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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Alan Straus*



Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a joyous and relaxing holiday season with family and friends. ACEC/MD continued our tradition of hosting meetings and activities throughout the fall, and our committees are continuing to make progress on our goals for the year.

On November 21st, we officially introduced our 2020 Legislative Agenda at the annual Legislative Breakfast meeting, where we were fortunate to be joined by Senator Christopher West as the featured speaker. Senator West, who represents District 42 in Baltimore County, is the principal Senatorial sponsor of our upcoming Duty to Defend legislation, and he has been a strong supporter of other important legislative priorities of ACEC/MD.

I am glad that so many of our member firms, including some of our newest members, were represented at our annual Holiday Party on December 3rd at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. A General Membership meeting, sponsored by the Fellows Committee, was held on December 19th at the Engineering Society of Baltimore. Our featured speaker, Robert Gleason, Chief Procurement Officer of the new Office of State Procurement, shared some of his lessons learned as the procurement officer in Virginia and his vision for improving the procurement process in Maryland. We look forward to working with him and the procurement leadership in the MDOT Procurement Office. I also had the honor of welcoming two new Fellows to ACEC/MD: Ray Streib, Chairman of the Board of Development Facilitators, Inc. and Stu Taub, Partner at Wallace Montgomery, both of whom have served the engineering community and specifically ACEC/MD for years. I also had the pleasure of congratulating John Nolan on his upcoming retirement. We thank John for his years of service to the engineering community and for serving as the ACEC/MD Program Committee Chair for the past six years. Please join me in thanking John, as we have all come to expect the numerous programs to go off without a hitch. Also, join me in welcoming Kyle Smith as the new Chair of the Program Committee.

On December 16th, ACEC/MD partnered with ACEC/MW in hosting a session in College Park where we heard from MDOT Secretary Pete Rahn and leaders from the MDOT Business Units. The MDOT representatives discussed several projects and priorities, and Pete bid us farewell, as he leaves

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

his post to return to his family in New Mexico. On behalf of ACEC/MD, I thanked Pete for his service to the citizens of Maryland. Following the session, members of the Executive Committees for both MW and MD met to discuss further partnership and joint priorities. Establishing a stronger and more effective partnership with ACEC/MW is one of my top priorities. We share clients and members, so a strong alliance is critical for us to accomplish our goals. I thank ACEC/MW President Rizwan Siddiqi for joining me in strengthening this partnership.

In addition to these programs, our committee representatives continue their work toward their goals by networking and meeting with clients. As examples, ACEC/MD committees have met with DGS, MDOT, UMCP, the Baltimore City Department of Public Works, several County leaders and the Public Service Commission. Specifically related to our meetings with MDOT, we continue to evolve our working groups to tackle issues related to contract, procurement deadline, and sequencing and workload issues. We will continue to stay diligent in fostering a strong and productive partnership with MDOT and our many area clients. These and other meetings with our client base are critical to gathering information for our members on clients' priorities, projects and procurements, as well as establishing and continuing a dialogue of business initiatives and issues that affect our firms.

With the 2020 legislative session upon us, we will continue to see some changes in leadership and membership in the Maryland General Assembly. With the passing of long-time House Speaker Michael Busch and the stepping down of Senate President, Mike Miller, we are witnessing the most significant level of change in decades. This gives us the opportunity to work with new leadership and membership at all levels in both chambers.

Our work with Maryland legislators on key issues facing our industry remains one of our principal activities. This legislative session will be no different as we champion our agenda, which includes provisions to limit engineering companies' uninsurable Duty to Defend indemnity clauses, protection and enhancement of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) provisions, and adequate Certificate of Merit provisions. We continue to prepare for the legislative session by attending legislators' fundraisers and functions to discuss our key priorities. Where possible, we are also meeting with key legislators, such as Delegate Luke Clippenger (D-District 46 Baltimore City), Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, to delve deeper into the legislative issues, most notably Duty to Defend. Please join us for our Legislative Action Day in Annapolis on January 30th. We always need more volunteers to meet with legislators.

As we continue to see change in our industry, ACEC/MD is evolving to stay on the forefront of the issues and needs of our member firms. We are a strong organization, with influence in the industry, strengthening partnerships with our clients and providing meaningful and informative programs. Again, Happy New Year, and I look forward to a productive and safe new year.

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## ACEC/MD ROLLS OUT 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

ACEC/MD officially kicked off the 2020 political season on November 21st at the organization's annual Legislative Breakfast. At this event, we were pleased to welcome featured speaker Senator Chris West (R-42), who serves on the Judicial Proceedings Committee, and has once again agreed to be the lead sponsor on ACEC/MD's Duty to Defend legislation. The Business Agenda for the General Assembly Session, that convenes on January 8th, was also rolled out that features modified Duty to Defend legislation that ties the duty to a court determined proximate cause of damages; Certificate of Merit legislation that allows the court to determine reasonable discovery; and educational information on the importance of using Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) when federal or state funds are used for design projects.



During his remarks, Senator West, a moderate pro-business Republican, encouraged attendees to get involved in the political process and ensure that their voices are heard above the far right and far left that dominate the news headlines. He also described the serious financial burden associated with running for office and encouraged support for CEPAC.

### ACEC/MD 2020 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA

#### *DUTY TO DEFEND – EQUITY AND FAIRNESS*

**WHAT IS THE ISSUE?** Many states are recognizing the need to protect design professionals from unnecessary and uninsurable contracting risk. In Maryland, some modifications to statutory language will be needed to ensure the obligation to indemnify and pay defense costs for claims involving architectural and engineering projects are fairly allocated to the responsible party/parties.

#### **WHY ARE THESE CHANGES IMPORTANT?**

- Currently, design professionals could be held responsible for paying for another party's negligence, through no fault of their own. Small businesses could be bankrupted from resulting expenses without any fault.
- By clarifying statutory language, there is reduced risk of escalating costs to cover additional business risk that is not insurable.
- Other states have added similar protections for design professionals to their statutes.

**Legislative Action Required** - Amend Section 5-401 of the Courts and Judicial Proceeding Article, Annotated Code of MD to void an upfront duty to defend and make indemnification unenforceable unless the design professional is the proximate cause of the injury/ loss/damage. This would fairly assign liability to the responsible party.

#### **FACTS:**

**CURRENT LAW** - Makes it against public policy for certain construction related contracts to require one party to indemnify and/or defend another party against claims for bodily injury or property damage, if the injury or damage is caused by the sole negligence of the party seeking to enforce the contract obligation.

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## *2020 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA (CONTINUED)*

### *DUTY TO DEFEND – EQUITY AND FAIRNESS (continued)*

#### Limitations on existing law:

- Only applies to scenarios where the party seeking indemnification is solely (100%) at fault for its own injuries. It does not extend to issues of joint/concurrent negligence – in many cases, there are multiple contributing factors and concurrent fault of multiple parties.
- One party may be required to pay all of the damages despite limited actual responsibility.
- Only applies to claims of bodily injury and property damage – silent as to economic losses / purely financial injury.

#### PROPOSED BILL

Focuses on “proximate” cause – making an indemnification obligation unenforceable and against public policy if the party seeking to be indemnified is the “proximate cause” of their own injury/damage.

Adds further limitation for contracts with design professionals:

- A design professional can not be required to assume an upfront duty to defend, or to pay legal fees and defense costs, for another party prior to disposition of the claim
- However, an otherwise enforceable indemnity provision may include reimbursement and recovery of reasonable attorneys’ fees and defense costs where the design professional is determined to be the proximate cause of the claimed loss or damage.

#### PROXIMATE CAUSE

- Cause that is legally sufficient to result in liability
- Beyond proving actual cause in fact (i.e., the injuries/damage would not have occurred but for the negligent act or omission), “proximate cause” requires additional considerations such as foreseeability (i.e., whether injuries were a foreseeable result of the negligent conduct) and superseding acts or events, to establish the basis for liability.

### *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – PROTECTIVE ORDER*

**WHAT IS THE ISSUE?** When a claim for damages is filed involving a professional architect, engineer or surveyor, the claimant must obtain a “Certificate of Merit,” prepared by a “qualified expert” (engineer) who can certify that the professional contributed to the claimant’s loss or injury by failing to meet the legal requirement for an “applicable standard of professional care.”

To obtain a certificate, the claimant is entitled to access documentary evidence provided by the professional that would be otherwise discoverable, if the documentary evidence meets the legal requirement “reasonably necessary in order to obtain a certificate of a qualified expert.” When the claimant cannot obtain a certificate, the claim is dismissed.

**Legislative Action Required** - Amend Section 3-2C-02 (b) (2) of the Annotated Code of MD to:

1. Allow a defendant to petition the court to limit the documentary evidence required

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## *2020 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA (CONTINUED)*

### *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – PROTECTIVE ORDER (continued)*

#### Legislative Action Required (continued)

to be disclosed for a "Certificate of Merit." The justification for limiting the disclosure of documentation would be protecting the defendant from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense.

2. Require the court to review the request and, upon a finding of good cause, grant a protective order specifying the documentary evidence that the defendant must provide to the claimant.

3. The action to date - sponsors Sen. Robert Cassilly, D-34 and Del. Susan McComas D-34 have sponsored pre-filled bills for hearings in the 2020 General Assembly Session.

**WHY ARE THESE CHANGES IMPORTANT?** While the evidence to be obtained via discovery is to be examined by an expert [engineer], the decision about what information to request will often be made by the claimant's attorney, possibly before the expert has been assigned. The claimant's attorney will often request information that exceeds the legal requirement "reasonably necessary to obtain a certificate of merit from the qualified expert."

In some situations, an engineering firm with minimal or no connection to the injury or loss may be overwhelmed by costly and burdensome demands for unwarranted documentation that must be reviewed by an attorney, copied and compiled for submission to the claimant's attorney within 30 days.

### *QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (QBS)*

Both federal and Maryland state procurements use a Qualifications Based Selection method to procure professional design services for their projects.

**WHAT IS THE ISSUE?** In the interest of public safety, both the federal and state government long ago mandated Qualifications Based Selection as the method to select architects and engineers. Federal and state funds are used by many local jurisdictions for infrastructure projects. Some of these jurisdictions are using a low bid system to select design services related to these initiatives.

#### WHY ARE THESE CHANGES IMPORTANT?

- Qualifications Based Selection leads to higher quality services on public infrastructure projects. Quality professional engineering services are in the best interests of public safety.
- QBS ensures that the most qualified team is selected for the work.
- It provides for consideration of all teams based on past performance.
- Selecting the most qualified firm likely results in better design and construction savings.

**Legislative Action Required** - Pass legislation that requires all local jurisdictions in Maryland to use the QBS process to select professional design firms when federal or State funds are used to pay for the services.

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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (QBS) (continued)

#### WHY A LEGISLATIVE INTEREST?

- Important issue among Architectural/ Engineering Firms.
- State legislators can encourage local jurisdiction to advertise through QBS process projects.

Be sure to mark your calendar for January 30th, and plan to join your colleagues at ACEC/MD's Legislative Action Day in Annapolis. The day commences with targeted visitations in the morning followed by the annual CEPAC luncheon. To ensure that our elected officials hear from their constituents, we really need everyone's participation.



## LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Visitations 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Luncheon 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle, Annapolis

(You can avoid the parking hassle by parking at the stadium lot on Rowe Blvd. and taking the shuttle into Annapolis.)

With the dramatic turnover in the leadership of the General Assembly, the upcoming session shapes up to be another challenging one. This is the perfect opportunity to educate your elected officials on important issues that impact your firm, such as:

- Tying the Duty to Defend requirement to the party that is the "proximate" cause of the claimed loss or damage.
- The importance of sustainable infrastructure funding.
- The importance of local jurisdictions using the QBS process when federal or state dollars are used to pay for services.
- Expanding Certificate of Merit protection by requiring court-determined reasonable discovery.

The cost is \$75.00 per person. Register online at [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org).

IMPORTANT: With each registration, PLEASE include the registrant's legislative district and the legislative district for the firm, and if you plan to participate in the visitations with the legislators. Contact the ACEC.MD office for registration information.

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ACEC/MD Legislative Action Day schedule:

8:30-11:30AM – Targeted Legislative Visitations

11:30AM-1:30PM – Annual CEPAC Luncheon, Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle

1:30-3:00PM – Executive Committee Meeting
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NEW FEDERAL BUDGET BOOSTS CHESAPEAKE BAY FUNDING

By Timothy B. Wheeler, Bay Journal

Federal funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts is in line for a boost in the big spending package passed by Congress.

Increased Bay-related funding is included in a pair of appropriations bills totaling nearly \$1.4 trillion that were agreed upon by delegations from the House and Senate to fund most federal agencies through Sept. 30, 2020, the end of this budget year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program, which guides the overall restoration work throughout the six-state watershed, will get \$85 million, the most it's ever received.

That's a 16% increase over what the program received annually from Congress for the last five years. It's also almost \$78 million more than the Trump White House had asked for this year. That request would have resulted in a nearly 90% cut to the Bay Program budget.

"We fought hard for this investment, and I'm pleased that this effort succeeded, despite the Administration's continued attempts to slash this funding," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

Kristin Reilly, director of the Choose Clean Water Coalition, which represents more than 240 groups in the Chesapeake watershed, called the increased Bay Program funding "a great victory for clean water."

"As the 2025 deadline approaches to have all programs and practices in place to restore water quality," she said, "continued investment by the federal government in the Bay Program will pay huge dividends not only for the environmental benefits, but also to communities and local economies throughout the watershed."

How it is to be spent:

A joint House-Senate report accompanying the spending package specifies how much of EPA's enlarged Bay Program budget is to be spent.

It directs the agency to distribute two \$9 million grant programs to states, local governments and nonprofit groups — one for restoration efforts in small Bay tributary watersheds and the other for "innovative" nutrient and sediment reduction projects.

The report also stipulates that watershed states should get another \$6 million for targeted pollution prevention or cleanup in places where science indicates it will do the most good. Congress approved increased spending on the Bay in other agency budgets as well.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers saw its budget grow, and at least some of that money could go to projects in the Bay. The Corps got \$100 million, double the level in fiscal year 2019, for environmental restoration and protection, including \$25 million for programs with a comprehensive restoration plan.

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NEW FEDERAL BUDGET BOOSTS CHESAPEAKE BAY FUNDING (CONTINUED)

Congress also set aside \$5 million in the Corps budget for oyster restoration, with reef reconstruction in the Bay specifically recommended in the conference report. Reef restoration in Maryland's Tred Avon River has been largely on hold after federal funding ran out.

Finally, Corps funding more than doubled, from \$8.1 million in fiscal year 2019 to \$17.3 million this year, for expanding Poplar Island near Tilghman Island. The Corps is working with the Maryland Port Administration to rebuild the disappearing island using material dredged from Bay shipping lanes leading to Baltimore harbor.

The U.S. Geological Survey also received a \$2 million boost, bringing to \$14.85 million the funding it's to have for ecosystem science and monitoring work in the Bay watershed.

Finally, the National Park Service got a 50% increase for its Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, a collection of more than 170 sites around the region where the public can connect with the natural and cultural heritage of the Bay. Joel Dunn, President and CEO of the nonprofit Chesapeake Conservancy, said the \$3 million appropriation marks the first time the program has received the full amount authorized by Congress. Great news

Ann Swanson, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, called all the spending increases "pretty great news." "It really reflects the national significance of our world-class restoration work," Swanson said. "This new infusion of money will let us lead by example."

Funding likewise increased for several nationwide federal programs that do some work in the Bay watershed. Among them:

- The operations budget of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, which assists farmers and ranchers in reducing their environmental impacts, increased by more than \$10 million, to \$829 million.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Sea Grant College Program saw a \$7 million increase from last year, to \$87 million for this budget year. The university-based national network supports scientists and other experts working to improve the conservation, management and use of coastal resources.

Also, in a move that could presage even more federal dollars going to Chesapeake restoration in the future, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee agreed on separate legislation to authorize an increase in Bay Program funding to \$92 million a year. Committee member Van Hollen teamed up with fellow member and Maryland senior senator, Ben Cardin (D), to push to raise the spending ceiling.

The committee also passed two other Bay-related measures sponsored by the Maryland senators. One, called the Chesapeake WILD Act, would have the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service award grants to underwrite Bay conservation efforts. The other would reauthorize the Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails program. Those measures would require approval from the full Senate and from the House to become law.

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## *ACEC/MD HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL STEM FESTIVAL*

As you know, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) jobs are growing at a fast pace, yet U.S. colleges and universities are not producing enough graduates in the required fields. Recognizing the fact that the decision to pursue a STEM-related career is often made during the critical middle and high school years, when students begin to focus on more challenging math and science coursework, ACEC/MD hosted a Maryland STEM Festival event on November 6th to offer students the opportunity to explore different engineering careers.

ACEC/MD Career Outreach Committee Chair Kevin Permisohn (WSP) kicked off the event with a fun, motivational keynote presentation that included prizes for successfully answering engineering related trivia questions. Kevin's presentation was followed by displays and presentations that offered both inspiration and education. For the first time, this year's program also featured a mentoring station, where professionals took time out to converse with students about their career paths to not only engineering careers but non-four year degree programs that employ individuals that work for our member firms.

Over 100 Baltimore area high school students participated in this event, and we would like to thank the following firms and their employees for making the event a huge success:

- Construction Management and Inspection (MDOT SHA and AMT)
- Stormwater (Brudis & Associates)
- Traffic Engineering (Sabra & Associates)
- Highway Design (Century)
- Water Resources (JMT)
- Mentoring (JMT)
- Planning (RK&K)
- Natural Resources (WSSI)
- Structures (Wallace Montgomery)
- Sustainability (Straughan)
- Geographic Information Systems (WSP)
- Event debrief (Specialized Engineering and Straughan)

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ACEC/MD OFFERING AWARDS PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) is pleased to offer interested firms the opportunity to cosponsor the ACEC/MD Awards Banquet. This annual event recognizes all finalists in our Engineering Excellence Awards Program, along with the recipients of the President's Award, the Young Professional of the Year Award, Community Service Award, and the ACEC/MD and Kahl Scholarships. This banquet will be held at the historic Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Member firms, suppliers to the industry, and other interested parties are invited to participate in this celebration by co-sponsoring the event. Included in this sponsorship are:

- Recognition on a sign board posted at the event.
- Acknowledgement in the March-April, 2020 ACEC/MD Newsletter.
- Color advertisement in the February 27, 2020 event program.

The investment for sponsoring this event is only:

Platinum - inside front or back cover (portrait-6½" high x 4½" wide)* - \$1,000.00

Gold - full page vertical ad (portrait-6½" high x 4½" wide)* - \$500.00

Silver - ½ page horizontal ad (horizontal-3½" high x 4½" wide)* - \$250.00

Bronze Business card ad* - (horizontal-2" high x 3½" wide)* - \$100.00

(Please note: Platinum and Gold ads must be portrait; Silver and Bronze ads must be landscape.)

* Ad must adhere to the layout and size requirements; otherwise ACEC/MD is not responsible for the appearance.

To take advantage of this opportunity, email ad (MUST BE .jpg-200dpi minimum or .eps format; color or black & white) to acecmd@aol.com, and mail a check for the level of sponsorship desired to the ACEC/MD office, 312 North Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21201, by the close of business on January 23, 2020. For further information, please contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592.

We hope that you will join us in this celebration of "excellence in engineering," and at the same time take advantage of this chance to promote your company's name.

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## *ACEC/MD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS*

ACEC/MD is pleased to announce that nominees are being sought for both the 2020 Community Service Award and 2020 Young Professional of the Year Award. As indicated by recent ACEC award winners Kunal Gangopadhyay (EBA) and Chuck Phillips (KCI) Community Service and Stephanie Kunkel (JMT) Young Professional of the Year, many of our firms' employees are being recognized nationally for doing exciting and important work both for their companies and in the community. Look around your firm and be sure to get the recognition that is richly deserved for these individuals.

### **2020 ACEC/MD Community Service Award Nominees Wanted**

ACEC/MD is once again looking for employees of member firms that have made significant contributions to their communities by volunteering their time and expertise. These individuals have enhanced the quality of life for all of us, and we would like to recognize their efforts.

The criteria for the award along with an application is available at [acecmd.org](http://acecmd.org). Please note that only the official ACEC/MD representative of a member firm may submit candidates. However, a representative from one member firm may nominate a representative from another member firm.

The deadline for entries in the ACEC/MD competition is January 8, 2020. The entry must include the ACEC/MD Nomination Certification below and ACEC Nomination Form. To be eligible for the competition, you must send your entry electronically to [acecmd@acecmd.org](mailto:acecmd@acecmd.org); or mail it to the ACEC/MD office, 312 North Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21201, by January 8, 2020. The winner in the ACEC/MD competition will be forwarded to ACEC for consideration in their competition later in the year.

### **Call for Nominations for the 2020 ACEC/MD Young Professional of the Year Award Competition**

The American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland is once again soliciting candidates for the 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year Award. This award recognizes the accomplishments of our young engineers by highlighting their interesting and unique work, and the resulting impact on society.

Your nominee must enter the ACEC/MD competition to be eligible to participate in the national competition. The 2020 ACEC/MD award will be honored at ACEC/MD's Awards Banquet February 27, 2020.

The 2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year award information is posted on ACEC/MD's website ([www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org)) as well as ACEC's website. You can download the application from ACEC's website ([www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org)). The 2020 national winners will be recognized during the 2020 Fall Conference in Chicago.

All nominations must be submitted electronically directly to the ACEC/MD office ([acecmd@acecmd.org](mailto:acecmd@acecmd.org)) no later than January 8, 2020. Please note that nominations will not be accepted directly to ACEC from member firms. Contact the ACEC/MD office if you have any questions.

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NEW MEMBER

The following firm has been elected to membership in ACEC/MD:

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STRUCTURA, INC.

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Baltimore, MD 21201

Rep.: Jason Dreher, PE#36484 (jdreher@structura-inc.com)

Phone: 301-987-9234; FAX: 301-987-9237

Website: <http://www.structura-inc.com>

Brief History and Activities provided by the Firm: Structura, Inc., founded in 1988, is a structural engineering consulting firm focused on the design and rehabilitation of building structures. For more information, please go to www.structura-inc.com.

We welcome this firm as a member of ACEC/MD. Be sure to add their information to your records. The next time you see one of their representatives, please take the time to let them know we're glad that they have joined the Council!

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## *MEMBER NEWS*

**SKELLY AND LOY** recently announced that **John Harry Frank** has been promoted to GIS Supervisor at the firm.

**SUYASH CONSULTING** recently changed their address to:

4016 Arjay Circle

Ellicott City, MD 21042

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

January 22-23, 2020 27th Annual MDQI Conference
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore
Go to www.mdqi.org for more information.

January 23, 2020 MDSPE Awards Night
The Engineers Club, Baltimore
Includes recognition of ACEC and ACEC/MD Past President Terry Neimeyer, P.E. as recipient of Icon of Industry Award.
To register, contact Melissa@mdspe.org.

February 11-13, 2020 Virginia Department of Transportation 53rd Annual
Mid-Atlantic Quality Assurance Workshop
Registration and Hotel Information can be found at
www.midatlanticqaw.com

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*UPCOMING ACEC/MD EVENTS*

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**LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY & LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON**

January 30, 2020  
 Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle, Annapolis

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 8:30-11:30AM – Targeted Legislative Visitations  
 11:30AM-1:30PM – Annual CEPAC Luncheon, Governor Calvert House  
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Awards Banquet / General Membership Meeting

February 27, 2020
 The Engineers Club
 11 West Mount Venon Place, Baltimore

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For more information on these, and other events, please contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592, [acecmd@acecmd.org](mailto:acecmd@acecmd.org), or go to [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org).

Mark your calendar and to plan to attend!

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