 - Counties and Municipalities - Vehicle Registration Fee Surcharge  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 664 / HB 1067 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue - Increased Local Share  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 677 / HB 911 - Public Safety - Highway Work Zones - Off-Duty Law Enforcement Officers Required  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

SB 754 / HB 1326 - Public-Private Partnerships - Disclosure of Involvement in Deportations - Requirement  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 765 / HB 1331 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue - Increased Local Share  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 772 - Transit Benefit Districts  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
HOLD

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

SB 885 - State Pension System - Concessionaires and Other Private Entities - Participation  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

SB 900 - Department of Transportation - Highway Needs Inventory - Four-Lane Highways  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

SB 902 - Transportation - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Environmental Impact Study -  
Cost Estimate and Payment  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 908 / HB 1345 - Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment - Rebates and Tax Credits  
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR – Chapter 359  
OPPOSE

HB 54 - Motor Fuel Tax - Downward Adjustment - Decrease in Consumer Price Index  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 57 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems and Work Zone Speed Control  
Systems  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 277 - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 551 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring and Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 636 - Maryland Transit Administration - Pretax Commuter Benefits Program  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 754 - Dedicated State Funds Protection Act  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT with testimony

HB 817 - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License - Baltimore-Washington International  
Thurgood Marshall Airport  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 980 - Transportation - Roadway Near High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in Prince  
George's County - Limitation PG 407-14  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 1059 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Local Government Reporting  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 1061 - Transportation - Interstate 95 Link to Roadways or Property Near the University of Maryland, College Park - Spending Prohibited PG 406-14  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 1074 - Fourth Amendment Protection Act  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 1279 (CF = SB 627) - Special Taxing Districts - Transportation Improvements and Exemption From County Tax Limitations  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 1382 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Toll Increases - Legislative Approval Required  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 1396 - Vehicle Laws - Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Hours of Operation  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 1425 - Baltimore City - Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Hours of Operation  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 1427 - Task Force to Study Expanding Metrorail Service in Southern Prince George's County  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 1442 - Maryland Transit Administration - Free Ridership for State Employees  
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

### ENVIRONMENTAL

SB 5 / HB 97 - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

SB 135 - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Enforcement by Department of the Environment - Moratorium  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

SB 277 / HB 324 - Frederick County - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

SB 315 - Environment - Stormwater Remediation Fee - County Tax Limitations

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

SB 316 / HB 55 - Anne Arundel County - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption (Anne Arundel County Rain Tax Exemption Act of 2014)

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

SB 359 - Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs - Impervious Surface - Definition

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

SB 360 - Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

SB 361 - Public Safety - Gas Pipeline Inspection Requirements - Best Available Technology

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 362 - Public Safety - Gas Pipeline Inspection Requirements - State Penalties

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 464 / HB 50 - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

SB 521 / HB 1076 - Agriculture - Poultry Litter - Energy-Generating Cooperative Program

DIED

MONITOR

SB 530 (CF = HB 931) - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Thermal Energy

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 535 - Natural Gas Severance Tax and Impact Account

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 564 / HB 834 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Penalty

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

SB 678 - Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

SB 706 (CF = HB 1210) - Environment - Permit Determinations - Cumulative Impact Assessments

UNFAVORABLE HOUSE REPORT

MONITOR

SB 745 (CF = HB 1122) - Shale Gas Drilling Safety Review Act of 2014

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

SB 903 - Tax Sales - Stormwater Remediation Fees - Temporary Prohibition

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

SB 963 / HB 284 - Department of Agriculture - Phosphorus Assessment and Management - Study and Economic Impact Analysis

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 1020 / HB 1463 - Solar Farms - Construction Requirements - Exemptions

DIED IN COMMITTEE

HOLD

SB 1084 - Baltimore County - Stormwater Remediation Fee - Application and Limitation

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 1096 / HB 1539 - Maryland Port Administration - Chesapeake and Delaware Canal - Dredged Material Containment Areas - Remediation Plan

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 11 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

SUPPORT

HB 12 - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses - Local Entities

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HB 74 - State Development Plan - Repeal

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 155 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Exemption From Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 292 - Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

HB 409 - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater - Prohibited Acts

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

HB 517 - Board of Public Works - State Wetlands Licenses - Best Interest of the State

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 576 - Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 – Diminution in Value of Real Property - Compensation

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 615 - Climate Risk Reduction Act

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HB 865 - Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Rural Residential Drinking Water Protection Act

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

HB 895 - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

HB 931 (CF = SB 530) - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Thermal Energy

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 937 - Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Distribution of Financial Assistance

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HB 952 - Baltimore County - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 1030 - Public Health - Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals - Information and Fund

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 1073 - Environment - Statute of Limitations - Administrative Penalties

UNFAVORABLE SENATE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 1122 (CF = SB 745) - Shale Gas Drilling Safety Review Act of 2014

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

HB 1139 - Environment - Stormwater Remediation Fees - Reduction of Fees

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 1210 (CF = SB 706) - Environment - Permit Determinations - Cumulative Impact Assessments

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

### GENERAL BUSINESS

SB 8 (CF = HB 199) - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

Support with Amendment

SB 45 - Architects, Landscape Architects, and Professional Land Surveyors - Firm Permits

UNFAVORABLE HOUSE REPORT

Support with Amendment

SB 47 - Income Tax - Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

SB 151 (CF = HB 26) - Administrative Procedure Act - Fiscal Impact Statements for Proposed Regulations

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

SB 166 - Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Establishment by Counties

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 170 (CF = HB 160) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2015)

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

SB 171 (CF = HB 161) - Creation of State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

SB 172 (CF = HB 162) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2014

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 204 - Prevailing Wage Rates Reform Act of 2014

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

SB 232 / HB 727 - Procurement - Prevailing Wage - Applicability

RETURNED PASSED

OPPOSE

SB 273 (CF = HB 293) - Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Establishment by Counties

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 331 (CF = HB 295) - Maryland Minimum Wage Act of 2014

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 365 / HB 347 - Sales and Use Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 366 / HB 348 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendment

SB 371 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Payment of Wages

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 384 (CF = HB 170) - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

Support with Amendment

SB 385 (CF = HB 171) - Corporate Income Tax - Federal Repatriation Holiday

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

SB 395 / HB 1298 - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2014

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 544 / HB 568 - Civil Actions - Award of Attorney's Fees and Expenses

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

SB 574 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

SB 661 - Economic Development - Equity Participation Investment Program - Small Businesses

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 669 (CF = HB 796) - Procurement - Debarment - Violations of Law

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

MONITOR

SB 689 - Local Government Tort Claims Act and Maryland Tort Claims Act – Repeal of Certain Notice Requirements

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 696 - Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage Rate - Payment and Adoption

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 713 / HB 916 - Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts - Miscellaneous Provisions

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

SB 767 / HB 1008 - Service Contracts - Notice and Reporting Requirements

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

SB 774 (CF = HB 951) - Procurement - Occupational Safety and Health Prequalification

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 804 (CF = HB 1166) - Maryland Second Chance Act of 2014

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

SB 840 - Corporations - Members of Boards of Directors - Demographic Information – Report to Board of Public Works

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

SB 858 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Nonpassive Income of a Pass-Through Entity

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

SB 942 (CF = HB 848) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Baltimore Museum of Industry

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

SB 970 (CF = HB 1223) - Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

SB 975 / HB 487 - Small Business Reserve Program - Definition of Small Business - Repeal of Sunset Provision

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 1068 - Procurement - Prevailing Wage - School Construction

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 14 - Small Business Reserve Program - Procurements by Designated Procurement Units

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

HB 26 (CF = SB 151) - Administrative Procedure Act - Fiscal Impact Statements for Proposed Regulations

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 72 - Labor and Employment - State Minimum Wage Rate – Increase

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 103 - Capital Projects - Submission of Information to the General Assembly

WITHDRAWN

HOLD

HB 160 (CF = SB 170) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2015)

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 161 (CF = SB 171) - Creation of State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 162 (CF = SB 172) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2014

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 170 (CF = SB 384) - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendment

HB 171 (CF = SB 385) - Corporate Income Tax - Federal Repatriation Holiday

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 187 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Payment of Wages

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 199 (CF = SB 8) - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendment

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 293 (CF = SB 273) - Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Establishment by Counties

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 295 (CF = SB 331) - Maryland Minimum Wage Act of 2014

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

HB 330 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendment

HB 339 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendment

HB 345 - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 374 - Labor and Employment - Training Wage for New Employees - Establishment and Payment

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

HB 457 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

Support with Amendments

HB 458 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

WITHDRAWN

Support with Amendments

HB 468 - Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund - Training and Technology Projects

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 524 - Income Tax - Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 547 - Minority Business Enterprises - Study and Report

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

HB 579 - Commissioner of Labor and Industry - Authority - Enforcement of Local Minimum Wage Laws

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 583 - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority - Investment and Recovery Limits

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

MONITOR

HB 702 - Professional Land Surveyors - Licensure Qualifications - Revisions

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

HB 796 (CF = SB 669) - Procurement - Debarment - Violations of Law

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HB 848 (CF = SB 942) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Baltimore Museum of Industry

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

HB 887 - Corporate Income Tax - Main Street Employer Tax Rebate

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 951 (CF = SB 774) - Procurement - Occupational Safety and Health Prequalification

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

HB 956 - Prevailing Wage Enforcement Act

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 1114 - Income Tax - Depreciation Modification - First-Year Depreciation

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

HB 1123 - Maryland Economic Development Act of 2014

DIED IN COMMITTEE

HOLD

HB 1129 - Personal Property Tax - Investments in Maryland

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 1142 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 1166 (CF = SB 804) - Maryland Second Chance Act of 2014

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 1220 - Procurement - Real Estate Development Projects - Minority Business Enterprise Participation

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 1223 (CF = SB 970) - Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 1299 - Income Tax - Rate and Subtraction Modification - Parental Leave for Employees

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 1302 - Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense - Void

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 1314 - Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law - Awards of Certain Fees and Costs and Prohibition Against Retaliation

OPPOSE

HB 1315 - Minority Business Participation - Liquidated Damages Provisions - Exclusion for Architectural and Engineering Services Contracts

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

HB 1488 - State Procurement - Source Selection and Protest Appeals Procedures - Revisions

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

HB 1502 - Civil Actions - Statute of Limitations for Certain Specialties

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

### **WORKPLACE / HEALTH**

SB 237 (CF = HB 381) - Human Relations - Employment Discrimination - Protections for Interns

DIED IN COMMITTEE

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SB 737 / HB 1026 - Labor and Employment - Parental Leave - Birth or Adoption of a Child

PASSED ENROLLED

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SB 753 / HB 968 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act

DIED IN COMMITTEE

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SB 1056 - Maryland Second Chance Act of 2014

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

HB 233 - Tax Increases - Super Majority Vote Required  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 381 (CF = SB 237) - Human Relations - Employment Discrimination - Protections for Interns  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 391 - Civil Rights - Employment Discrimination - Employees Inquiring About, Discussing, or Disclosing Wages  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 435 - Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 527 - Labor and Employment - Earned Sick Leave  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 1289 - Workers' Compensation - Exclusivity of Compensation - Exception - Deliberate Act of Employer  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 1338 - State Construction Projects - Work-Based Learning and Local Hiring  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1350 / SB 688 - Fair Employment Preservation Act of 2014  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

### **MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ISSUES**

SB 329 / HB 335 - Residential Cliffside Elevators - Registration and Inspection (The Jock Menzies Act)  
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR  
MONITOR

SB 401 - Public Safety - Building Codes - Balcony Inspections (Jonathan's Law)  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

SB 1029 / HB 1329 - Baltimore County Board of Education - Procurement for Construction-Related Projects for Schools  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
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## *2014 SESSION GRINDS TO A CLOSE (continued)*

### MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)

SB 1053 - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Energy Codes - Local Authority  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 207 - State Capital Projects - High Performance Buildings  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 213 - Local Government - Permit Review and Explanation of Denial  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 361 - State Plumbing Code - Adoption of International Code Council Standards  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 947 - Public Safety - Building Codes - Balcony Inspections (Jonathan's Law)  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

## *47TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING*

The weather for this year's tournament was nearly perfect providing for a great event. Nearly 100 golfers took part in ACEC/MD's 47th 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 landed within five feet of the cup!

Coming out on top this year at the challenging Greystone Course was EBA Engineering's Kevin Kreis, who shot an impressive low gross score of 73. Through the purchase of muligans, 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 \$1,480 for CEPAC, ACEC/MD's state political action committee.

Notable performances during the tournament included:

Tournament Winner 1ST LOW GROSS – Kevin Kreis (EBA Engineering)

2ND LOW GROSS – Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering)

1ST LOW NET – Steve Carl (Dewberry)

2ND LOW NET – Joe Makar (WRA)

3RD LOW NET – Chris Fronheiser (AECOM)

LEAST # OF PUTTS - Jeff Stratmeyer

MOST # OF PUTTS - Wendy Knight

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE - Vince Przybyla (Michael Baker, Jr.)

LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE – Stacy Morin (AECOM)

CLOSEST TO THE PIN (2) –Tom Mohler (RKK) & Kendall Shirvan

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## *MEMBER FIRMS PLANT THE SEEDS FOR THE INDUSTRY*

Recognizing the importance of continually developing future engineers, we would like to thank the following firms for their monetary contributions to ACEC/MD's career outreach efforts. These funds have been used to purchase giveaways featuring an engineering logo that will be distributed throughout the year to engineering students. Developed by ACEC/MD's Public Relations Committee, chaired by Kim Troiani (RK&K), the logo depicts the many aspects of the engineering profession.

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The following firms have been elected to Membership in ACEC/MD:

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*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Hillis-Carnes Engineering was founded in 1989 by former KCI Technologies' Geotechnical Group employees and is an employee-owned company. The field of services includes geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, environmental engineering, and structural foundation design of public and private sector projects.*

### PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

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*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc. (PEC) is a Minority Business Enterprise certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation. PEC was established in 1980 as a consulting firm to provide civil, structural, inspection and surveying services to private developers, municipal, county, state and federal agencies. PEC was incorporated in 1992 and became Progressive Engineering Consultants, Inc., expanding its range of services to include CPM schedule preparation and analysis as well as construction claims analysis. Since 1986, PEC has provided construction inspection services to several Maryland Department of Transportation agencies, VDOT, DDOT, DelDOT and Baltimore City, and remains certified as a DBE in all of those jurisdictions. In March 2013, PEC came under new ownership and performed a strategic modernization of the company to expand services, and increased quality and experience. PEC has over 20 years of providing Critical Path Method (CPM) scheduling services and construction claims prevention and/or analysis of claims. The firm's field of operations are Construction Management and Inspection Services; CPM Schedule Development and Analysis; Construction Claim Analysis; and Personnel Services related to Operations. PEC currently provides personnel for management of transportation construction programs (Area Engineers); construction projects (Project/Resident Engineers); and construction inspection (Field Inspectors). PEC provides personnel for other operational areas including Utility Coordination, Access Permits, Facility Maintenance, Contract Administration/close out and other special requests from clients.*

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*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Formed in 2010, TEMOSS, LLC was founded to provide transportation/urban/TOD planning, traffic engineering/traffic impact study, and transportation management consultancy services (NAICS Codes 541320, 541330, 541614) to private and public sector clients throughout the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore metropolitan areas. TEMOSS, LLC is certified by Maryland DOT as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). Firm Principal Cherian Eapen, PTP has over 21 years of extensive local/regional experience in both private and public sectors. Activities of the firm include: Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies, Comprehensive Transportation Planning and Analysis, Land Use Planning Studies, Multi-modal Transportation Planning Studies, Urban Planning Studies, Traffic Safety and Operation Studies, Crash Data Analysis, Bicyclist and Pedestrian Accessibility and Safety Studies, Traffic Signal Warrant Studies, Traffic Calming Studies, Trip Generation Studies, Parking Studies, Site Circulation Studies, Access Management Studies, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Support and Studies, Expert Testimony, and Traffic Data Collection.*

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)** announced that the firm has relocated its Rockville office to: 800 King Farm Blvd., 4th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. The phone and fax numbers remain the same.

**EBA ENGINEERING, INC.** announces the following:

- **James D. Wilson, PE**, former Prince George's DPW&T Chief of the Highways and Bridges Division, joined the firm as Operations Manager of the Construction Management and Inspection department.
- **Michael Cook**, former Chief of Major Projects Design and Construction Management for the city of Baltimore's, DPW and DGS, joined the firm's Civil/Site Engineering department as Senior Project Manager.
- **Joseph Bayatafshar, PE** is promoted to Office Manager in the firm's Water Systems Engineering department.

**EBL ENGINEERS, LLC** is pleased to announce the election of **Robert W. Baker, Jr.** to the Board of Directors for the National Automatic Fire Alarm Association (AFAA).

**GEORGE, MILES & BUHR (GMB)** is pleased to welcome:

- **Scott Getchell**, former Public Works Director for the town of Denton, as Director of Operational Services.
- **Jonathan Soistman** as a summer intern in the Site/Sustainable Design group.
- **Stacey Lamboni** as a Marketing intern.
- **Ahmed Osman & Jack Sewell** as summer interns gaining experience as Technicians.

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**MEMBER NEWS (continued)**

**JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. (JMT)** is pleased to announce the following:

-**Michael J. Blair, PE**, Vice President in the firm's Sparks, MD corporate headquarters, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as a Trustee for the company's retirement plan.

-**Michael C. Kolar, CPA**, a vice president within the firm's corporate office, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as the newest member of their ESOP Committee.

**KITTELSON & ASSOCIATES** announces the opening of a new office in Washington, D.C located at 300 M Street SE in the Navy Yard neighborhood.

**MUELLER ASSOCIATES** has announced that **Ronald E. Maylor, PE, LEED AP**, has joined the firm as project manager. He has over 30 years of experience in electrical engineering.

**SCHNABEL ENGINEERING** has announced that its Richmond-area offices are uniting under one roof at 9800 JEB Stuart Parkway Glen Allen, VA 23059. Technical Practice Office (Suite100); Corporate Office (Suite 200).

**SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

The following individuals are seeking a position and have a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office.

1. Towson University graduate with Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Biology seeks part-time or full-time employment. Individual previously served as intern at full service environmental consulting firm.
2. Chem. Eng. (BS) looking for technically focused work in greater Baltimore area. Individual has three years of experience designing industrial heating systems & developing new products. Strong heat transfer/fluid mechanics background. Interested in Process Engineer or R&D position.

Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy of their resumes.

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