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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 McCone 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.

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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



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for some reservoir and dam projects, and legislation to kick-start 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  
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## TRANSPORTATION (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

SB 1149 - Appropriations and Public-Private Partnerships - Transit Lines - Three-Station Requirement  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

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

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

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

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

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



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## 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 Transpor-  
 tation 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



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## 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 Require-  
ments  
DIED IN HOUSE  
OPPOSE



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## 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

HB 1408 - Local Jurisdictions – Historic Preservation Standards – Prevention of Lethal and Life-Threatening Nontidal Flooding Historic Ellicott City Workgroup on Preservation & Flooding

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 1420 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Nontidal Floodwater

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT



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## 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



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## 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



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## 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



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## 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



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## GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

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

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

HOLD

HB 858 (CF=SB 251) - Minority Business Enterprises - Required Regulations - Liquidated Damages Prohibition

RETURNED PASSED

SUPPORT

(ACEC/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

(ACEC/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

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## 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

HB 1616 (CF=SB 948) - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Minority Business Enterprises – Subcontracting PG/MC 115-18  
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  
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### 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

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## MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)

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

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

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

OPPOSE

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

SUPPORT

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

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

MONITOR

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

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

HB 1495 - Public School Construction Assessment and Maintenance Reform Act

DIED IN COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 1633 - Education - Public School Construction - Contingency Fund

WITHDRAWN

MONITOR

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

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MONITOR

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



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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 Frascarella (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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*MEMBER NEWS*

**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 B+C* 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 senior 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](http://www.mcshanepc.com) and their email address will transition to the domain [@mcshanepc.com](mailto:@mcshanepc.com). The office and other contact information is unchanged.

**MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL** has relocated their office to: 1306 Concourse Drive, Suite 500, Linthicum, MD 21090-1014  
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**SABRA, WANG & ASSOCIATES, INC.** is pleased to welcome **Tom Hicks, P. E.** to their team as a senior traffic engineer. His experience spans over 50 years.

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