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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by George Wirth, PE

My article this month may be a little shorter than usual, because our great organization's work continues with a very busy calendar of events in June. We have client meetings scheduled with UMB, UMCP, SHA, Prince Georges County, Queen Anne's County, and SHA's Audit Department. In addition, we have the MDOT Modal Program, County Liaison Committee, CEPAC, ACEC/MD Golf Outing, and of course ACEC/MD's 20th Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, all scheduled for June. Wow! In an effort to bolster the success of all of our member firms, ACEC/MD continues to represent engineering firms in Maryland.

As most of you know, our annual golf outing scheduled for May 12 was cancelled due to weather and a power outage. We rescheduled the golf outing for June 2 and the weather was fantastic. I want to thank Jim and Barb for the miracle they performed of calling all the golfers on May 12 to tell everyone that we cancelled the event and rescheduling it for a perfect day.

Our political activity continued last month when representatives of ACEC/MD attended ACEC's National Conference and Consulting Congress Day in Washington, where we promoted ACEC's Legislative Agenda by meeting with the members of our Congressional Delegation. We are also supporting our legisla-



tive activities by fund raising for ACEC/PAC. We need individual contributions to meet our expanded 2008 goal. So when asked, please get involved by contributing to ACEC/PAC. With important initiatives such as transportation and water infrastructure funding before Congress and a looming 3% withholding by government clients on the horizon, our industry can not afford to sit on the sidelines.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2008 marks the Maryland Highway Centennial celebration, which is being strongly supported by ACEC/MD and our member firms. In order to leave a lasting legacy beyond 2008, the Maryland Highway Safety Foundation has been formed. I encourage all of our member firms to support the celebration and the events planned for the Maryland Highway Centennial, and to contribute to this important Foundation.

I want to continue to promote a new committee we organized this year that will focus on promoting small firms and discussing small firm issues. The new Small Business Enterprise Committee (SBE), molded after ACEC's Small Firms Council, will be a strong voice for small businesses in ACEC/MD. I'd like to encourage all small firms to participate in this new committee. I want to also thank everyone who helped this year to get this committee up and running.

We have an interesting program lined up for our Annual Conference June 25th through 28th in historic Charleston, South Carolina. We are very encouraged that our room block for the conference hotel has been exceeded. I look forward to seeing representatives from many of our member firms in Charleston, and thank everyone for their support!

I know I sound like a broken record, but participation by member firms is what makes our organization so effective. So again, I want to continue to encourage member firms 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. If you are not sure what committee to get involved with, contact me and I will steer you in the right direction.

## FORMER PAST PRESIDENT BEN BEAVIN NAMED TO TPSSB

Former ACEC/MD Past President and retired Senior Partner at Beavin Company has been appointed by Governor O'Malley as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board (TPSSB). The Board plays a key role in approving all major professional services contracts for MDOT.



## ENGINEERING GIANT ANDREW PARKER PASSES AWAY

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of former ACEC/MD and ACEC President Andrew J. Parker, Jr. A longtime Towson resident, Andrew passed away on May 10th at the age of 76. Andrew was born and raised in Baltimore and was a 1949 graduate of Poly High School. He began his career as a Baltimore Gas and Electric draftsman while he was studying mechanical engineering at the Johns Hopkins University. In 1960, after earning his undergraduate degree at Hopkins, Andrew went to work at Martin Marietta Corporation, where he was the Environmental Control Group Engineer on the Gemini Launch Vehicle project.

After working at Hittman Associates, in 1973 Andrew was named

vice president and treasurer of ACEC/MD member firm Mueller Associates. In 1976 he became president and chief executive officer of the firm. Andrew joined member Edwards & Kelsey in 1997, where he worked until his retirement in 2005.

Always ready with a smile and a willingness to help out on any project, Andrew was elected president of the Consulting Engineers Council of Maryland in 1981-1982, and subsequently as ACEC president in 1991-1992, where his promotion of "Back to Business Basics" is still a guiding light for the organization. Andrew was named a Fellow of ACEC, ACEC/MD, and the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

Engineers, and was an active participant in ACEC/MD's Past Presidents Advisory Committee.

Andrew and his wife of 57 years Charlotte played a key role in hosting the ACEC Conference in Baltimore in 1991.

An adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Engineering and Environmental Design, Andrew was named Engineer of the Year in 1995, by the Engineering Society of Baltimore, where he previously served as president.

Andrew will be sorely missed by everyone that knew him.



# 2008 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAP UP

After successfully spearheading efforts in the 2007 Special Session to defeat a proposed tax on engineering services, and to add over \$400 million to the state's Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), ACEC/MD's Legislative Committee was put in a difficult position in the 2008 session. Faced with a continuing structural deficit, and burgeoning grass roots support to eliminate a tax on professional services passed in the waning hours of the special session; legislators eliminated the proposed tax before its inception. Unfortunately, the estimated \$200 million cut in revenues associated with the tax relief had to be offset, and as is all too familiar, resulted in a cut in transportation funds. This time around the General Assembly eliminated approximately \$57 million annually over five years from the funds that were just approved in the special session. While the cut will have a significant impact on new starts, it was viewed as a compromise from the \$150 million elimination of funding that was proposed during legislative deliberations.

Also of special interest to ACEC/MD member firms were successful initiatives to eliminate the sunset provision and extend the law that allows for a firm, under most circumstances, to provide preliminary services on a design/build project without being eliminated from consideration from the main portion of the project, and a bill that adds the MdTA to the small business reserve program and creates a new threshold for A&E firms of \$4.5 million.

Of the over 2600 pieces of legislation that were introduced in the 2008 Maryland General Assembly, your Legislative Committee, chaired by RJM Engineering's Bev Pannee, reviewed in detail almost 200 pieces of legislation impacting the profession including:

## TRANSPORTATION:

**SB 47 - Transportation - Feasibility Study of Rail Transit Service for Annapolis**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee

## **SB 182 - Maryland Transportation**

**Authority - Bonding Authority**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

## **SB 200 (Cross File HB 507) - Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

## **SB 204 (Cross File HB 373) - Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

## **SB 269 (Cross File HB 364) - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zone**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Conference Committee

## **SB 538 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Fixing or Revising Tolls - Legislative Approval Required**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

## **SB 567 - Computer Services Tax Repeal and Transportation Funding Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

## **SB 644 (Cross File HB 793) - Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

## **HB 78 - State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

## **HB 135 - Transportation - Free Public Transportation During Off-Peak Hours for Senior Citizens**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

## **HB 364 (Cross File SB 269) - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Conference Committee

## ENVIRONMENTAL:

### **SB 189 - Surface Water Discharge Permits - Contested Case Hearings - Standing**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

### **SB 213 (Cross File HB 369) - Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

### **SB 309 (Cross File HB 712) - Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In House Committee

### **SB 442 - Environment - Clean Air Permit Fees**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

### **SB 508 - Environment - Permit Process – Modifications**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

### **SB 590 (Cross File HB 1193) - Environment - Statute of Limitations**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

### **SB 772 (Cross File HB 1206) - State Procurement - Structuring and Bundling of Procurements**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In House Committee

### **SB 831 (Cross File HB 581) - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses of Fund**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

### **SB 883 - Voluntary Cleanup Program - Enforcement and Oversight - Requirements**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In House Committee

### **HB 47 - Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

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**HB 240 (Cross File SB 106) - Natural Resources - Environmental Trust Fund - Uses**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

**HB 307 - Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 369 (Cross File SB 213) - Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and Nonpoint Source Fund**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 581 (Cross File SB 831) - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses of Fund**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**HB 973 - Water Management Administration - Living Shoreline Protection Act of 2008**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 977 - Controlled Hazardous Substances - Discharge or Release - Reporting Requirements**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Passed

**HB 1509 - Maryland Environmental Service - Energy Generation Projects**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died On Senate Floor

**HB 1552 - Sustainable Forestry Act of 2008**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 1206 (Cross File SB 772) - State Procurement - Structuring and Bundling of Procurements**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**SB 8 - Maryland Taxpayer Protection Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 41 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 46 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**SB 137 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services - Preexisting Contracts**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 138 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 151 - Sales and Use Tax - Rate - Eastern Shore Counties**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**SB 186 - Department of General Services - Small Procurement Process**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**SB 206 (Cross File HB 366) - BRAC Community Enhancement Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**SB 245 - Campaign Finance - Affiliated Business Entities - Attribution of Contributions**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 257 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services - Government Contracts Exemption**

ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 297 - Tax Credit For Employer Established Work-Based Learning Programs for Students**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**SB 301 (Cross File HB 561) - Procurement - Small Business Reserve Program - Eligibility Modifications**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**SB 313 (Cross File HB 647) - Real Property - Construction Contracts – Retention Proceeds**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**SB 344 - The Flexible Leave Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In House Committee

**SB 403 (Cross File HB 642) - Courts - Jury Trials in Civil Actions - Amount in Controversy**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In House Committee

**SB 404 (Cross File HB 644) - Civil Jury Trials - Amount in Controversy**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died On Senate Floor

**SB 432 (Cross File HB 194) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 444 (Cross File HB 664) - Corporate Income Tax - Reporting**

ACEC/MD Position – Hold (Support Chamber)  
Status - Passed

**SB 505 (Cross File HB 313) - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services - Resale Exemption**

ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died In Committee

**SB 563 (Cross File HB 439) - Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2008**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Withdrawn

**SB 596 (Cross File HB 1341) - Courts - Nonprofit Associations - Standing to Participate in Governmental Proceedings**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**SB 648 (Cross File HB 747) - Procurement - Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

**SB 678 (Cross File HB 870) - Maryland Geologists Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

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- SB 691 - Task Force to Study the Needs and Expenditures of State Programs**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 692 - State Budget - Modifications – Reporting**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 772 (Cross File HB 1206) - State Procurement - Structuring and Bundling of Procurements**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 776 - Tax Credit for Employer-Established Paid Work-Based Learning Programs**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 791 (Cross File HB 663) - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- SB 795 - Prior Authorizations of State Debt to Fund Capital Projects - Alterations**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed
- SB 806 - Critical Infrastructure Protection Task Force**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- SB 888 (Cross File HB 1430) - Higher Education - Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support with Amendment  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 958 (Cross File HB 970) - Procurement - Prevailing Wage**  
ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Withdrawn
- SB 975 - Income Tax - Corporations - Denial of Deduction for Excessive Compensation of Officers and Directors**  
ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 982 - Unemployment Insurance - Payment of Benefits - Total Benefit Amount**  
ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died In Committee
- SB 990 - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Participation by Race or Gender**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In House Committee
- SB 995 - Competitive Sealed Proposals - Disclosure of Information - Minority Business Enterprise Participation**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- SB 1002 - State Government - Audit of Procurements by the Maryland Stadium Authority and Selected Higher Education Institutions**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee
- HB 20 - District Court - Small Claim Actions - Amount in Controversy**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- HB 26 - Real Property - Mechanic's Lien - Land Surveying and Engineering**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Died in Senate Committee
- HB 40 - Flexible Leave Act**  
ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Passed
- HB 106 - State Procurement Contracts – Living Wage**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn
- HB 176 - Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants - Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Related Businesses**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support with Amendment  
Status - Withdrawn
- HB 196 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services**  
ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died In Committee
- HB 250 - Sales and Use Tax - Tanning Services**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee
- HB 292 (Cross File SB 845) - Maryland False Claims Act**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn
- HB 319 - Local Government - Procurement - Resident Preferences**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Withdrawn
- HB 326 - Sales and Use Tax - Computer Services**  
ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died in Committee
- HB 415 - Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards - Fee-Setting Authority**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed
- HB 439 (Cross File SB 563) - Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2008**  
ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- HB 440 - Procurement - Service Contracts - Notice to State Employees and Exclusive Representatives**  
ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Passed
- HB 473 - Campaign Finance - Affiliated Business Entities - Attributions of Contributions**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee
- HB 484 - Procurement - Unsolicited Proposals - Repeal of Termination Date**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed
- HB 529 - Operating Budget - Revenue Stabilization Account - Use**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn
- HB 530 - Limit on Growth in State Spending**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report
- HB 561 (Cross File SB 301) - Procurement - Small Business Reserve Program - Eligibility Modifications**  
ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed
- HB 598 - Commission on Minority Business Enterprise**  
ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

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**HB 599 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Creation of a Minority Business Enterprise**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 628 - Department of the Environment - Grants and Loans - Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprises**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 645 - Maryland Contract Lien Act - Foreclosure of Liens – Time Period**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 647 (Cross File SB 313) - Real Property - Construction Contacts - Retention Proceeds**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Unfavorable Senate Committee Report

**HB 664 (Cross File SB 444) - Corporate Income Tax - Reporting**

ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Passed

**HB 747 (Cross File SB 648) - Procurement - Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 770 - Washington County - Purchasing Goods and Services - Public Bidding**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Passed

**HB 870 (Cross File SB 678) - Maryland Geologists Act**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 903 - Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Mandatory Training**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 941 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program PG/MC 110-08**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 1093 - Health Care Coverage Fund - Tax on Health Insurance Premiums - Access to Health Care**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 1206 (Cross File SB 772) - State Procurement - Structuring and Bundling of Procurements**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1235 - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Payment of Overtime - Exemptions**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 1268 - Budget - Limits on Growth of State Spending**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1282 - State Construction Projects - Contractors and Subcontractors - Employer-Paid Health Care Required**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Withdrawn

**HB 1303 - State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - License Renewal - Continuing Professional Competency Requirement – Exemption**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

**HB 1318 - Sales and Use Tax on Computer Services and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Rates**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

**HB 1341 (Cross File SB 596) - Courts - Nonprofit Associations - Standing to Participate in Governmental Proceedings**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1366 - Prior Authorizations of State Debt to Fund Capital Projects – Alterations**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1392 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Civil Penalties**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died In Senate Committee

**HB 1393 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Criminal Penalties**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1430 (Cross File SB 888) - Higher Education - Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program**

ACEC/MD Position – Support with Amendments  
Status - Died In Committee

**HB 1431 - Procurement - Small Business Preference Program - Veteran-Owned and Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Passed

**HB 1444 - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Passed

**HB 1528 - State Finance and Procurement - Dispute Resolution - Use of Mediation and Arbitration**

ACEC/MD Position – Support  
Status - Unfavorable Report

**HB 1544 - Procurement – Exemptions**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Withdrawn

**HB 1549 - Department of General Services - Renovation of Historic structures - Procurement Exemptions**

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor  
Status - Died on Senate Floor

**HB 1580 - Unemployment Insurance - Maximum Benefit - Increase**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Died In Committee

**WORKPLACE:**

**SB 328 (Cross File HB 627) - Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility - Part-Time Work**

ACEC/MD Position – Hold  
Status - Died In House Committee

**SB 729 (Cross File HB 1152) - Workers' Compensation Insurance - Premium Rates**

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose  
Status - Unfavorable Report

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### HB 432 - Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Unemployment Insurance Claims - Lower Appeals Division

ACEC/MD Position – Hold

Status - Passed

### HB 654 - Labor and Employment - Shift Breaks

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose

Status - Died In Committee

### HB 700 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability - Compensation

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor

Status - Passed

### HB 1125 - Maryland Universal Health Care Plan

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose

Status - Died In Committee

### HB 1150 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability

ACEC/MD Position – Oppose

Status - Withdrawn

### MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES:

### HB 23 - Maryland Green Buildings Standards Act of 2008

ACEC/MD Position – Monitor

Status - Withdrawn

### HB 916 (Cross File SB 219) - Baltimore County - Proposed New School Buildings - High Performance Buildings

ACEC/MD Position – Hold

Status - Withdrawn



## SEEKING EMPLOYMENT/ INTERNSHIP

The following individuals are seeking internships and have a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office. Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

1. John Carroll High School graduate and Freshman on Dean's List at Widener University seeks internship with civil engineering firm.
2. Individual with expert diving experience seeks employment as a mechanical engineer intern.



## MEMBER NEWS

- CENTURY ENGINEERING, INC. is pleased to announce that CEO *Francis X. Smyth* is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Maryland. Also, the firm recently acquired Benatec Associates and its environmental subsidiary, EPSYS, both headquartered in Harrisburg, PA.
- GEORGE, MILES & BUHR (GMB) is proud to announce the following:
  - The firm was presented with the Governor's Conservation Award for Excellence for Urban Conservation Activities in Sussex County, Delaware.
  - *Robert Stickels*, Director of External Affairs, was honored by Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. in recognition of his commitment to promoting Fair Housing in Delaware, as evidenced by his support of sewer, land use planning and housing standards during his years as Sussex County Administrator and with the firm.
- GREENHORNE & O'MARA announced the hiring of *Mary L. Searing, PE* as the new Division Manager and Water Resources Service Director.
- JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON (JMT) announced that *William E. Schaub, PE* has been promoted to Vice President. Bill has more than 25 years of experience in the planning and design of structures and highways, as well as expertise in GIS.
- KCI TECHNOLOGIES was the recipient of an Honor Award in the Small Project category of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers National Excellence in Environmental Competition, for the ACEC/MD Grand Award winning South Bethany Tidal Pump, South Bethany, Delaware.
- PB AMERICAS announced that *Mark A. Cheskey* recently joined the firm as Senior Supervising Planner.
- URBAN ENGINEERS is pleased to announce the addition of *Alem T. Hagos, PE, PTOE*, as a Project Manager in the firm's Maryland office.



## SIGN UP FOR COMMITTEE SERVICE

Incoming ACEC/MD President Harry Stephen (Century Engineering) is in the process of staffing committees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. 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 in, please contact the ACEC/MD office by July 7, 2008.

Even if you served on a committee during this fiscal year, you must advise ACEC/MD of your continued interest in serving on that committee.

Check the ACEC/MD website – [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org) – for a complete list of committees.



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- July 13-16**      *Transportation Research Board's 8th National Conference on Access Management*  
Baltimore, MD. Hosted by the Maryland State Highway Administration, the theme of the biennial conference is "Sustainable Solutions for Transportation." For more information, please contact the Conference Chair Vaughn Lewis at 410-545-5674 or [AMconference@sha.state.md.us](mailto:AMconference@sha.state.md.us).
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- July 24-25**      *A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp*  
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