President’s Message by Jerry Jannetti

I find it hard to believe that it has already been a year since I was elected to serve as your president.

The American Council of Engineering Companies began over 100 years ago in New York City. Engineers came together recognizing that while we competed with one another for work, we also shared common interests. The major issues at that time? Qualifications Based Selections, Rate Caps and Insurance. Not much has changed in over 100 years.

Engineering firms seem continually under attack: the drive to push margins down, the use of rate caps, the application of broad definitions of Principal, and utilizing uninsurable language in government contracts are as important today as they were when the organization was founded. If we are to influence how to protect our collective companies’ interest, we need friends. Friends that understand we have a business to run, that we keep Marylanders employed, and that understand we are not running practices that have exorbitant margins at the taxpayers’ expense.

Last week we had a fund raiser for Senator Joan Carter Conway. She was a friend to our organization this year. I say this year, not because we have a short memory, but because several years ago we tried to move on legislation that may have been too broad regarding limiting liquidated damages from being assessed on Primes that did not meet MBE goals. She was not in favor of our proposed changes and would not work with us. This past year, several ACEC/MD members including Jim Blake, Chuck Philips, Sean McConne lobbied the Senator. We changed the focus slightly, and she became an ally and a supporter of our changes.

We need more allies. To become an ally, we need to share a common purpose. As Chairperson of the Senate’s Health, Education and Environmental Affairs Committee, she thinks of herself and her committee as the “Quality of Life” committee for Maryland.
**President’s Message (continued)**

During my introduction of her at our recent fundraiser, I shared that we are in a similar business. We too are in the “Quality of Life” business. She represents one of the poorest areas of Baltimore City. We are not social workers, and we are not health care professionals. Public health is an issue, as obesity, diabetes, and addiction are real. Crime is an issue, as we all watch or read the news and see the violence that is so prevalent in our urban centers. So, what can we do?

With some of the highest unemployment rates in our state, these areas have some of the highest work commute times. Most require transit, as they cannot afford vehicles. Engineers and planners can make a difference by helping the Senator serve her District. That is how she continues to get elected and that is how we make “friends” that help support our cause.

We need to be careful not to come across as “whining”. We need to be selective on issues to discuss, as the desire to work with us becomes less and less if we are not focused. That is why we asked every committee to pick our top 3-5 issues and simply work on those. Rising above the individual concerns of a company and thinking as an industry must be our continued focus.

Change is certain. This week we will meet on Friday at our annual conference. Change will certainly be what we hear from featured speaker MDOT-SHA Administrator Greg Slater. Change is inevitable. Darwin once said that survival is NOT dependent on being the strongest or the smartest. Survival is dependent on our ability to adapt and change. How our clients deliver their programs will continue to change. How we solve issues/problems will continue to change. While some of the ways we deliver may continue to evolve, some of the key issues affecting our business have not changed in years and we together can focus on defending our business. That is why the issues that ACEC was wrestling with 100 years ago, when it began, are still prevalent today.

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**ACEC/MD Secures Relief From Liquidated Damages**

Working with influential Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee Chair Senator Joan Carter Conway, ACEC/MD was able to gain relief from Liquidated Damages requirements for MBE goal compliance on Indefinite Delivery Contracts. This marked a major step forward in eliminating this onerous provision that has the unintended consequence of hurting not only prime firms, but smaller firms that the law is trying to protect.

As is typical during an election year, the number of bills introduced during the General Assembly was extremely high, with a record 3,101 pieces of legislation being introduced. In addition to the ACEC/MD initiated legislation, important bills passed during the session included the restoration of Higher User Revenue (HUR) to local jurisdictions, funding for the DC Metro, designation of approval authority
for some reservoir and dam projects, and legislation to kick-strt the State Center Redevelopment project. Out of the extremely large number of bills that were introduced, ACEC/MD’s Legislative Committee, chaired by Chuck Phillips (KCI Technologies) reviewed, in detail, almost 240 pieces of legislation, including:

**TRANSPORTATION**

- SB 34 (CF=HB 560) - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Eastern Shore Local Government Consent - Repeal
  - DIED IN COMMITTEE
  - MONITOR

- SB 88 - Prince George’s County - Land Use - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System
  - WITHDRAWN
  - MONITOR

- SB 154 (CF=HB 854) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration
  - DIED IN COMMITTEE
  - MONITOR

- SB 223 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Allocation
  - DIED IN COMMITTEE
  - MONITOR

- SB 277 (CF=HB 372) - Maryland Metro Funding Act
  - PASSED ENROLLED
  - MONITOR

- SB 363 - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition
  - DIED IN COMMITTEE
  - OPPOSE

- SB 407 (CF=HB 535) - Transportation - Complete Streets Program – Establishment
  - PASSED ENROLLED
  - MONITOR

- SB 516 (CF=HB 807) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Distribution
  - PASSED ENROLLED
  - MONITOR

- SB 605 (CF=HB 1405) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration
  - DIED IN COMMITTEE
  - MONITOR

- SB 850 (CF=HB 744) - Transportation - Complete Streets Policy - Adoption
  - PASSED ENROLLED
  - MONITOR

- SB 901 (CF=HB 1569) - Local Infrastructure Fast Track for Maryland Act
  - WITHDRAWN
  - MONITOR
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

SB 906 - Construction of a Highway or County Road - Commercial Property - Access Roads
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

SB 1003 - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System - Limitations
DIED IN COMMITTEE

SB 1004 (CF=HB 637) - Counties - Asset Transfer for High-Speed Transportation System - Hearing and Approval Requirements
DIED IN COMMITTEE

SB 1005 (CF=HB 638) - Counties and Municipalities - Asset Transfer for High-Speed Transportation System - Agreements
DIED IN COMMITTEE

SB 1073 (CF=HB 548) - Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application
DIED IN COMMITTEE

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SB 1236 - Public-Private Partnerships - Transportation Facility Projects - Environmental Impact Statement
DIED IN COMMITTEE

HB 14 - Vehicle Laws - Work Zone Speed Control System - Increased Penalty for Multiple Offenses
UNFAVORABLE SENATE REPORT

HB 69 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Video Toll Civil Penalty - Distribution to the General Fund
UNFAVORABLE REPORT

HB 204 - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Duration of Yellow Signal (4–Second Act)
RETURNED PASSED

HB 232 - Prince George’s County - Asset Transfer for Maglev - Hearing and Approval Requirements PG 402-18
DIED IN COMMITTEE

**MONITOR**

**HOLD**

**RETURNED PASSED**

**UNFAVORABLE REPORT**

**SUPPORT**

**OPPOSE**
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

HB 372 (CF=SB 277) - Maryland Metro Funding Act
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 535 (CF=SB 407) - Transportation - Complete Streets Program - Establishment
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 540 - Labor and Employment - Pre-Tax Transportation Fringe Benefit - Requirement
(Maryland Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit Act)
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
OPPOSE

HB 548 (CF=SB 1073) - Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 560 (CF=SB 34) - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Eastern Shore Local Government Consent - Repeal
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 637 (CF=SB 1004) - Counties - Asset Transfer for High-Speed Transportation System - Hearing and Approval Requirements
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 638 (CF=SB 1005) - Counties and Municipalities - Asset Transfer for High-Speed Transportation System - Agreements
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 744 (CF=SB 850) - Transportation - Complete Streets Policy - Adoption
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 807 (CF=SB 516) - Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Distribution
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 854 (CF=SB 154) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 957 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
OPPOSE

HB 977 - State Highway Administration Neighbor Notification Act
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

HB 1199 - Northern Bay Crossing  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 1332 - Transportation - Francis Scott Key Bridge - Commuter Plan  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1361 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue - Increased Local Share  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1363 - State Roads Commission - Eminent Domain - “Quick Take” Process on Behalf of the Department of Transportation  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 1405 (CF=SB 605) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1569 - Local Infrastructure Fast Track for Maryland Act  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 1641 - Maryland Transportation Public-Private Partnership Oversight Act  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 1742 - Railroad Companies - Magnetic Levitation (MAGLEV) Projects - County Approval  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

SB 89 - Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Zone Advisory Commission and Captive Wildlife Advisory Committee - Repeal  
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 60  
MONITOR

SB 100 - Reservoir, Dam, or Waterway Obstruction Plans - Designation of Approval Authority  
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 63  
SUPPORT

SB 610 (CF=HB 766) - Natural Resources - Forest Conservation Act - Standards and Requirements  
DIED IN HOUSE  
OPPOSE
LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

SB 760 (CF=HB 1692) - Land Use - Solar Electric Generating Facility Siting - Prohibition on Contiguous Parcels of Agricultural Land
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 1006 (CF=HB 1350) - Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding - Construction, Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disclosure
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 766 (CF=SB 610) - Natural Resources - Forest Conservation Act - Standards and Requirements
DIED IN HOUSE
HOLD

HB 939 - Regional Carbon Cost Collection Initiative
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 1055 - State Finance and Procurement - Chesapeake Bay Watershed States - Expenses and Contracts (Quit Polluting My Bay Act of 2018)
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT with Amend.

HB 1155 - Environment - Soil Percolation Tests - Validity
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
SUPPORT

HB 1345 - Sewerage Systems - Residential Major Subdivisions in Tier III and Tier IV Areas
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
SUPPORT

HB 1350 (CF=SB 1006) - Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding - Construction, Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disclosure
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

HB 1390 - Land Use - Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
MONITOR

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

HB 1420 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Nontidal Floodwater
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
SUPPORT
LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)
HB 1591 - Solar Facilities - Siting Standards
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 1692 (CF=SB 760) - Land Use - Solar Electric Generating Facility Siting - Prohibition on Contiguous Parcels of Agricultural Land
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 1826 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Water Quality Certification
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

GENERAL BUSINESS
SB 5 - Civil Actions - Punitive Damage Awards
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 35 - Labor and Employment - Lien for Unpaid Wages - District Court Jurisdiction
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

SB 77 (CF=HB 188) - State Board of Architects and State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - Membership
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 46
SUPPORT

SB 106 (CF=HB 201) - State Board for Professional Engineers - Examination Requirements - Engineer-in-Training
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 48
SUPPORT

SB 134 (CF=HB 99) - Small Business Relief Tax Credit
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

SB 135 (CF=HB 98) - Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 185 (CF=HB 160) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

SB 195 (CF=HB 566) - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2018
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR
LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)
SB 251 (CF=HB 858) - Minority Business Enterprises - Required Regulations - Liquidated Damages Prohibition
RETURNED PASSED
SUPPORT
(ACEC/MD Initiated)

SB 293 (CF=HB 348) - Commonsense Spending Act of 2018
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 380 (CF=HB 1358) - Income Tax Credit - Employers - Eligible Internships
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 415 - Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs - Workgroup to Study Data Collection to Assist Small Businesses
WITHDRAWN
SUPPORT

SB 498 (CF=HB 876) - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Employee-Owned Businesses
DIED IN COMMITTEE
HOLD

SB 893 (CF=HB 1100) - Corporations and Associations - Corporate Records and Electronic Transmissions
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 920 (CF=HB 1046) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Baltimore Museum of Industry
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

SB 948 (CF=HB 1616) - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Minority Business Enterprises – Subcontracting
WITHDRAWN
MONITOR

SB 962 (CF=HB 958) - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services
WITHDRAWN
SUPPORT
(ACEC/MD Initiated)

SB 971 (CF=HB 1241) - Corporations and Associations – Recordation and Filing – Proof of Occupational or Professional License
DIED IN COMMITTEE
Neutral-Requesting Clarification

SB 995 - Corporate Income Tax - Single Sales Factor Apportionment
DIED IN COMMITTEE
HOLD
LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)
SB 1020 (CF=HB 1557) - Procurement - Architectural Services and Engineering Services - Reciprocal Preference
RETURNED PASSED
HOLD

SB 1082 (CF=HB 855) - State Government - Regulations Impacting Small Businesses - Economic Impact Analyses
DIED IN COMMITTEE
HOLD

SB 1090 - Corporate Income Tax - Single Sales Factor Apportionment
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

SB 1121 - Procurement - Small Businesses and Minority Businesses - Qualification and Certification
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

SB 1139 - Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Sale to Nonminority Entity
WITHDRAWN
MONITOR

SB 1160 - Procurement – Subcontractors – Bond Amount
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 1165 (CF=HB 1760) - Procurement – Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation
RETURNED PASSED
SUPPORT

SB 1192 - Baltimore County - Development Impact Fees - Authorization
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 62 - Procurement Contracts - Gender Wage Gap Reporting
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 98 (CF=SB135) - Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

HB 99 (CF=SB 134) - Small Business Relief Tax Credit
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 112 - Procurement - Responsible Bidders - Petition by Member of General Assembly
WITHDRAWN
OPPOSE
GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 160 (CF=SB 185) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 188 (CF=SB 77) - State Board of Architects and State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - Membership
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 45
SUPPORT

HB 201 (CF=SB 106) - State Board for Professional Engineers - Examination Requirements - Engineer-in-Training
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 47
SUPPORT

HB 224 - Procurement - Small Businesses and Minority Businesses - Qualification and Certification
UNFAVORABLE SENATE REPORT
SUPPORT

HB 348 (CF=SB 293) - Commonsense Spending Act of 2018
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
SUPPORT

HB 374 - Personal Property Tax - Exemption for Business Personal Property
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 521 - Income Tax - Research and Development Credit - Small Business Set-Aside
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

HB 566 (CF=SB 195) - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2018
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 705 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
SUPPORT

HB 815 - Calvert County - Procurement - Contracts and Bidding
RETURNED PASSED
SUPPORT

HB 816 - Public-Private Partnership Agreements - Compensation Provisions and Noncompete Clauses - Alterations
RETURNED PASSED
HOLD

HB 818 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT
**Legislative Wrap Up (continued)**

**General Business (continued)**

HB 855 (CF=SB 1082) - State Government - Regulations Impacting Small Businesses - Economic Impact Analyses
Died in Senate Committee

HB 858 (CF=SB 251) - Minority Business Enterprises - Required Regulations - Liquidated Damages Prohibition
Returned Passed
Support
(AEC/MD Initiated)

HB 860 - Income Tax Credit - Individuals Working in STEM Fields - Student Loan Payments
Died in Committee
Support

HB 876 (CF=SB 498) - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Employee-Owned Businesses
Died in Committee
Hold

HB 958 (CF=SB 962) - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services
Withdrawn
Support
(AEC/MD Initiated)

HB 1046 (CF=SB 920) - Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Baltimore Museum of Industry
Unfavorable Report
Support

HB 1100 (CF=SB 893) - Corporations and Associations - Corporate Records and Electronic Transmissions
Unfavorable Report
Support

HB 1108 - State Procurement - Use of Electronic Means to Conduct Procurement
Unfavorable Report
Support

HB 1239 - Labor and Employment - Sexual Harassment - Contractual Waivers
Withdrawn
Monitor

HB 1241 (CF=SB 971) - Corporations and Associations - Recordation and Filing - Proof of Occupational or Professional License or Admission to Bar
Unfavorable Report
Neutral-Requesting Clarification

HB 1262 - Healthy Working Families Act - Enforcement - Modifications (Healthy Working Families Enforcement Consistency Act)
Unfavorable Report
Monitor
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

**GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)**

HB 1358 (CF=SB 380) - Income Tax Credit - Employers - Eligible Internships
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

HB 1471 - Workgroup to Study Design Industry Impacts in Maryland
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
HOLD

HB 1556 - Public-Private Partnerships - Public Notice of Solicitations and Approval of Agreements
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
HOLD

HB 1557 (CF=SB 1020) - Procurement - Architectural Services and Engineering Services - Reciprocal Preference
RETURNED PASSED
HOLD

HB 1597 - Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Application Determinations - Use of Criminal History
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 1705 - Health - Job-Related Drug Testing - Breath Tests for Alcohol
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 1760 (CF=SB 1165) - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation
DIED IN HOUSE
MONITOR

HB 1796 - State Procurement - Service Contracts - Renegotiation
DIED IN COMMITTEE
SUPPORT

**WORKPLACE / HEALTH**

SB 492 (CF=HB 776) - Procurement - Responsible Workforce Development Percentage Price Preference Act
RETURNED PASSED
HOLD

SB 1010 (CF=HB 1596) - Labor and Employment - Sexual Harassment - Contractual Waivers and Reporting Requirements
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR
LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)

WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)
SB 1146 - Public Schools - School Construction - Approval, Design, and Funding
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

HB 776 (CF=SB 492) - Procurement - Responsible Workforce Development Percentage Price Preference Act
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
HOLD

HB 1596 (CF=SB 1010) - Labor and Employment – Sexual Harassment – Contractual Waivers and Reporting Requirements
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES
SB 92 (CF=HB 968) - Maryland School Overcrowding Reduction Act of 2018
PASSED ENROLLED
SUPPORT

SB 258 (CF=HB 77) - Condominiums – Claims Against Developers and Vendors – Unenforceability of Certain Provisions
RETURNED PASSED
MONITOR

SB 377 (CF=HB 512) - Labor and Employment - Pay Scales and Wage History Information
DIED IN COMMITTEE
OPPOSE

SB 614 (CF=HB 1286) - State Center - Redevelopment - Requirements, Participation, and Process
PASSED ENROLLED
MONITOR

SB 1009 (CF=HB 986) - Department of General Services – Bird–Safe Building Standards (Maryland Bird–Safe Buildings Act of 2018)
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 1221 - Public School Construction - Incentive Program and Pilot Program - Established
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 1243 (CF=HB 1783) - 21st Century School Facilities Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR

SB 1249 (CF=HB 1818) - Prince George's County - Reduction in and Exemptions From the School Facilities Surcharge - Sunset Extension
DIED IN COMMITTEE
MONITOR
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

**MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)**

HB 77 (CF=SB 258) - Condominiums - Claims Against Developers and Vendors - Unenforceability of Certain Provisions
RETURNED PASSED

HB 484 - Workers’ Compensation - Average Weekly Wage - Multiple Employers
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
OPPOSE

HB 512 (CF=SB 377) - Labor and Employment – Pay Scales and Wage History Information
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

HB 541 - Labor and Employment – Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box)
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
MONITOR

HB 968 (CF=SB 92) - Maryland School Overcrowding Reduction Act of 2018
RETURNED PASSED

HB 986 (CF=SB 1009) - Department of General Services - Bird-Safe Building Standards (Maryland Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2018)
UNFAVORABLE REPORT

HB 1286 (CF=SB 614) - State Center - Redevelopment - Requirements, Participation, and Process
RETURNED PASSED

HB 1495 - Public School Construction Assessment and Maintenance Reform Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE

HB 1633 - Education - Public School Construction - Contingency Fund
WITHDRAWN

HB 1783 (CF=SB 1243) - 21st Century School Facilities Act

HB 1818 (CF=SB 1249) - Prince George's County - School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges - Maryland Transit Administration Station PG 434-18
DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR
**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (continued)**

Looking ahead to next year, strong consideration is being given to initiating legislation to address the uninsurable indemnification language showing up in some state and local jurisdictions’ contracts; improvements to the certificate of merit law; and QBS for local jurisdiction design services and state construction related services such as surveying. As demonstrated in past General Assembly sessions, with your support through participating in ACEC/MD’s Legislative Action Day and responding to Legislative Alerts, and contributions to CEPAC, we can make a difference in improving the business climate for the engineering profession.

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**MES ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JULY 19TH**

We are pleased to share with you information on the upcoming inaugural Environmental Business Leadership Conference, hosted by the Maryland Environmental Service – July 19, 2018 at the Westin Hotel Annapolis.

This impressive one-day program features a lineup of nearly 40 experts from across many key environmental fields, discussing riveting topics in a dozen business programs and breakout sessions, and networking with industry leaders. Among confirmed speakers are the Secretaries of the Maryland Departments of Environment, General Services, and the Energy Administration, as well as executives from corporate leaders.

Some of the topics being discussed include:

- Environmental Technology
- Dredging & Restoration
- Solid Waste Management & Recycling
- Funding Resources
- Water and Wastewater Operations

Early-bird registration is OPEN NOW, so reserve your spot today and save!

Limited sponsorship opportunities are also available, including four levels, each with added benefits including complimentary registrations.

To view the detailed agenda, see speaker highlights, sponsorship info, and more, please visit https://biz.menv.com

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**Experienced Association Executive Nominated for ACEC Executive Position**

On July 11th, ACEC’s Board of Directors will take action on approving Linda Bauer Darr as the candidate for the position of President and CEO. If selected, she would replace the retiring Dave Raymond, who has been at the helm of ACEC for the past 20 years.

A broadly experienced association executive, Linda spent the last four years as CEO at the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), and was able to bring about positive change and grow the reputation and stature of ASLRRA. Prior to that, Linda led the American Moving & Storage Association (AMSA) as CEO from 2007 – 2014. She also served as Senior Vice President for Policy & Communications at the American Bus Association (ABA) and Vice President for International Affairs at the American Trucking Association (ATA). Between her assignments at ATA and AMSA, she was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where she managed a $50B annual budget. As a side note, Linda started her career working for an engineering company.

Linda is a Washington area native, a graduate of University of Maryland and has completed the Executive Education Program at the Harvard Kennedy School.

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**Annual Golf Outing Draws Near Record Crowd**

Nearly 110 golfers tackled the challenging Greystone Golf Course as part of ACEC/MD’s 51st annual golf tournament. Coming away with top honors, on a picture perfect day, was Paul Slonac (Michael Baker International), who shot an impressive 70. Again, the $20,000 Hole-In-One prize proved elusive, but a good time was had by all. Other notable performances included:

- **2ND LOW GROSS**: Jim Frazier (Michael Baker International) (71)
- **1ST LOW NET**: Tony Frascarrella (Century Engineering) (68)
- **2ND LOW NET**: Jack Branyan (PRIME) (68)
- **3RD LOW NET**: Matt Harrell (WSP) (69)
- **LEAST # OF PUTTS**: Derek Kupferschmidt (McCormick Taylor) (29)
- **MOST # OF PUTTS**: Brian Morgan (57)
- **MEN’S LONGEST DRIVE**: Mike Blair (JMT)
- **LADIES’ LONGEST DRIVE**: Karen Brudis (Brudis & Associates)
- **CLOSEST TO THE PIN**: Sean Pumphrey (10’1”)
- **CLOSEST TO THE PIN**: Jeff Bird (2’9”)

Through the purchase of mulligan, golfers also contributed $875.00 to ACEC/MD’s Scholarship Fund. We would also like to thank both the contributors and bidders that participated in the silent auction, and helped raise $2,115.00 for CEPAC. Mark your calendar for Monday, May 20, 2019, and plan to join your colleagues and friends at ACEC/MD’s 52nd annual tournament.

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A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES (AMT) is pleased to announce the following:
- Murphy Tuomey, Principal/Senior Vice President, has received the ARTBA Women Leaders Ethel S. Birchland Award. This award recognizes “extraordinary efforts of individuals, companies and public agencies that have demonstrated leadership and dedication to innovation in the transportation construction field as well as the promotion of women leaders within the industry”.
- Jim Gordon, P.E. has joined the firm as a Transportation Associate, and will be based in the firm’s future Pittsburgh office.

DEWBERRY recently announced the following:
- Steve Tarallo has joined the firm as an associate vice president and manager of the water/wastewater practice in the firm’s Baltimore office.
- Associate and Senior Project Manager Lisa Betz, P.E., LEED AP+, has been recognized by ENR magazine as a Mid-Atlantic “Top Young Professional” for 2018.
- Department and Project Manager Jessica Seipp, PMP, has been promoted to associate.
- Daniel Anderton, RLA, a landscape architect/planner in the firm’s Rockville office, was promoted to senior associate.
- Meredith Byer, RLA, a landscape architect/planner in the firm’s Rockville office, was promoted to associate.
- Torben Agesen, RLA, a senior project manager in the firm’s Lanham office, was promoted to associate.
- Jennifer Leonard, RLA, LEED AP, a project manager and senior landscape architect in the firm’s Frederick office, was promoted to associate.

LEE & McSHANE, P.C. is excited to announce that the firm has changed its name to MCSHANE PC. Effective this summer, their website address will be www.mcshanepc.com and their email address will transition to the domain @mcshanepc.com. The office and other contact information is unchanged.

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