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Well another summer is coming to an end and the years are just flying by. I hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful summer, and had a chance to relax with your family and friends.

ACECMD's conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island was spectacular with Newport's great history, waterfront scenery and wonderful sunsets. Growing up around that area it was great to get back to New England and enjoy the variety of seafood and the New England shores. The sessions included presentations on the Connecticut I-95 "Q" Bridge by Mark Rolfe, Connecticut DOT Administrator; and the Saudi Landbridge Railroad

Project by Margaret Fulenwider, Principal of Helmes & Company headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. Thanks Art Barrett, P.E. for the wonderful venue. Next year's conference will be held locally at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at National Harbor.

I would also like to thank Art for a fantastic year as President of ACEC/MD. He represented ACEC/MD well and provided support of our business interests, and spent relentless hours with all our various ACEC/MD committees and subcommittees. Under his leadership and with the hard work of the Baltimore City Liaison Committee, the Principal cap, overhead rate cap and employee hourly rate cap were increased in the city. I was also fortunate to be involved and moved by the dedication of Art, ACEC/MD, family and friends, who provided plans, solicited funds and constructed a new ADA accessible ramp for Steve Silva, our 2016 President's Award Winner who is battling cancer.

I am excited to be serving as President of ACEC/MD in the coming year and will continue to do my part to make this another successful year for ACEC/MD. I will be working closely with our elected officers Jerry Jannetti, P.E (VP), Stuart Taub P.E. (Treasurer) and Christopher Fronheiser, P.E. (Secretary) and

our new Executive Committee members Melinda Peters, P.E. (RK&K) and Charles Kumi (Kumi Construction Management). Welcome!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

I plan to revisit and continue with our established smart goals, which include increasing our membership by targeting new members, achieving 100 member firm employees attending our 2017 Legislative Visits and Luncheon (last year we had 55 attend), and to get more firm employees involved in participating in Career Outreach, which presents a great opportunity to involve graduates from ACEC/MD's Leadership Program.

We also need to continue to strive towards getting our legislative issues passed. We had some success this past year, and many challenges lie ahead.

- The Duty to Defend bill passed this year, but we still need to continue to work on including economic loss & alleged negligence in the laws.
- The Procurement Bill was somewhat successful in which ACEC/MD wanted a oneyear limit exclusion for former State employees hired by Consultants and the firms that hire them. This was increased to two years, then three years by legislators. The bill did not go through and we will revisit this legislation in 2017.
- The Comptroller's office is pursuing levying a sales tax on a consulting firm for providing private sector investigative services. ACEC/MD is against this, and has Senator Bates involved in thwarting this attempt. In early July, the Comptroller's office indicated that they do intend to demand payment of sales tax on the investigative services performed with liability going back four years. This situation is not good for engineering firms or other professional service firms providing private sector services. We will continue to be opposed to this decision, and will meet to discuss what action will be taken next.

The Court of Appeals granted a motion for Permission to file the Amicus Brief in defense of the Economic Loss Rule, in which there is an issue as to whether a contractor can sue a design firm for losses when there is no contract between the two entities. The Court of Special Appeals ruled in favor of the Economic Loss Rule and the Court of Appeals issued a Writ of Certiorari. ACEC/MD was successful in securing a Minuteman Fund grant from ACEC to assist in filing this brief. This source of funding is only available to states that have member firms contributing to the program. Thank you to the firms that have made this voluntary contribution. We are pleased to have the support of AIA, ASCE, and NSPE, and will continue to monitor this situation and keep you advised.

This coming year our 2017 Leadership Program will be kicking off to provide 25 participants nominated by our membership firms with the opportunity to participate in a series of management training seminars. These seminars will be presented by our local business leaders, and include various topics on Profitability, Risk Management, Finance and Profit, and Political Activities. This is a great opportunity for those who have been selected by their firms to be our newest future firm and ACEC/MD leaders.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

ACEC/MD member firm representatives continue to make a difference, as demonstrated by Cathy Ritter, P.E., Jeff McBride, P.E., and Sean McCone, P.E. serving on the MBE/SBE Procurement Task Force, and Eileen Straughan and Rizwan Siddiqi, P.E. serving on the Governor's Procurement Commission and the Commission's Efficiency Work Group, respectively. Congratulations to all involved!

I am looking forward to working with and attending meetings with our ACEC/MD member firm representatives, who have volunteered and are serving as Executive Committee members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. I encourage all ACEC/MD member firm representatives to be pro-active on committees, attend our events throughout the year, and support our PACs.

As you all know, this is a Presidential Election year. Please do not forget to vote this upcoming election. You may make the difference!

ACEC/MD RAFFLE SUPPORTS FEDERAL PAC

In order to assist ACEC in their legislative advocacy efforts, ACEC/MD will once again offer interested member firm employees the opportunity to participate in a raffle. For only a \$100 investment, individuals have the opportunity to win a \$2,000 Grand Prize and other cash prizes. All proceeds go to ACEC/PAC, ACEC's Federal PAC. With only a maximum of 150 tickets being sold for the October 13th drawing, this is a tremendous opportunity to assist ACEC in carrying your message to Congress, while positioning yourself to win attractive cash prizes.

Please purchase your tickets today! Contact the ACEC/MD office to purchase a ticket.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTALLED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2016-2017 American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) officers and directors were recently installed at the organization's 28th Annual Conference at the Newport Hyatt, Newport, Rhode Island. On hand to perform the honors for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) was ACEC Vice Chair Joel Goodmonson (Architectural Engineers).

Stu Robinson, P.E., of A, Morton Thomas & Associates, Rockville, succeeds Art Barrett, P.E., of Gannett Fleming, Baltimore, as President. The other officers are: Jerry Jannetti, P.E., of WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff, Baltimore, as Vice President; Christopher Fronheiser, P.E., of AECOM, Baltimore, as Secretary, and Stu Taub, P.E., of Wallace Montgomery, Hunt Valley, as Treasurer.





NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTALLED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)

Stuart Robinson, P.E., is a Principal and Vice President at A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. An ENR Top 250 firm, Zweig Group Hot Firm, and Best Firm to Work For, Stu leads the firm's water resource practices in the eastern United States. He has been in practice for 37 years, emphasizing water quality improvements on waterways that discharge to the Chesapeake Bay.

A resident of Mt. Airy, Stu earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University in 1978. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland since 1990 and is also registered in Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, West Virginia and Arizona.

Stu takes an active role on numerous SHA open-end contracts and various municipal projects in the mid-Atlantic region. His notable projects include the ICC Contracts A and B, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport RSA Improvements. His stormwater design of the Stoney Creek Pond at the National Institutes of Health won a National Recognition Award in ACEC's 2014 competition and his NPDES Program work in Charles County also won a National Recognition Award after winning a Grand Award in ACEC/Maryland's 2010 competition.

At ACEC/Maryland, Stu has served as Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director, and Awards Committee Chair. He has also served as the Treasurer and Board Member for SAME-Ft. Detrick chapter, and is a member of ASCE, VFMA and ASHE.

Gerald (Jerry) S. Jannetti, P.E., is a

Senior Vice President of WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm with over 32,000 employees world-wide. Jerry is responsible for the northeast region's transportation business.

He received his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from University of Massachusetts at Lowell in 1984, and has over 32 years of



experience in planning, design and management of transportation and municipal projects. Jerry has been a committee chair, Director, Secretary, and Treasurer for ACEC/MD.

He has been Project Manager/Principal for numerous site specific and on-call contracts for clients throughout Maryland and Delaware, and is currently a principal on: the Nice Bridge Replacement, and the Program Manager of the Purple Line Light Rail project in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. In addition, Jerry is a Principal for the design of a replacement for Amtrak's B&P Tunnel in Baltimore City.

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NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTALLED AT ANNU-AL CONFERENCE (continued)



Christopher Fronheiser, P.E. is an Associate Vice President of AECOM, a fully integrated design, construction and technical services firm with 22,000 employees across North America and the #1 Design Firm as Ranked by ENR. Chris received his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University in 1994, and has over 20 years' experience in planning, design and management of large, interdisciplinary projects across Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region.

Chris began his service to ACEC/MD as a committee member in 2007 and has served as the Program committee chair and Director. He is a Director on the ASHE/ Chesapeake Section Board of Directors and is active in

the American Road and Transportation Builders (ARTBA) Board of Directors, where he currently serves as chair of the Southern Region Industry Leaders Development Council.

In his 14 years with AECOM, Chris has advanced through design roles on a variety of task order projects and managed multiple SHA on-call contracts. Most recently, he has focused exclusively on business development for Alternative Delivery projects, with responsibility for generating and tracking new leads, developing technical and price proposals and pursuit management. He has spent considerable time building relationships with preferred contractor partners across the southeast US, with primary focus in the mid-Atlantic region.

Stuart B. Taub, P.E. is a Partner of Wallace Montg (WM), a Mid-Atlantic transportation consulting engineering firm ranked No. 440 by ENR as a Top 500 Design Firm. As a Partner for 23 years, Stu has played a key role in the continued growth and development of WM, ensuring a quality product in an increasingly demanding and evolving industry. Prior to becoming a Partner with the firm, Stu served as a Project Manager for five years.

A resident of Pikesville, Stu earned his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1979; and, his Masters in Civil Engineering from The Johns Hopkins University in 1995. With more than 37 years of experience in the A/E industry, he is



responsible for the technical direction and management of the Structures and Water Resources departments and oversees the Financial department at WM. Over the last 15 years, Stu has served as ACEC/MD Executive Committee Secretary and Director, and County Liaison Committee Chair and Member. In addition, he served as President of MAE; ASCE Awards Committee Chair and Member; and a Board Member of CEAM.





NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTALLED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)

Throughout his career, Stu has been involved with a wide variety of notable projects including: the Dualization of MD 404; a new Overpass Bridge for the I-95/Contee Road Interchange; the MTA Light Rail Purple Line; the award winning Thomas J. Hatem Bridge Rehabilitation project; the Rehabilitation of the Historic Jericho Road Covered Bridge; the Gilpins Falls Covered Bridge; the Devil's Backbone Dam Rehabilitation. In addition, Stu currently serves as the Principal/Project Manager for numerous on-call and project specific contracts throughout Maryland and Virginia.

In addition to the officers, the following were also installed to serve on the ACEC/MD Executive Committee:

ACEC Director:

Dana Knight, P.E.; McCormick Taylor (Baltimore)

ACEC Alternate Director: Art Barrett, P.E.; Gannett Fleming (Baltimore)

2014-2017 Directors:

Tony Frascarella, P.E.; Century Engineering (Hunt Valley) Sean McCone, P.E.; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (Sparks)

2015-2018 Directors:

Harish Patel, P.E.; EBA Engineering (Baltimore) Vince Pielli, P.E.; Urban Engineers (Baltimore).

2016-2019 Directors:

Charles Kumi; Kumi Construction Management Corporation (Baltimore) Melinda Peters, P.E.; RK&K (Baltimore)

PRESIDENT ROBINSON ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The effectiveness of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) is directly related to the work performed by our committees, and we would like to express appreciation to the following individuals that will be chairing committees in the new year. If you have not volunteered to serve on at least one of these committees, and wish to do so, contact the ACEC/MD office.

2016-2017 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE PROGRAMS:

AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

 Director – Melinda Peters (RK&K)
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(Awards & Recommendations Committee continued)

The Awards and Recommendations Committee is charged with conducting an awards program to obtain entries for engineering excellence among member firms of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland. The committee shall publicize the program, determine the guidelines for awards, and obtain judges for reviewing entries. The committee shall award the winners at the Awards Banquet and present certificates to the winners. The committee shall endorse significant award winners for ACEC competition.

The Awards and Recommendations Committee shall also be charged with recommending representatives from member firms for other awards as applicable.

BALTIMORE CITY LIAISON

Director – Charles Kumi (Kumi Construction Management Corp.) TONY MAWRY, CHAIR (amawry@wallacemontgomery.com)

Wallace Montgomery

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This committee is charged with monitoring legislative regulations and programs in the city of Baltimore which are of direct interest to the field of consulting engineers. The committee shall monitor such activities by attendance at relevant public meetings and direct contacts with governmental personnel and their activities as necessary.

BUSINESS FINANCE

Director – Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering) DAN VOELTNER, CHAIR (dvoeltner@wrallp.com) Whitman, Requardt & Associates 801 South Caroline Street, Baltimore, MD 21231 Phone: 410-235-3450; FAX: 410-243-5716

This committee provides a forum for CFOs and other individuals to discuss the financial aspects of the consulting engineering business. The committee will address topical matters such as overhead requirements and related overhead submissions, cognizant audits, professional liability insurance and the related insurance climate, legal matters and trends in litigation, accounting policies and procedures, business analytics and related trends.

CAREER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Director – Melinda Peters (RK&K) JEFF McCORMACK, CHAIR (jeff.mccormack@aecom.com) AECOM

7 St. Paul Street, 17th floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: 410-454-8121; FAX: 410-484-4097

The committee is charged with encouraging students to enter the consulting engineering profession and related career fields. Activities for the committee include, but are not limited to, conducting student outreach programs at career days and through hands-on demonstrations, working with colleges and universities to both encourage graduates to enter the profession and to provide input on appropriate curriculum for students entering the field of consulting engineering and its allied professions.

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 CEPAC (POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE) Director – Sean McCone (JMT) JIM BLAKE, CHAIR (jblake@blakecs.com) Blake Consulting Services, LLC 7015 Copperwood Way, Columbia, MD 21046 Phone: 443-896-4838

CEPAC is ACEC/MD's legally-designated political action committee and is charged with administering, under ACEC/MD's Rules of Policies and Procedures and the state laws and regulations, the solicitation, collection and distribution of funds to candidates for public offices in the state of Maryland. The committee shall develop an annual finance plan and develop criteria for fund allocation. The committee shall solicit funds through contributions from member firms and/or other fund-raising activities approved by the ACEC/MD Executive Committee.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Director – Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering) JEFF AMORIELLO, CHAIR (jeff.amoriello@aecom.com) AECOM 4 North Park Drive, Suite 300, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Phone: 410-785-7220; FAX: 410-785-6818

Through cooperative efforts, partnering, and joint awareness, the Committee is charged with bringing the Construction Management, Construction Inspection and Engineering firms and State Agencies together to discuss common issues facing the industry. In doing so, the committee shall position the industry to effectively and efficiently respond to the various agency programmatic needs over the next five years by working cooperatively to identify, address, and resolve barriers to providing quality, timely services.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS PARTNERING/FEDERAL GOV. LIAISON

Director – Charles Kumi (Kumi Construction Management Corp.) ROBERT SCRAFFORD, CHAIR (rscrafford@gfnet.com)

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Rutherford Plaza, 7133 Rutherford Road, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21244 Phone: 443-348-2017; FAX: 410-298-3940

The committee is tasked with pursuing the goals outlined in the partnering agreement with the USCOE originated on June 21, 1993 and most recently updated on October 13, 2011. Meetings will be held on a semi-annual basis.

The Federal Government Liaison Committee is also charged with monitoring and reporting to the Executive Committee on issues related to the ACEC committee work with NAVFAC, Air Force, Corps of Engineers, GSA and the Veteran's Administration.

COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL & MUNICIPALITIES LIAISON

Director – Vince Pielli (Urban Engineers)

ROB MARCHETTI, CHAIR (RJMarchetti@mccormicktaylor.com) McCormick Taylor

509 South Exeter Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202 Phone: 410-662-7400; FAX: 410-662-7401

The County/Municipal Government Liaison Committee shall be charged with maintaining contact with county and municipal governments throughout the state of Maryland in order to be fully aware of existing and/or proposed changes, or additional requirements that significantly affect the general business and engineering relationships with member firms of





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ACEC/MD. The committee shall monitor such activities by attendance at relevant public meetings, conventions, direct contact with governmental personnel and other activities as necessary. The committee shall report to the ACEC/MD Executive Committee on relevant matters.

DEPT. OF GENERAL SERV. LIAISON (DGS)/INTERPROFESSIONAL

Director – Harish Patel (EBA Engineering)

MATT GRICE, CHAIR (mgrice@gfnet.com)

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Rutherford Plaza, 7133 Rutherford Road, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21244 Phone: 443-348-2017; FAX: 410-298-3940

The charge to this committee, as requested by the Department of General Services, is to act as a liaison between the DGS and the related architectural-engineering professions. The committee members shall monitor legislation, regulations, and other activities and programs related to the Department of General Services and related client organizations.

The committee is also charged with maintaining relationships with other design professional organizations and with industry trade organizations to develop programs, sponsor and/or support legislation, etc., of common interest to all interprofessional organizations. The committee shall cooperate with the Legislative Committee in reporting legislative activities of common interest to other organizations to further a good interprofessional climate.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LIAISON (MDOT)

Director – Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering)

ALAN STRAUS, CHAIR (alan.straus@aecom.com) AECOM

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The MDOT Liaison Committee is charged with monitoring legislation, regulations, and other activities and programs in the transportation fields, including highways, railroads, aviation, mass transit and transmission of matter through pipelines. The committee shall recommend positions on transportation issues to the Executive Committee.

The MDOT Liaison Committee shall maintain contact with the Maryland Department of Transportation through attendance at relevant public meetings and participation in other activities. The committee should be fully aware of any proposed MDOT requirements that could significantly affect the objectives of ACEC/MD.

ENGINEER'S WEEK/ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE

ASSOCIATE COUNCIL LIAISON

Director – Charles Kumi (Kumi Construction Management Corp.) HEIDI VAN LUVEN, CHAIR (hvanluven@amtengineering.com)

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2 East Read Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: 410-752-6552; FAX: 410-752-6553

The Engineers' Week/Engineering Society of Baltimore Associate Council Liaison Committee is charged with cooperating with the umbrella committee sponsored by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers and ESB to further interest in general fields of engineering. This committee should promote participation in activities to encourage students to pursue engineering curriculum and to publicize to the community the contributions of consulting engineering for the benefit and welfare of mankind. The chair will attend and represent ACEC/MD at Associate Council meetings.





 ENVIRONMENTAL Director – Melinda Peters (RK&K) JAMES DERIU, CHAIR (james.deriu@kci.com) KCI Technologies

936 Ridgebrook Road, Sparks, MD 21152 Phone: 410-316-7834; FAX: 410-316-7817

The ACEC/MD Environmental Committee provides an opportunity for member firms to discuss business practices and emerging trends related to environmental services, specifically: Water Quality Assessment, Practices and Permitting; Natural Resource Assessment; National Environmental Policy Act Compliance; Cultural Resources and Section 106 compliance; Air Quality; Industrial Hygiene/Hazardous Waste Assessment; and other emerging environmental issues and regulations. Further, the committee provides liaison with regulatory agencies to ensure a cooperative spirit between the environmental practitioners of member firms and the respective agency. We maintain appropriate contact with the environmental departments of private/public organizations who regularly procure services from member firms and we monitor a wide range of pending environmental legislation/regulations impacting the engineering profession. Meetings are held monthly between September and May. The Environmental Committee is also responsible for planning and program development for the Spring Environmental Forum held annually in May.

FACILITIES

Director – Harish Patel (EBA Engineering) PHIL MADDOX, CHAIR (pmaddox@jmt.com) Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson 72 Loveton Circle Sparks, MD 21152-9270 Phone: 410-329-3100; FAX: 410-472-2200

The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between ACEC/MD and clients in the facilities arena including but not limited to the autonomous university and county school systems in the state, health care, and private sector. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored by the committee.

GOVERNMENTAL GOLF OUTING

Director – Vince Pielli (Urban Engineers) TONY CLARKE, CHAIR (tony.clarke@jacobs.com) Jacobs 100 South Charles Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, MD 21201

Phone: 410-837-5840; FAX 410-837-3277

The Governmental Golf Outing Committee shall be charged with continuing the annual Governmental Golf Outing, involving as many participants as possible from ACEC/MD member firms, & continuing to invite as guests members of the legislature, local governments and large corporations.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Director – Vince Pielli (Urban Engineers) BARBARA POMEROY, CHAIR (bpomeroy@nmpengineering.com) NMP Engineering Consultants, Inc. 11350 McCormick Road, Suite 300, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

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The Human Resources Director Committee shall address various issues impacting employees of consulting engineering firms and act as a mechanism for disseminating this information to ACEC/MD member firms.





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The mission of the Human Resources (HR) Committee of ACEC/MD is to assist member firms by remaining up-to-date on the topics of recruiting and hiring, training, health and safety, employee relations, and compensation and benefits. In turn, the dissemination and utilization of this information will provide tools for attaining the goals and strategies developed by each firm. Since HR is a constantly changing field and information from last year may be outdated this year, the CEC/MD HR Committee meets regularly to share information with member firms on topics of interest. This is accomplished by inviting guest speakers to attend committee meetings. The committee regularly contributes articles to the ACEC/MD newsletter, as well as, providing timely information at periodic General Membership Meetings.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Director – Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering) CHRIS CALAF, CHAIR (ccalaf@wbcm.com) Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani 849 Fairmount Avenue, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21286 Phone: 410-512-4500; FAX: 410-324-4100

The Information Systems Committee shall provide a forum for the exchange of non-proprietary information on computers and information systems support in an engineering environment.

LEGISLATIVE

Director – Sean McCone (JMT) CHUCK PHILLIPS, CHAIR (charles.phillips@kci.com) KCI Technologies 936 Ridgebrook Road, Sparks, MD 21152 Phone: 410-316-7855; FAX: 410-316-7817

The Legislative Committee is charged with continuous monitoring of the state, county and city legislative bodies, with emphasis on the state level with respect to such bills, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that affect the objectives of member firms of ACEC/MD, other members of the profession, allied professions and industries. The committee shall advise the ACEC/MD Executive Committee of impending legislation and develop recommendations for ACEC/MD positions. The committee shall provide testimony at legislative committee hearings and develop and issue policy statements. The committee should maintain a list of legislative members and personal contacts from member firms.

MEMBERSHIP

Director – Sean McCone (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson) JERRY JANNETTI, CHAIR (jannetti@pbworld.com) WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff 1 East Pratt Street, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21202 Phone: 410-727-5050; FAX: 410-727-4608

The Membership Committee is charged with membership retention and increasing firm membership in ACEC/MD by targeting prospective firms with written, telephone and personal contacts.

The committee should be comprised of at least three members in addition to the chair. The Membership Committee's official duties are outlined in Item II of the Rules of Policy and Procedure.

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NOMINATING

Director - Unassigned DANA KNIGHT, CHAIR (dpknight@mccormicktaylor.com) McCormick Taylor 509 South Exeter Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202 Phone: 410-662-7400; FAX: 410-662-7401

The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting nominees for office in ACEC/MD in accordance with the Bylaws, Article III. The committee should seek equal representation from the major fields of engineering, as practiced by ACEC/MD member firms and representation from large and small firms. The committee should advise the nominees of the financial and time commitments extending beyond monthly meetings. Although ACEC/MD has not practiced a formal progression of offices, the Vice President should be advised of a potential time commitment of four years including service as a delegate to ACEC.

PAST PRESIDENTS AND FELLOWS ADVISORY/BYLAWS

Director - Unassigned

DANA KNIGHT, CHAIR (dpknight@mccormicktaylor.com) McCormick Taylor 509 South Exeter Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

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The Committee is charged with providing recommendations and guidance on strategic issues relative to the long term goals and objectives of ACEC/MD. The committee shall also provide recommendations on specific issues as requested by the President or Executive Committee. The Bylaws Subcommittee shall be charged with redrafting the bylaws to be in compliance with present operational methods of ACEC/MD.

The Fellows Subcommittee shall be charged with presenting candidates for the honor of Fellow member to the Executive Committee.

PROGRAM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE/MEETING

Director – Sean McCone (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson)

JOHN NOLAN, CHAIR (jnolan@gpinet.com)

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

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Phone: 410-880-3055; FAX: 301-490-2649

The Program and Annual Conference/Meeting Committee is charged with obtaining speakers for the four general membership meetings. Programs should be of interest to all member firms and should be of a timely topic. Subjects related to marketing, financial management, employer-employee relationships, benefit packages and economic growth could be considered. The committee should consist of a chair and three members. This committee is also responsible for arranging the Annual Conference/Meeting at a site to be determined.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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The Public Relations Committee is charged with maintaining public awareness of the activities of ACEC/MD and the profession through attendance at related community and civic affair activities, coordinating school visitations, and representation in various media to effectively communicate the contributions of ACEC/MD member firms and the profession to society. The





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committee should work with the Executive Director to promote media coverage of events, such as Engineers Week, Engineering Excellence Awards, Scholarship Awards and other events.

• QBS

Director – Vince Pielli (Urban Engineers)

TBD

The committee shall promote the attributes of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) to using agencies, jurisdictions, the design profession, and general public. In conjunction with the County Governmental Liaison Committee, the committee shall focus on educating local jurisdictions on the merits of the QBS method of procuring engineering services.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Director – Charles Kumi (Kumi Construction Management) MALINI GUPTA GLUECK, CHAIR (mglueck@phoenix-eng.com) Phoenix Engineering, Inc.

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The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Committee addresses issues of interest to members that are both MBE/DBE and non-MBE/DBE firms. Committee activities include -

o Provide a forum to promote small business development and success though workshops, roundtables, a web site, or other potential communications.

o Meet with public agencies to discuss small business issues.

o Participate in small business events and workshops with the Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI).

o Promote the use of Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program for engineering work.

o Provide coordination for prime/DBE matchmaking events for MDOT and other agencies.

- o Provide a forum to address MBE/DBE issues, as needed.
- UTILITIES

Director – Harish Patel (EBA Engineering)

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The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between ACEC/MD and clients in the utilities arena including but not limited to areas in water/wastewater and energy. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored by this committee.





DEADLINE ANNOUNCED FOR ACEC/MD's 2017 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY PHASE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: September 9, 2016 Submit electronically to acecmd@acecmd.org

The American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland's (ACEC/MD) annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition recognizes engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of innovation, achievement, and value. In a two-step process, firms can submit their outstanding projects for consideration, culminating in our Annual Awards Banquet, held each year in February, in conjunction with Engineers Week.

Eligibility:

Any firm engaged in the private practice of consulting engineering or land surveying is eligible to enter the awards program whether or not the firm is an ACEC member. Engineering or surveying achievements that have won awards in other state or national organizations' design awards programs may be entered. Projects entered in the competition may have been executed anywhere in the world. Research and Studies (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the client between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2016. Construction of projects (Categories B through L - with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014.

General Criteria:

Both member and nonmember consultant firms may submit up to three (3) entries for consideration in the "preliminary" phase of the ACEC/MD Engineering Excellence Awards competition. Only those entries shortlisted in the preliminary phase will be eligible for submission in the ACEC/MD final awards program and the ACEC national competition. Entries may deal with any one of 12 categories in the ACEC/MD brochure, which are also presented in the national awards brochure (www.acec.org).

RATING GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING

- 20% Uniqueness and/or innovative applications of new or existing techniques
- 20% Future value to the engineering profession and perception by the public
- 20% Social, economic and sustainable development considerations
- 20% Complexity
- 20% Successful fulfillment of client/owner needs

Submit your firm's entries in the Preliminary Phase of the ACEC/MD 2017 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition utilizing the official ACEC/MD entry form which can be found in the ACEC/MD 2017 EEA brochure. Contact the ACEC/MD office for a copy or go to www.acecmd.org.

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Any questions, contact the ACEC/MD office, or Angela Perry (of Hardesty & Hanover), Chair, ACEC/MD Awards & Recommendations Committee, at 410.573.1999, or aperry@ hardesty-hanover.com.



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Categories:

CATEGORY A - Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering Services Non-design services, projects not involving the preparation of construction documents consisting of but not limited to the following types of projects:

- o New products, materials and technologies
- o Expert testimony
- o Basic research and studies
- o Computer/software technology
- o Technical papers
- o Public outreach/ involvement
- o Water conservation
- o Security plans
- o Project feasibility studies/economic/risk
- o Value engineering

CATEGORY B - Building/Technology Systems

- o Mechanical/electrical/plumbing
- o Computer/technology
- o Communications
- o Acoustics
- o Software systems
- o Sustainability or carbon neutrality
- o Efficiency certification standards, e.g. LEED
- o Energy efficiency new and retrofit
- o Secure facilities (military/research/correctional)

CATEGORY C - Structural Systems

- o Foundations
- o Tunnels
- o Buildings
- o Seismic design
- o Towers
- o Bridges
- o Stadiums

CATEGORY D - Surveying and Mapping Technology

- o Geometrics, ALTA, land title and rights surveys
- o Control, GPS, monitoring or construction surveying
- o Survey mapping, GIS/ LIS, photogrammetry

CATEGORY E - Environmental

- o Hazardous waste
- o Solid waste
- o Restoration/reclamation/ remediation
- o Air quality
- o Noise
- o Recycling
- o Waste pond management
- o Carbon sequestration and trading
- o Mitigation

CATEGORY F - Waste and Storm Water

- o Wastewater collection/ treatment and disposal
- o Residuals management and reuse
- o Graywater systems
- o CSO's

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- o Mine tailings
- o Agricultural
- o Storm water management
- o Erosion control



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Categories (continued)

CATEGORY G - Water Resources

- o Hydraulics, hydrology
 - o Surface and groundwater supply development
 - o Treatment
 - o Transmission, distribution & storage
 - o Watershed management
 - o Water use reduction
 - o Flood risk management
 - o Climate adaptation
 - o Coastal and eco-system restoration
 - o Locks/dams/water control structures
 - o Irrigation

CATEGORY H - Transportation

- o Highways
- o Rail
- o Airports
- o Marine/ports
- o Public transit
- o Intermodal facilities

CATEGORY I - Special Projects

- o Safety and security
- o Corrosion protection/cathodic protection
- o Program and construction management
- o Land development
- o Trenchless technologies/directional boring
- o Recreational facilities
- o Subsurface engineering

CATEGORY J - Small Projects

o Total project construction budget does not exceed \$2.5 million. At the entrant's discretion, except for entries in Category A, projects under \$2.5 million are not limited to this category.

CATEGORY K - Energy

- o Transmission and distribution
- o Power generation
- o Renewable energy
- o Cogeneration
- o Energy storage technologies
- o Energy usage reduction programs
- o Demand side management

CATEGORY L - Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities

- O Petrochemical
- o Biotech
- o Manufacturing
- o Heavy industry
- o Industrial waste
- o Materials handling
- o Mining, metallurgy, mineralogy

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The entering firm must select one category, which is most appropriate, in which it wishes to compete. A project may be entered only once in a particular category. However, after a project entered in Category A has been constructed, it may be entered in another year in B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K or L in the year when eligible.



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HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY

Entries are limited to three (3) per firm. They must be submitted electronically to the ACEC/MD office at acecmd@acecmd.org, no later than September 9, 2016, and shall include:

1. the ACEC/MD entry form;

2. one copy of an Executive Summary, not to exceed one page - 8.5" x 11" with 1" side margins; minimum 12pt. type, double spaced, describing the problem, and the solution; and

3. one copy of a Press Release (up to two pages, double spaced) clearly and concisely describing the project and the entrant's participation in the project, reflecting on factors listed below. In addition, indicate the value of the project to the community, identify the number of people served, cost savings, etc. Do not reference other awards in the submitted materials.

Submitted projects will be evaluated based on the following features:

1. Uniqueness and/or Innovative Applications of New or Existing Techniques:

• Does the entry demonstrate the use of a new science or a breakthrough in the general knowledge of engineering?

• Does the entry represent a unique application of new or existing technology, techniques, materials or equipment?

2. Future Value to the Engineering Profession and Perception by the Public:

- Will the entry redefine current engineering thinking?
- Does the entry advance a positive public image of engineering excellence?

3. Social, Economic and Sustainable Development Considerations:

- Do the solutions identified produce secondary benefits of value to the community environment?
- Does the entrant's approach provide society with social, economic, or sustainable development benefits?

• Does the entrant's contribution to the project improve the health, safety or welfare of the public or affected environment?

4. Complexity:

- Did the entry successfully address highly complex criteria or unique problems?
- Were extraordinary problems of site, location, hazardous conditions, project requirements, or similar elements present?

• Did the entry require the use of out-of-the-ordinary technology or ingenuity for achievement of the project's goals?

5. Successful fulfillment of Client/Owner Needs:

• Did the engineer or entrant successfully engage the client/owner in the overall project development process?

- Was it an economical and cost-effective solution?
- How did the final cost relate to the original budget estimate?
- How closely does the entrant's solution meet the total goals of the client/owner?
- Did the entrant meet the client's time schedule?

Preliminary entries selected by the judges for submission in the final awards program must follow the additional guidelines as specified in the ACEC Engineering Excellence brochure. Submitting a graphic panel with the final submission is encouraged, although not required. ACEC/MD showcases these panels at events throughout the year, as additional publicity for our members' achievements. Also, the ACEC/MD program will not require the "official notebook". Firms may organize their entry for the ACEC/MD awards program, when advised, in any format they choose.

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The ACEC/MD 2017 EEA brochure and the ACEC Call for Entries can be accessed on the ACEC/MD website - www.acecmd.org.



BEAUTIFUL NEWPORT RI PROVIDES PERFECT 2016 CONFERENCE SETTING

Featuring a spectacular waterfront setting, the Hyatt Regency on Goat Island in Newport, RI provided the perfect back drop for ACEC/MD's 28th Annual Conference. ACEC/MD held its conference in New England for the first time, and conference attendees were rewarded with spectacular weather featuring sunny days with low humidity and crisp evenings.

Taking advantage of the location, sessions included a presentation by Connecticut DOT's Mark Rolfe, who described the innovative processes associated with constructing the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge (Q Bridge) on I-95 in New Haven. In addition, we were joined by Margaret Fulenwider from Boston-based Helmes & Co., who described the challenges associated with the Saudi Landbridge project. We were also pleased to be joined by newly installed ACEC Vice Chair Joel Goodmonson from Architectural Engineers in Boston, MA., who addressed national issues impacting ACEC/MD member firms.

Of course no ACEC/MD conference would be complete without golf and a competition for the prestigious John E. Greiner trophy. This year's competition was held at the challenging Newport National Golf Club. Coming out on top this year with a low net score of 74 was Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering). Other notable performances included:

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	Most Putts	Chris Fronheiser (AECOM)
	Least Putts	Sean McCone (JMT)
	Long Drive	Jared Baxter (Ames & Gough)
	Closest to Pin	Harry Stephen (Century Engineering) (but declined to include this prize
since he won another prize)		
	Low Gross	Harry Stephen (Century Engineering)

While golfers took on the course, other conference attendees were treated to tours of the Breakers and Elms mansions, spectacular gilded age structures from a bygone era. Even lunch in Newport featured a spectacular cliff side setting overlooking Narraganset Bay. And what would Local Color Night in New England be without a delicious clambake followed by a spectacular sunset sail around the bay.

Maintaining the nautical New England theme at the banquet, Massachusetts native Stu Robinson (AMT) was handed the reigns of the organization by outgoing President Art Barrett (Gannett Flemming), a former sailboat racer. In his closing remarks, Art thanked the Executive Committee, committee chairs and member firm representatives for all their efforts over the past year. He also spotlighted the success in finally gaining passage of increases in the Baltimore City caps and for the cooperative effort by both consultants and agency personnel who came together on a frigid winter weekend to construct an ADA ramp for 2016 ACEC/MD President's Award recipient Steve Silva. In his remarks Stu complimented Art on all the accomplishments in the past year, and pledged to continue efforts to achieve the smart goals implemented under previous administrations. He focused on the need to involve more member firm representatives in the political arena and other advocacy efforts. Passage of the ACEC/MD initiated procurement bill, thwarting the Comptroller's efforts to tax investigative services, and ACEC/MD's efforts in support of an amicus brief confirming the Economic Loss Doctrine were cited by Stu as efforts that will be focused on in the upcoming year. In addition to grass roots advocacy efforts, he also encouraged member firm representatives to make contributing to both ACEC/PAC and CEPAC a priority.

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Mark your calendar for June 21-23, 2017 when ACEC/MD's Annual Conference returns to Maryland at the beautiful Gaylord Resort at National Harbor.



ACEC/MD MEMBER FIRMS GO TO BAT FOR THE INDUSTRY

To assist states in their legislative and legal battles with national implications, ACEC established the Minuteman Fund. Funded through contributions by member firms, ACEC/ MD has been a recipient of these funds in the past for initiatives such as validating the Economic Loss Rule, blocking taxes on professional services, securing infrastructure funding, and supporting the certificate of merit requirement.

We would like to acknowledge the contributions by the following firms over the past fiscal year, and hope that your firm would consider making a future contribution to this important initiative.

A.D. Marble & Company A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. AECOM Brudis & Associates, Inc. Century Engineering Inc. Daniel Consultants, Inc. **EBA** Engineering **EBL Engineers, LLC Gannett Fleming** Greenman Pedersen, Inc. HAKS Engineers, Inc. Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson **McCormick Taylor** MIMAR Architects and Engineers, Inc. Prime AE Group RJM Engineering, Inc. Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP Skelly & Loy, Inc. Straughan Environmental Inc. STV Incorporated Wallace Montgomery Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani (WBCM)

When you see a member firm representative sporting a Minuteman pin on their badge, be sure to thank them for making the added financial commitment in support of this important fund.

MRMCA ANNUAL A&E OUTING 2016 TO BE HELD SEPT. 1ST

Join ACEC/MD Affiliate Member Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association's members on September 1st as the concrete industry continues building relationships with the design community.

The program begins at 8:00am with a FREE Continuing Education Seminar! (1 PDH for Engineers) focusing on Resilience—The Ultimate Sustainability, presented by Chaney Enterprises' Steven Tripp. The program, being held at Musket Ridge Golf Course in Myersville, will convene at 8:00am, followed by golf at 9:30am.

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To register, or for more information, contact Mindy Green at 301-694-4899, or mindy@ marylandconcrete.com, by August 26th.



BALTIMORE ENGINEERS GOLF LEAGUE LOOKING FOR New Participants

The Baltimore Engineers Golf League (BEGL) is looking for new participants for the 2017 season. Golf matches will be held on Tuesday nights at Diamond Ridge and Fox Hollow from May to August commencing on May 2, 2017. 2017 league details are as follows:

- -Tuesdays 5:30 PM May to August
- -9 Hole Match Play
- -Weekly Scoring Prizes
- -\$100 Dues
- -Post Round Happy Hour
- -Year End 18 Hole Tournament
- -Networking with Local Engineering Professionals

For more information or to register, contact AECOM's Peter Daloni at ENGINEERSGOLFLEAGUE@ GMAIL.COM.

MDE ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS FOR EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL CERTIFICATION

The Maryland Department of the Environment recently announced that their Responsible Personnel Certification (RPC) and training, which replaced the informally known "Green Card" certification, is required to be renewed by December 31, 2016. The new RPC will be valid for three (3) years.

All personnel that are required to have an RPC need to review their credentials, register and take the on-line training and examination by December 31, 2016 at: http://mderpc.mde.state. md.us/Account/loginaspx.

Any general questions should be directed to Donald Hoey at 410-440-8473 or dhoey@sha. state.md.us. Specific questions regarding MDE training should be directed to Raymond Bahr at 410-537-3545 (raymond.bahr@maryland.gov) or Pat Depkin at 410-537-3628 (pat.depkin@maryland.gov).

ACEC/MD Leads Amicus Brief in Support of Economic Loss Doctrine

ACEC/MD is spearheading an effort in the Maryland Court of Appeals supporting the Economic Loss Rule. Utilizing the expertise of member firm Lee & McShane, the amicus brief will seek to uphold the findings of both the lower court and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. At issue is whether a contractor can recover damages from a consultant when there is no contract between the two parties. The rule allows design professionals to allocate risk by contract and that their bargained-for expectations will be enforced by the courts.

The potential impact of an adverse decision in this appeal is compounded by the fact that courts in the District of Columbia follow the lead of the appellate courts in Maryland when D.C. law is silent on the issue. In addition to securing valuable funding from ACEC through the Minuteman Fund, which is supported by member firm contributions for local issues with national implications, ACEC/MD was successful in garnering financial support from AIA, NSPE and ASCE. In the past, ACEC/MD has been the beneficiary of grants from the Minuteman Fund in efforts to: secure infrastructure funding, defeat initiatives to tax professional services, and to uphold the Certificate of Merit law. If your firm currently does not contribute to the Minuteman Fund, please consider doing so by responding to the voluntary invoice included with the dues invoice.



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MEMBER NEWS

EBA ENGINEERING, INC. has announced that their headquarters has been relocated to 6100 Chevy Chase Drive, Suite 200, Laurel, MD 20707-2917; 240.547.1124

The firm also announced that **Robert J. (Joe) Burns, P.E.** has joined the firm's water systems engineering practice overseeing daily operations, as well as managing client relations and business development activities.

ECS MID-ATLANTIC, LLC announces that Corey Nees (CNees@ecslimited.com – 410.859.4300) is the new ACEC/MD representative for the firm.

JAMES POSEY ASSOCIATES has announced that they have awarded the Centennial Engineering Scholarship Grant and Loan to 2016 Dulaney High School graduate Scott Mourning.

MIMAR ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS has announced that they have relocated their Bethesda office to Waterfront Center, 1010 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Suite 560, Washington, DC 20007

PRIME AE GROUP is pleased to welcome the following:

Michael Burgess, PE as Senior Vice President of Midwest Infrastructure Services in the Akron, OH office.

Kevin Saldanha, PE as Senior Highway Engineer and Project Manager in the Baltimore office.

Douglas Roys, PE as Senior Project Manager for Transportation Water Resources in the Baltimore office.

Fernando Rodriguez, PE as Director of Design-Build Highways in the Columbus, OH office. Angela Cremeans, PE, LEED AP as Senior Director of the firm's national MEP practice in the Baltimore office.

Jeffrey Kerr, PE, ENV-S P as Senior Project Manager in the Water/Wastewater practice in the Columbus, OH office.

SKELLY & LOY is pleased to welcome the following: Robert Aeppli has joined the firm's Environmental Services Group as an Environmental Compliance Scientist. Alyssa Lynd, Environmental Scientist, has joined the firm's Environmental Services Group.

Effective August 15, 2016, WHITNEY, BAILEY, COX & MAGNANI, LLC has relocated their Towson office to: 300 East Joppa Road, Suite 200 Baltimore MD 21286

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ACEC/MD 2016 Engineering Excellence Grand Award winning entry by AECOM of the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge

