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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Tony Frascarella, P.E.*



As I close out my year as President, I want to thank all the people who have given me support throughout the year; the Executive Committee, Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members and most importantly, Jim and Barb. Without everyone's support, it would be impossible for ACEC/MD to accomplish what it does for our members.

In my previous President's message, I detailed the Biden Administration's Jobs Plan, which put forth a robust \$2.3 trillion infrastructure investment program. This was soon countered by the GOP with the Republican Roadmap, which offered a pared-down infrastructure plan totaling \$568M to be spent over five years. A \$1.2 trillion compromise Bipartisan plan, introduced in mid-June by ten Democrat and ten Republican senators, is now gaining momentum and has been endorsed by President Biden. This plan calls for \$580 billion of new spending over current levels in highways and bridges, water, broadband, power, environmental, and resilience. In addition, the House is moving forward to authorize an additional \$715 billion investment for Transportation Reauthorization and three water bills. As our industry continues to feel the debilitating impact of reductions in engineering expenditures in the Transportation Trust Fund, the funding these bills would provide for Maryland is sorely needed.

Accordingly, our political advocacy continued over the last two months when representatives of ACEC/MD attended, in conjunction with ACEC's National Conference, virtual meetings with a number of Maryland's Congressional Representatives and Senators. Our message was very clear: 1) Fix the PPP FAR credits clause and 2) vote YES for Infrastructure Stimulus funding and Transportation Reauthorization. ACEC will follow the developments of these bills and send legislative alerts on key measures. Each of us should be ready to respond to our congressional representatives promoting passage of these bills.

On our local event front, the ACEC/MD Governmental Golf Outing at Greystone Golf Course took place on May 3rd and over 100 members and guests were in attendance. Money was raised for the ACEC/MD scholarship program through mulligan sales and the 'virtual' Silent Auction generated approximately \$2,500 for CEPAC. The Spring Environmental Forum was held on May 20th and it was a tremendous success.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

The forum included presentations on environmental policy from the Environmental Policy Innovation Center and a four-person panel comprised of state and county leaders discussing the latest MS4 conditions. Lastly, on June 24th, an abridged one-day Annual Conference was held at the B&O Railroad Museum. My final duties as President on that day included presiding over the last ACEC/MD General Membership meeting of my term. I had great pleasure recognizing the 34 young professionals who completed the 2021 Leadership Class. Also at the meeting, ACEC Chair-Elect Art Barrett swore in the new officers. I had the satisfaction of turning over the gavel to incoming President Sean McCone, who I am confident will successfully lead ACEC/MD through the upcoming year.

I have emphasized this before, but participation by member firms is what makes our organization so effective. So again, I want to continue to encourage member firm representatives to get involved with an ACEC/MD committee. This is the best way to get the most value from your membership. We need your help and support to continue to make a difference. I would also like to say participation from our younger members is vitally important for ACEC/MD to grow as an effective organization, especially for those younger professionals who have gone through our Leadership Class. There will be a renewed effort to have our younger members participate in and add value to all of our committees going forward. As we head into FY22, review the opportunity to participate on a committee. It makes all the difference.

Even though we have endured the difficult effects from the COVID pandemic to our organization and business activities throughout the entire past year, I have enjoyed and been honored to be your President during this trying period. I look forward to working with all the new leaders of ACEC/MD as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, and I am anxious to see many of you throughout the upcoming year!

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## *ACEC/MD'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION*

In addition to our efforts with the Together for Transportation Funding (TTF) Coalition, a major focus in the interim is getting the Duty to Defend legislation across the finish line. Working with Affiliate Member Jonathan Shoemaker (Lee & Shoemaker) and AIA/Maryland, ACEC/MD's Legislative Committee is developing a strategy to gain the necessary votes in the Senate Judicial Proceedings and House Judiciary committees.

To improve the chances for a successful vote in the House and Senate in 2022, we are working on a number of initiatives that will strengthen the support of the bill and overcome the resistance from the Office of the Attorney General. In the near future, with the assistance of bill sponsor Delegate Jon Cardin, we plan to meet with the Lt. Governor to request his support for this legislation, which is consistent with the instruction included in the Report of the Commission to Modernize State Procurement,

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## *ACEC/MD'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (CONTINUED)*

which he chaired. In particular, the Report supports this legislation with instructions such as the following: *Limitation of Liability and Indemnification* -"State procurement law does not require vendors to be contractually liable to the State without limitation..."

As you know, many professional design firms are small, minority or women owned businesses. Whether they are pursuing work on their own or working as a team member as a subconsultant, these onerous contract clauses place their business in financial jeopardy. To date, ACEC has been unable to identify any firms that have been put out of business due to this situation, but the possibility could preclude qualified firms from participating on projects. Because the procurement agencies control the available work, firms are faced with a "choice" of accepting these clauses or go without work needed to sustain their firms and employees.

Since the majority of lawsuits are settled out of court, at a minimum, we are requesting that firm representatives identify occurrences when the design professional was forced to pay for this unreasonable duty to defend. If you could assist, we would very much appreciate any input that you might have.

At least nine other states including California, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Virginia have already passed legislation to address this concern with good results: [The Fiscal Note on HB 213](#) was clear and unambiguous in assuring the General Assembly that "The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State (or local government) finances or operations... and will have a meaningful [positive] effect on businesses.

In case you missed the summary of the 2021 General Assembly session distributed in a previous email, please see the [2021 ACEC/MD Legislative Session Summary](#).

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ACEC'S EFFORTS RESULT IN FAVORABLE PPP FAR AMENDMENT

ACEC was successful in getting a favorable PPP amendment included in the "Manager's Amendment" to HR 3684, the INVEST in America Act. ACEC's PPP language seeks to limit the application of the credit to federal dollars in contract payments only and prevent State DOTs from applying the FAR provision to state-funded contracts. The amendment was just adopted, and final passage of the bill is expected to occur on July 1st.

This is a step forward, but ACEC remains focused on building support for a more complete fix by waiving the FAR provision altogether. Good support from lawmakers in the House is being realized in this effort - including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD). The focus going forward will shift back to the Senate as they work to bring a surface transportation bill to the floor for consideration in July. Good inroads with Senate offices have already been made, and work is ongoing to line up sponsors of an amendment to secure a full waiver.

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## THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2021-2022

### Deadline Extended to July 9th

Newly elected ACEC/MD President Sean McCone (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson) is in the process of staffing committees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

If you or an employee of your firm is interested in serving on one of the many committees helping to shape the business environment in which your firm operates, please contact the ACEC/MD office.

ACEC/MD's Committees are the backbone of the organization, and we very much appreciate your interest in supporting our efforts.

PLEASE NOTE that even if you served on a committee during the current fiscal year, you must advise ACEC/MD of your continued interest in serving on that committee.

See below for a complete description of committees.



## 2021-2022 COMMITTEES

### *Committees – Client Facing*

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The newly named Transportation 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 Transportation Committee shall maintain contact with MDOT 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.

Workgroups with partners from MDOT: Each committee member will be assigned a work group or two, and each workgroup should have representation from the SBE and Young Professional Committees.

- Alternative Delivery
- Construction Services
- Procurement
- Finance/Contract Management
- PRD Procedures and Practices
- CADD/IT/ProjectWise

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

*(Committees - Client-Facing - continued)*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Local 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 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 also name two to four members to participate on the ACEC/Metropolitan Washington Maryland Municipal Committee that covers Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The committee shall report to the ACEC/MD Executive Committee on relevant matters.

The QBS Facilitator function should liaise with other committees to advocate for the protection and expansion of QBS to using agencies, jurisdictions, the design profession and general public.

### BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between ACEC/MD and clients in the facilities arena, including but not limited to: the Maryland State Department of General Services, the autonomous university and county school systems in the state, health care, institutional, municipal, private sector MEP-type clients, and related architectural-engineering professions. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored by the committee.

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 inter-professional organizations.

### USACE PARTNERING / FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The committee is tasked with pursuing the goals outlined in the partnering agreement with the USCOE originated on June 21, 1993 and 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, US Army Corps of Engineers, General Services Administration and the Veteran's Administration.

### UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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.

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

### *Committees – Legislative and Advocacy*

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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's 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.

#### POLITICAL ACTION (CEPAC) COMMITTEE

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.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee is charged with maintaining ACEC/MD's website, and fostering public awareness of the activities of ACEC/MD and the profession through attendance at related community and civic affair activities, assisting the Community Outreach Committee, and representation in various media to effectively communicate the contributions of ACEC/MD member firms and the profession to society. The 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.

### *Committees – ACEC/MD Operations and Programs*

#### AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

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.

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

*(Committees – ACEC/MD Operations and Programs - continued)*

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 COMMITTEE

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, ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

The Committee is charged with obtaining presentations for 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, in conjunction with the Executive Director, is also responsible for arranging the Annual Conference/Meeting at a site to be determined.

The Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Director, shall also be charged with continuing ACEC/MD's annual Golf Outing, involving as many participants as possible from ACEC/MD member firms, and continuing to invite as guests members of the legislature, local governments and large corporations.

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

### *Committees – Centers of Excellence*

#### **BUSINESS FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Human Resources (HR) 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. The mission of the committee is to assist member firms by remaining up-to-date on the topics of recruiting and hiring, training, health and safety, employee relations, 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 Committee shall meet regularly to share information with member firms on topics of interest. This is accomplished by inviting guest speakers to attend committee meetings. The committee shall contribute articles to the ACEC/MD newsletter, as well as, providing timely information at periodic General Membership Meetings.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

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.

#### **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

*(Committees – Centers of Excellence - continued)*

*(Environmental Committee - continued)*

provides liaison with regulatory agencies to ensure a cooperative spirit between the environmental practitioners of member firms and the respective agency. The Committee shall maintain appropriate contact with the environmental departments of private/public organizations who regularly procure services from member firms and monitor a wide range of pending environmental legislation/regulations impacting the engineering profession. Meetings will be held monthly between September and May. To avoid duplication and confusion by clients, where appropriate, committee activities should be coordinated with other committees and the Executive Committee. The Committee is also responsible for planning and program development for the annual Spring Environmental Forum.

### SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) COMMITTEE

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:

- Provide a forum to promote small business development and success through workshops, roundtables, a web site, or other potential communications.
- Meet with public agencies to discuss small business issues.
- Participate in small business events and workshops with the Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI).
- Promote the use of Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program for engineering work.
- Provide coordination for prime/DBE matchmaking events for MDOT and other agencies.
- Provide a forum to address MBE/DBE issues, as needed.

To avoid duplication and confusion by clients, where appropriate, committee activities should be coordinated with other committees and the Executive Committee.

### *Committees – Industry Liaison and Coordination*

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Community Outreach 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, and 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.

The Committee is also charged with cooperating with the umbrella committee sponsored by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers and Engineering Society of Baltimore to further interest in general fields of engineering. This committee should publicize to the community the contributions of consulting engineering for the benefit and welfare of mankind.

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## *ACEC/MD 2021-2022 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

*(Committees – Industry Liaison and Coordination - continued)*

### YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Young Members Committee shall strive to:

- Increase participation of young members (under 40)
- Promote growth and inclusion
- Foster opportunities for professional development
- Recruit ACEC/MD's Leadership Class participants to join all appropriate committees
- Develop new outreach campaigns aimed at younger members

To support activities and gain understanding and mentorship, Committee members should be assigned membership or liaison responsibilities with other ACEC/MD committees.

If you haven't sent in your interest to serve on a committee(s), do it now!

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ACEC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REPORT

As we continue to work with our federal elected officials to gain passage of long-term sustainable infrastructure funding, ACEC's Steve Hall, Senior Vice President for Advocacy, has provided the following snapshot of the impact of the \$1.2-trillion bipartisan agreement, as follows:

I wanted to share with you a timely [study](#) that examines the impact of various infrastructure spending scenarios, which builds on the work of the ACEC Research Institute in its 2021-2025 Engineering Industry Forecast. This latest study outlines the impact to our industry of the President's Jobs plan, the initial Republican counteroffer, and then compared those to the framework of the bipartisan Senate proposal announced last week.

In short, the ACEC study estimates that the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan agreement would create more than 82,000 full and part-time jobs in engineering and design services industries, generate \$62 billion in A/E industry wages and add \$75 billion to GDP. Overall, the proposal would lead to a 6% average annual increase in engineering and design services sector activity over the next six years, pushing annual output from \$352 billion in 2021 to \$416 billion by 2026.

The timing of this work couldn't be better, as it speaks directly to the framework that will be guiding the Administration and Congress in the coming weeks. Please continue your efforts to contact your members of Congress, and let them know how important it is that they take action now!

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## *A&G'S MATT GOUGH TAKES THE CUP IN THIS YEAR'S GOLF OUTING*

As ACEC/MD emerged from the devastating impact of COVID 19, naturally, the first in-person event was the organization's 53rd annual Golf Outing. Under overcast skies, over 100 golfers tackled the challenging Greystone Golf Course. Coming out on top this year was Matt Gough (Ames & Gough), who shot an impressive 69. The second handicap hole was used to break the tie with Justin Klein (Klein Agency), our last tournament winner.



Other notable performances included:

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| 2ND LOW GROSS | Justin Klein (Klein Agency) - 69            |
| 1ST LOW NET   | Hank Pokigo (Hardesty & Hanover) - 67       |
| 2ND LOW NET   | Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering) - 67 |
| 3RD LOW NET   | Jack Branyan (PRIME AE Group) - 68          |

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| LEAST # OF PUTTS | Matt Gough (Ames & Gough) - 27    |
| MOST # OF PUTTS  | Mike Brown (EBA Engineering) - 55 |

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| MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE   | Justin Klein (Klein Agency)                  |
| LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE | Kimi Schmidt (A. Morton Thomas & Associates) |

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| CLOSEST TO THE PIN | Tom Kirby (AECOM) 9'5"                            |
| CLOSEST TO THE PIN | Steve Rexroth (Infrastructure Technologies) 12'9" |

While the \$20,000 Hole-In-One prize proved elusive again this year, a couple of golfers came close enough to require confirmation that the insurance policy was in place. Countering the gloomy weather, the award for the most colorful (and blinding) shirts went to KCI's foursome, who commemorated national highway safety week with their attire.

A special thanks goes out to all the golfers that purchased muligans in the amount of \$815.00. Their contributions combined for a record net profit for the event that resulted in over \$5,000 being collected for ACEC/MD's Scholarship Fund.



Following COVID safety protocols in place at the time, this year's silent auction was held virtually for the first time. We would like to express appreciation to both the bidders and the firms that donated items, which raised \$2,561.00 for CEPAC, ACEC/MD's state PAC.

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## *GOLF OUTING (CONTINUED)*

We want to thank all the firms that sponsored a hole at the Golf Outing:

- A. Morton Thomas & Associates
- AECOM
- A/I/DATA
- Century Engineering
- EBL Engineers
- Gannett Fleming
- Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
- Kim Engineering
- McCormick Taylor
- Mercado Consultants
- Michael Baker International
- Stantec
- Wallace Montgomery
- Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani



We also want to thank all the firms that donated items to the virtual silent auction:

- Century Engineering
- Gannett Fleming
- Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
- Hardesty & Hanover
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
- KCI Technologies
- McCormick Taylor
- Michael Baker International
- RK&K
- Wallace Montgomery
- Whitman, Requardt & Associates
- WSP



Since traditionally this event is focused on engaging elected and regulatory officials, moving forward, the Executive Committee is evaluating the potential for relocating the outing to a more centralized location or hosting a different type of event.

Stay tuned, and thanks for all your support of this event over the years!

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MEMBER NEWS

A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES (AMT) is pleased to announce that *John Huchrowski, PE* has been promoted to Director of Construction Management and Inspection Services – Northeast Region, which includes Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

EBA ENGINEERING is pleased to announce the following:

- *MT Chaudhry, PE* has joined the firm as vice president of their Structural and Transportation Engineering Departments
- *Megan Disney* has been promoted to vice president of marketing and communications
- *Michael Brown, EIT* has joined the firm as a senior construction manager.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is pleased to announce the following:

- Chief Operating Officer *Christopher J. Griffith, PE, CCM* has been promoted to president. After two decades of leadership at the firm, he will also retain the role of COO
- *Jeanne Ruthloff* has joined the firm as a technology and innovation lead, tasked with growing the firm’s emerging technologies service offerings and innovations across all the firm’s business lines.

PRIME AE GROUP, INC. has announced that they have acquired Penza Bailey Architects, an architecture firm located in Baltimore, specializing in innovative design solutions supporting the K-12, Higher Education, Justice, Federal, Commercial, and Custom Residential markets.

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***Albert B. Gipe***

We are sad to report that Al Gipe, ACEC/MD Past President and founder of member firm Gipe Associates, passed away on April 15th at the age of 95.

Having served as ACEC/MD Past President in 1962-63, Al was a legend in the industry.

Al was ACEC/MD’s fifth president, and he played an important role in the creation of the organization.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at these sad times.

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*UPCOMING EVENTS*

**Please Note:** All dates, times, and locations are tentative and subject to change.

**ACEC/MD General Membership Luncheon**  
**October 21, 2021**  
 The Engineering Society of Baltimore  
 11:30am - 2:00pm

**Legislative Breakfast**  
**November 18, 2021**  
 The Engineering Society of Baltimore  
 8:00am

**ACEC/MD Holiday Party**  
**December 7, 2021**  
 Baltimore Museum of Industry  
 6:00pm

**ACEC/MD General Membership Luncheon**  
**December 16, 2021**  
 The Engineering Society of Baltimore  
 11:30am - 2:00pm

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 participate!

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