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### **Executive Director's Message** - *Chad Faison, CAE*

It's been a busy 2 months since I became your ACEC/MD Executive Director, but it feels so great to be working with engineers again!

To kick things off in early January, we made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Legislative Day due to safety concerns. But during that time, our CEPAC Committee was busy attending virtual fundraising events nearly every single day for a few weeks. All the while, the Legislative Committee was gearing up for session and bill reviewing, which kicked off in full effect with session opening on January 12. The Legislative Committee has reviewed nearly 300 bills in this cycle so far, and we'll highlight some of the most impactful bills in the Legislative Update below my message.

The evening of February 17th, we held the Awards Banquet and EEA Gala at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion. Make sure to check out the pictures from the event posted in our [Facebook album](#). We'll have full details regarding the winners and sponsors from the event in March/April's Newslink.

We have quite a bit of programming and events coming up as well. March 30th, the Utilities Committee is putting on the [Project Manager Summit](#). Space is limited, so register before it's too late!

May 2nd is the 54th Annual Day at the Club. Please take note that the time and venue have shifted to a 1pm shotgun start at the Woodlands (2309 Ridge Road, Windsor Mill, MD, 21244). Registration and full details will be announced via email and on our website very soon.

The Environmental Committee is hosting the Environmental Spring Forum that will take place at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion the morning of May 18th. Be on the lookout for details and registration info headed your way via email.

And to wrap up May, ACEC Annual Conference and Legislative Summit is being held May 22-25 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in the Washington, DC. I've already registered and look forward to seeing you there! Visit <https://www.acec.org/conferences/2022-annual-convention/> to register today.

WOW — What a jammed back couple of months coming up! So not only do we have tons going on with legislative efforts and programming, but the Executive Committee has been busy working on more efficient ways to communicate with you all (members), the public, legislators, and the government agencies/municipalities. We plan to release some public and member-only document libraries/file-sharing sites later this year.

Before I end my message, I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to so many of you that reached out to me via LinkedIn, email, and phone calls to welcome me to ACEC/MD; I already feel like I'm part of the family.

Thanks again everyone, and please feel free to contact me via email ([cfaison@acecmd.org](mailto:cfaison@acecmd.org)) or give me a call (410-539-1592) if I can help you or your firm.

Best,  
Chad

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## ***Legislative Update***

**Bills Identified for Letters of Support and Opposition as of February 17, 2022**

### **SUPPORT**

#### **Transportation**

SB 514 / HB 778 - Transportation - Investment Program - MARC Rail Service (Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act)

- SB 514: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0514f.pdf>
- HB 778: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0778f.pdf>

#### **Environment**

SB 14 / HB 100 – Sustainable Maryland Program Fund - Establishment

- SB 14: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0014F.pdf>
- HB 100: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0100F.pdf>

SB 90 / HB 595 – Department of the Environment - Supplemental Environmental Projects Database

- SB 90: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0090F.pdf>
- HB 595: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0595f.pdf>

SB 366 / HB 921 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund - Use of Funds (Chesapeake Bay Lockbox Protection Act of 2022)

- SB 366: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0366f.pdf>
- HB 921: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0366f.pdf>

HB 706 / SB 630 - Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Resilience

- HB 706 <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0706f.pdf>
- SB 630 <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0630f.pdf>

SB 674 / HB1075 - Natural Resources - State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund - Funding and Sunset - Alterations

- SB 674 <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0674f.pdf>
- HB 1075 <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb1075f.pdf>

HB 727 - Natural Resources - Maryland Park Service and State Parks - Alterations (Great Maryland Outdoors Act)

- HB 727: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0727f.pdf>

## **General Business**

SB 9 – Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Qualification and Certification

- SB 9: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0009F.pdf>

SB 161 / HB 79 – Courts - Prohibited Indemnity and Defense Liability Agreements (ACEC/MD Duty to Defend legislation)

- SB 161: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0161F.pdf>
- HB 79: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0079F.pdf>

SB 250 - State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices

- SB 250: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0250f.pdf>

HB 399 - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program - Termination Extension PG/MC 105-22

- HB 399: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0399f.pdf>2

HB 405 - Income Tax – Mechanical Insulation Installation Tax Credit

- HB 405: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0405f.pdf>

SB 431 - Corporations and Associations - Revisions

- SB 431: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0431f.pdf>

SB 491 - Property Tax - Taxation of Business Property - Tax Rates, Exemptions, and Credits

- SB 491: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0491f.pdf>

SB 553 / HB 552 - State Finance and Procurement - Retention Proceeds SB 553

- SB 553: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0553f.pdf>
- HB 552: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0552f.pdf>

SB 561 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Employee-Owned Businesses

- SB 561: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0561f.pdf>

HB 722 - Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Filing Fees

- HB 722: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0722f.pdf>

HB 791 / SB 723 - Sales and Use Tax – Digital Product – Definition HB 791

- HB 791: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0791f.pdf>
- SB 723: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0723f.pdf>

HB 852 - Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Filing Fees

- HB 852: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0852f.pdf>

HB 913 - Calvert County - Procurement - Local Preference

- HB 913: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0913f.pdf>

## **Workplace/Health**

SB 827 - Unemployment Insurance - Computation of Earned Rate of Contribution - Applicable Table of Rates

- SB 827: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0827f.pdf>

## **OPPOSE**

## **Transportation**

HB 144 – Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal

- HB 144: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0144F.pdf>

HB 577 - Motor Fuel Tax and Sales and Use Tax - Tax Holiday

- HB 577: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0577f.pdf>

SB 737 - Cost of Living Assistance Act of 2022

- SB 737: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0737f.pdf>

## **General Business**

SB 337 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates – Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal

- SB 337: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0337f.pdf>

HB 389 / SB 487 - Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Revisions

- HB 389: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0389f.pdf>
- SB 487: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0487f.pdf>

## **Workplace/Health**

SB 433 / HB 501 - Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation Claims - Fees for Legal Services

- SB 433: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/sb/sb0433f.pdf>
- HB 501: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2022RS/bills/hb/hb0501f.pdf>

## ***ACEC/MD News***

### **Jim and Barb Retire and receive 2021-22 President's Awards**

After 33 years of dedicated service, we are sending our warmest retirement wishes to Jim Otradovec and Barb Wise. Thank you for your dedication and many contributions to ACEC/MD, our members, and the A-E industry. Best wishes, Jim and Barb! You will be missed!

Quick note, you may still hear from or see Barb as she's working part time with Chad.



2021 Holiday Party







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Firm Founded: 1954

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## ***Members News***



### **MUELLER ASSOCIATES - Aaron Rubin Promoted**

Mueller Associates has announced the promotion of Aaron Rubin, PE, LEED AP BD+C, to mechanical project engineer.

Rubin joined the firm in January 2017 and has helped engineer several of Mueller's significant cultural and higher education projects. He played a vital role on the design team for the recently completed Torggler Fine Arts Center at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. Current projects include the renovation of the historic Bird House at the Smithsonian's National Zoo; the Frontier Cultural Museum in Staunton, Va.; and the new Molina Family Latino Gallery at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Rubin is also taking the engineering lead on the renovation and expansion of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory at the Jefferson Patterson Park Museum in southern Maryland.



Rubin is a 2016 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he received a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He is a registered engineer and a member of ASHRAE and the Maryland Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

“Aaron has been a valuable contributor on several of our high-profile projects,” says Todd Garing, PE, LEED AP, president of Mueller. “His versatile skills and detail-oriented approach to complex engineering challenges have been instrumental in moving projects forward on schedule and within budget. His accomplishments over the past five years have been impressive, to say the least.”



## **WESTON & SAMPSON - Ricciardi Moves into the Role of CEO**

Weston & Sampson, an interdisciplinary firm with nearly 750 employees and nationally ranked among the top 140 design firms in the US by ENR, is excited to announce the transition of the role of Chief Executive Officer from Michael Scipione, PE, to Frank Ricciardi, PE, LSP as of January 1, 2022.

Weston & Sampson has been working proactively and thoughtfully on succession planning to ensure a successful shift in leadership. Frank has been working continuously with Mike and our corporate leadership team over the past year for a seamless transition.

Since 2005, Mike has served as CEO and has been instrumental in the firm's success and growth. Guided by his leadership, Weston & Sampson diversified services centered on the needs of our clients to include energy (renewables, gas, efficiency), climate resiliency, facilities design, and landscape architecture while strengthening our practices in environmental, transportation, water and wastewater engineering, as well as operations and construction. Mike has led the geographic growth of the firm with additional offices throughout the Northeast, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic regions. Going forward, Mike will shift to a client-facing focus, bringing his technical expertise, consulting experience, and problem-solving skills to support our clients' environmental and infrastructure projects.

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***To add your firm's news (new hires, promotions, etc) to Newslink, please email the press release to [acecmd@acecmd.org](mailto:acecmd@acecmd.org) - Thanks!***

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## ***Upcoming Events***



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## 33rd Annual Conference

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If you have questions or need help, copy & paste the link into your browser. Or call 1-888-874-2883 by May 18, 2022 for room reservations. ACEC/MD's attractive room rates start at \$259.00/night plus all applicable taxes & fees, single/double occupancy. Reference the ACEC/MD Annual Conference.

\*Please note that in addition to the room block for the conference (6/22-6/24), by popular demand, a limited number of Saturday night (6/25) rooms have been secured that ACEC/MD is financially committed to use. Even if you previously committed to stay over Saturday night, you must make the room reservation. Once the rooms are gone, if you are fortunate to get a room, you will be subject to paying the going rate, which could be substantially higher.

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Discounted hotel reservation link

### **March 30, 2022 - Project Manager Summit**

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Maritime Conference Center, [692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090](#)

For full details, agenda, and to register visit:

<https://www.acecmd.org/product/2022-project-manager-summit/>

### **May 2, 2022 - 54th Annual "Day at the Club" Golf Outing**

1pm shotgun start

The Woodlands, 2309 Ridge Road, Windsor Mill, MD, 21244

Full details and registration will be released via email and on [acecmd.org](http://acecmd.org) soon.

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## **May 18, 2022 - Environmental Spring Forum**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Garrett Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, MD

Full details and registration will be released via email and on [acecmd.org](http://acecmd.org) soon.

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 plan to participate!

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### **Officers**

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Technologies

Secretary - Heidi Van Luven, P.E. - A.  
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### **ACEC/MD Directors**

2019-2022 - Malini Glueck, P.E. -  
Phoenix Engineering

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Gannett Fleming

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Executive Director - Chad Faison, CAE

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