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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jeffrey P. McBride, P.E.*



I am both excited and honored to be your President for the 2011 and 2012 term. I would like to thank Joe Makar for his leadership this past year as President. For several years I have been consistently impressed with Joe's thoughtful insight on the various issues the Executive Committee has addressed. I would also like to thank Jim and Barb for the excellent work they do for our organization, as well as, the dedication of the entire Executive Committee.

I started my journey to President of ACEC/MD when I was installed as a Director at the 2005 annual conference in Cambridge, Maryland. Coming from the "vertical"

engineering market, I did on occasion ask Jim Otradovec if there was a Rosetta stone for civil engineering because half the time I was not sure what was being discussed in the Executive Committee meetings. However, over a very short time span, I realized that ACEC/MD represents all engineering disciplines in the State of Maryland because although we may be engaged in different forms of engineering, we share in many of the challenges and threats to our businesses and profession.

Our annual conference at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WVA was a great success and I think will go down as one of the best I have attended. The conference saw our 2011 Leadership Program complete their final session with "Lessons in Leadership". This year's class was indicative of the high caliber of participants we have seen in the prior sessions. The work of our facilitator Jim Marcotte in organizing and conducting this program is stellar.

We now start the 2011-2012 year. The final appointments to the various committees have been made and the committee meeting schedules for the late summer and fall are starting to fill. The coming year will present many challenges to our industry, both new and those that we are aware have existed for some time. The May-June 2011 ACEC/MD Newsletter included a recap of the 2011 General Assembly entitled "2011 General Assembly Fails to Deliver Meaningful Results", which was perhaps a rather kind assessment of this year's work by our legislators. Fall 2011 will see an occurrence of a special legislative session that may, or may not, include consideration of transportation funding and/or resurgence of the tax on professional services.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

In 2011 the General Assembly failed to make any headway to restore funds removed from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) or provide barriers to prevent the TTF from being raided to fund non-transportation related, but politically advantageous, initiatives. Additional funding of the TTF and the restoration of the public "trust" that their dollars paid at the pump actually go to the intended purpose of the fund are critical interests of ALL our member firms.

Additionally, either the 2011 special session, or the 2012 general session, may see the resurgence of a proposed tax on professional services or any other combination of fees or scenarios to obtain more revenue from the tax payers of Maryland, but especially revenue from the producers, businesses and employers of the state.

Our fall general membership activities will include the October General Membership meeting followed by a Corp of Engineers seminar. The day will conclude with a long overdue reception to recognize Terry F. Neimeyer, ACEC/MD Past President, ACEC/MD Fellow and now ACEC National Chairman for 2011-2012. Following the October meetings many of us will be off to Las Vegas for the ACEC 2011 Fall Conference. As anyone knows, if there is a meeting or conference in Las Vegas, I am attending, even if I have to walk. I look forward to seeing many of our members in attendance as well. We will conclude the calendar year with our December 1st Holiday Party and December General Membership meeting on the 15th. These are of course just a few of the scheduled events for the fall, so please make sure to visit the ACEC/MD website for more information.

In closing, I look forward to working with everyone this year and hope to see you at one or more of our events scheduled for the coming months.

## 2011-2012 OFFICERS INSTALLED AT CONFERENCE

The 2011-2012 American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) officers and directors were recently installed at the organization's 23rd Annual Conference at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. On hand to perform the honors for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) was ACEC President-Elect Ted Williams (Landmark Consulting Engineers).

Jeff McBride, PE, of EBL Engineers, Baltimore, succeeds, Joe Makar, PE, of Whitman, Requardt & Associates, Baltimore, as President. The other officers are: Leon Kriebel, PE, of WBCM, Towson, as Vice President; Dana Knight, PE, of McCormick Taylor, Baltimore, as Secretary, and Jack Moeller, PE, of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Sparks, as Treasurer.

*Jeff McBride, P.E.* is Principal at EBL Engineers, LLC, a Baltimore-based multi-disciplined engineering firm. A resident of Joppa, MD, Jeff is a registered professional engineer in Maryland and twelve other states. In addition to overseeing various operational aspects of the firm's engineering and consulting groups, he is actively engaged in fire protection engineering consulting and routinely works with private and public sector clients in the areas of fire protection design and expert witness consultation, as well as, extensive facility management work across the country.

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## 2011-2012 OFFICERS INSTALLED AT CONFERENCE *continued*

Jeff joined EBL when Hanna Fire Engineering merged with EBL in 1988. Following professional registration, Jeff was a team leader and department manager at EBL before assuming the role of Principal and Director of Engineering operations in 2000.

Some of Jeff's recent notable projects include being project manager on: Fire Protection Condition Surveys for the National Mall in D.C.; Smoke Control Systems Study for Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building in D.C.; and Replacement of Water Services for the Pikesville National Guard Armory.

A graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Fire Protection Engineering, Jeff serves on several National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) technical committees and is Chairman of NFPA 1925 – Marine Fire Fighting Vessels. He has previously served ACEC/MD as Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director, and chaired the Department of General Services (DGS) Liaison Committee. The former president of the Engineers Council of Maryland (ECM), Jeff is active in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA), AIA, and the Chesapeake Area Society of Healthcare Engineering (CASHE-MD), where he serves on both the Health Care and Associate Boards.

*Leon Kriebel, P.E.*, is the President of WBCM, a Baltimore-headquartered architecture, engineering and construction firm. WBCM serves public and private clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond with additional offices in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Leon has 36 years of experience in the planning and design of transportation projects throughout the state of Maryland. His broad range of design experience includes expressways, urban streets, streetscapes, interchanges, hydrologic/hydraulic analysis, storm drain design, stormwater management, erosion/sediment control and environmental permits.

Leon oversees the highway, bridge and traffic engineering, transportation planning and construction inspection services for WBCM. A resident of Fallston, he has been an active design Principal on major projects in the state, including the award-winning Salisbury Bypass, the Hampstead Bypass, the US 29 & MD 198 Interchange, the Arundel Mills Roadway and the Inter-County Connector (Contract C).

In addition to serving ACEC/MD as Secretary, Treasurer and Director, he is actively involved in other A/E/C professional organizations including ASCE, ASHE, and DBIA.

*Dana Knight, P.E.* is Vice President of McCormick Taylor, Inc. leading the Engineering operations in their Baltimore office. McCormick Taylor has been a leader in planning, engineering and environmental services for over 60 years serving the mid- Atlantic region.

A resident of Baldwin, Dana received his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1982, and has been registered as a Professional Engineer

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in the State of Maryland since 1987. He has over 30 years of experience in planning and design of small and large transportation and other civil projects in Maryland and Delaware. Dana has been Project Manager/Principle for the award winning Maryland Route 100 from I-95 to MD 713 project, which included Dorsey Station and the US 29/ Briggs Chaney Road Interchange.

The recipient of Baltimore's "Young Engineer of the Year" award in 1992, Dana has been the ACEC/MD Committee chair for the Awards Committee and the Legislative Committee, and served as an ACEC/MD Director. He also served as President of the Maryland chapter of ASCE and is a board member of the Maryland Association of Engineers.

*John (Jack) A. Moeller, P.E.*, is Executive Vice President of Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., where he is in charge of operations and serves on the Board of Directors. Jack previously served ACEC/MD as Secretary and Director.

A resident of Phoenix, MD, Jack earned a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1976 and Masters of Science in Civil Engineering in 1979. He has been a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland since 1980. Jack has passed the CPA Exam and currently holds an inactive CPA license from the State of Maryland.

During his over 35 years of civil engineering experience, Jack has managed numerous planning, design and construction projects. Some of the more notable projects include: the I-95/I-695 Interchange Project, the dualization of I-695 from MD 2 to MD151, the I-95/I-295 Interchange at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, the rehabilitations of Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, Eastbound Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Tydings Bridge, Hatem Bridge and Nice Bridge; and the planning for managed lanes on I-95 in Baltimore County.

Prior to joining JMT in 1995, Jack previously held increasingly responsible positions within the Maryland State Highway Administration and then the Maryland Transportation Authority, where he held the position of Director of Engineering. His experience with these agencies included the planning, design, construction and inspection of major bridge, building, and highway projects. During his tenure with the Maryland Transportation Authority he received citations from the Governor, the Maryland Senate, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Motor Vehicle Administrator and the Secretary of Transportation for various projects he led.

In addition to the officers, the following were also installed to serve on the ACEC/MD Executive Committee: ACEC Director –Mike Myers, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (Baltimore); ACEC Alternate Director –Joe Makar, Whitman, Requardt & Associates (Baltimore); 2009-2012 Directors – Art Barrett, Gannett Fleming (Baltimore), and Stuart Taub, Wallace, Montgomery & Associates (Towson); and 2010-2013 Directors – Jim Blake, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (Sparks), and Stu Robinson, A. Morton Thomas & Associates (Baltimore); and 2011-2014 Directors - Beverly Pannee, RJM Engineering (Columbia), and Jerry Jannetti, PB Americas (Baltimore).

## PRESIDENT MCBRIDE ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We are pleased to announce the following appointments to chair of ACEC/MD's Committees. Although the deadline to sign up for committee service has passed, if you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact the ACEC/MD office and we will try to satisfy your request.

### AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

Director – Beverly Pannee (RJM Engineering)

RACHEL ELLIS, CHAIR

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Rutherford Plaza, 7133 Rutherford Road, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21244

Phone: 443-348-2017; FAX: 410-298-3940

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 Annual Conference/Meeting 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.

### BALTIMORE CITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Director – Jim Blake (JMT)

DAN CHENG, CHAIR

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, 72 Loveton Circle, Sparks, MD 21152-9270

Phone: 410-329-3100; FAX: 410-472-2200

This committee is charged with monitoring legislative regulations and programs in the city of Baltimore which are of direct interest to the field of consulting engineers. The committee shall monitor such activities by attendance at relevant public meetings and direct contacts with governmental personnel and their activities as necessary.

### CAREER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Director – Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)

RAY STRIEB, CHAIR

Development Facilitators, Inc., 1127 Benfield Boulevard, Suite K  
Millersville, MD 21108

Phone: 410-647-2727; FAX: 410-647-7127

The 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, 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.



## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

### **CEPAC (POLITICAL) COMMITTEE**

Director – Jerry Jannetti (PB)

SEAN McCONE, CHAIR

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, 72 Loveton Circle, Sparks, MD 21152-9270

Phone: 410-329-3100; FAX: 410-472-2200

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.

### **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Director – Beverly Pannee (RJM Engineering)

DOUG ROSE, CHAIR

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, 72 Loveton Circle, Sparks, MD 21152-9270

Phone: 410-329-3100; FAX: 410-472-2200

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.

### **CORPS OF ENGINEERS PARTNERING/FED. GOV. LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Director – Jim Blake (JMT)

DAVID McCORMICK, CHAIR

Whitman, Requardt & Assoc., 801 South Caroline St., Baltimore, MD 21231

Phone: 410-235-3450; FAX: 410-243-5716

The committee is tasked with pursuing the goals outlined in the partnering agreement signed on June 21, 1993 and updated on July 24, 2002. Meetings will be held on a semi-annual basis and include five representatives from ACEC/MD. The Federal Government Liaison Committee is charged with monitoring and reporting to the Executive Committee on issues related to the ACEC committee work with NAVFAC, Air Force, Corps of Engineers, GSA and the Veteran's Administration.

### **COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL & MUNICIPALITIES LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Director – Stu Taub (WMA)

RON RYE, CHAIR

The Wilson T. Ballard Company, 17 Gwynns Mill Ct., Owings Mills, MD 21117

Phone: 410-363-0150; FAX: 410-363-7811

The County/Municipal 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

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## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

County Governmental & Municipalities Liaison Committee continued activities by attendance at relevant public meetings, conventions, direct contact with governmental personnel and other activities as necessary. The committee shall report to the ACEC/MD Executive Committee on relevant matters.

### **DEPT. OF GENERAL SERVICES LIAISON (DGS)/INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

Director – Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)

HARISH PATEL, CHAIR

EBA Engineering, Inc., Seton Business Park, 4813 Seton Dr., Balto., MD 21215

Phone: 410-358-7171; FAX: 410-358-7213

The charge to this committee, as requested by the Department of General Services, is to act as a liaison between the DGS and the related architectural-engineering professions. The 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 interprofessional organizations. The committee shall cooperate with the Legislative Committee in reporting legislative activities of common interest to other organizations to further a good interprofessional climate.

### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LIAISON (MDOT) COMMITTEE**

Director – Art Barrett (Gannett Fleming)

FRANK WAESCHE, CHAIR

Wallace, Montgomery & Assoc., 110 West Rd., Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204

Phone: 410-494-9093; FAX: 410-825-5714

The MDOT Liaison 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 MDOT Liaison Committee shall maintain contact with the Maryland Department of Transportation 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.

### **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Director – Art Barrett (Gannett Fleming)

ED FRACZKOWSKI, CHAIR

EBL Engineers, Inc., 8005 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

Phone: 410-668-8100; FAX: 410-668-8001

The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between the autonomous university and county school systems in the state and ACEC/MD. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these universities and school systems shall be monitored by the committee.



## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

### **ENGINEER'S WEEK/ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE ASSOCIATE COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Director – Jerry Jannetti (PB)

KRISTIN FUSCO ROWE, CHAIR

Straughan Environmental Services, Inc., 10245 Old Columbia Road,  
Columbia, MD 21046

Phone: 443-539-2536 (direct) FAX: 301-362-9245

The Engineers' Week/Engineering Society of Baltimore Associate Council Liaison Committee is charged with cooperating with the umbrella committee sponsored by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers and ESB to further interest in general fields of engineering. This committee should promote participation in activities to encourage students to pursue engineering curriculum and to publicize to the community the contributions of consulting engineering for the benefit and welfare of mankind. The chair will attend and represent ACEC/MD at Associate Council meetings.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Director – Art Barrett (Gannett Fleming)

JESSICA KLINEFELTER, CHAIR

A.D. Marble & Co., 10989 Red Run Blvd., Suite 209, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Phone: 410-902-1421; FAX: 410-902-8856

The purpose of the Environmental Committee is to provide liaison with public regulatory agencies to assure a cooperative spirit between ACEC/MD and the respective agency; maintain contact with the environmental departments of private/public organizations which regularly procure services from member firms; monitor a wide range of environmental regulations impacting the engineering profession; and provide a forum on environmental topics for member firms. Meetings shall be held on an as-needed basis. General Categories covered by the Environmental Committee include:

- o Air Quality
- o Brownfields Consulting/Property Due Diligence
- o Critical Areas of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries
- o Environmental Justice
- o Erosion and Sediment Control
- o Forest Stand Delineation and Conservation Plans
- o Hazardous Materials
- o Industrial Hygiene
- o National Environmental Policy Act
- o Noise Studies
- o Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species
- o Site Remediation
- o Soil and Groundwater Investigations/Modeling
- o Stream Restoration
- o Stormwater Management
- o Underground/Aboveground Storage Tanks
- o Water Quality
- o Watershed Studies
- o Wetlands Permitting and Mitigation Design

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## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

### **GOVERNMENTAL GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE**

Director – Stu Taub (WMA)

TONY FRASCARELLA, CHAIR

Century Engineering, 10710 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

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The Governmental Golf Outing Committee shall be charged with continuing the annual Governmental Golf Outing, involving as many participants as possible from ACEC/MD member firms, & continuing to invite as guests members of the legislature, local governments and large corporations.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR COMMITTEE**

Director – Stu Taub (WMA)

MALINDA HAGGERTY, CHAIR

Prime Engineering, 300 Red Brook Blvd., Suite 410, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Phone: 410-654-3790 FAX: 410-654-3791

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

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Director – Jim Blake (JMT)

CHRIS CALAF, CHAIR

Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, 849 Fairmount Ave., Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21286

Phone: 410-512-4500; FAX: 410-324-4100

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.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Director – Jerry Jannetti (PB)

ALAN STRAUS, CHAIR

URS Corporation, 4 North Park Drive, Suite 300, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Phone: 410-785-7220 FAX: 410-785-3086

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

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## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

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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 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.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Director – Art Barrett (Gannett Fleming)

LEON KRIEBEL, CHAIR

Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, 849 Fairmount Ave., Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21286

Phone: 410-512-4500; FAX: 410-324-4100

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**

Director - Unassigned

MIKE MYERS, CHAIR

Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, 81 Mosher Street, Baltimore, MD 21217

Phone: 410-728-2900; FAX: 410-728-2992

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**

Director - Unassigned

MIKE MYERS, CHAIR

Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, 81 Mosher Street, Baltimore, MD 21217

Phone: 410-728-2900; FAX: 410-728-2992

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.

## 2011-2012 ACEC/MD COMMITTEE CHAIRS *(continued)*

### PROGRAM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE/MEETING COMMITTEE

Director – Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)  
 CHRISTOPHER FRONHEISER, CHAIR  
 AECOM, 7 St. Paul Street, 17th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202  
 Phone: 410-637-1700 FAX: 410-576-1305

The Program and Annual Conference/Meeting Committee is charged with obtaining speakers for the four 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 is also responsible for arranging the Annual Conference/Meeting at a site to be determined.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Director – Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Assoc.)  
 KIM TROIANI, CHAIR  
 Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, 81 Mosher Street, Baltimore, MD 21217  
 Phone: 410-728-2900; FAX: 410-728-2992

The Public Relations Committee is charged with maintaining public awareness of the activities of ACEC/MD and the profession through attendance at related community and civic affair activities, coordinating school visitations, 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.

### QBS COMMITTEE

Director – Stu Taub (Wallace, Montgomery & Associates)  
 KEN DERRENBACHER, CHAIR  
 Schnabel Engineering, 1504 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207  
 Phone: 410-944-6170; FAX: 410-944-1162

The committee shall promote the attributes of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) to using agencies, jurisdictions, the design profession, and general public. In conjunction with the County Governmental Liaison Committee, the committee shall focus on educating local jurisdictions on the merits of the QBS method of procuring engineering services.

### SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Director – Beverly Pannee (RJM Engineering)  
 MALINI GLUECK, CHAIR  
 Phoenix Engineering, 1420-A Joh Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227  
 Phone: 410-247-8833; FAX: 410-247-9397

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; and provide a forum to address MBE/DBE issues, as needed.

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## SHA REQUESTS LIST OF FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES

The Maryland State Highway Administration has requested that ACEC/MD include the following correspondence in this newsletter. Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Administrator, State Highway Administration, is requesting that firms send in a list of their employees that formerly worked for the Highway Administration.

Martin O'Malley, Governor  
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor



Beverly K. Swain-Staley, Secretary  
Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Administrator

July 5, 2011

Dear Consultant:

Recently, you received guidance from SHA in the form of a March 9, 2011, memorandum concerning "Procurement and Management of Consulting Contracts" and its attachment dated November 17, 2005. Both memoranda emphasized that former SHA employees are prohibited from performing any duties on contracts in which they participated significantly while an employee of SHA and that they are restricted from being involved with, or having a direct or indirect interest in, any SHA contract for one year after the employee terminates employment with SHA, even if SHA is not billed for the work.

In order for SHA to monitor and manage this issue, it is requiring that all consultant and sub-consultant firms that are currently named in SHA architectural and engineering contracts, provide a list of current staff of former SHA employees who have separated from SHA within the last five (5) years. By submitting this list to SHA, you are also certifying that your firm is in compliance with the General Conditions prohibiting a former SHA employee from working on any SHA contract for one year after leaving SHA and State Ethics Laws prohibiting work on a matter in which a former SHA employee participated significantly as a State employee, for an unlimited duration.

The list of former SHA employees should be submitted in Excel format and have the following headings:

- Former SHA Employee First Name;
- Former SHA Employee Last Name;
- Date of Hire with Consulting Firm;
- Last SHA Responsibility Center where Former SHA Employee Worked; and
- Company Name.

The list should be submitted in Excel format and sent to the following e-mail address: [formerSHAemployeeedata@sha.state.md.us](mailto:formerSHAemployeeedata@sha.state.md.us). Please provide this information to SHA by August 1, 2011. The certification below should appear at the bottom of the page before your signature. Please provide a date next to your signature as follows:

*My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-9770.  
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free*

*Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 • Phone: 410.545.0300 • [www.mtda.maryland.gov](http://www.mtda.maryland.gov)*

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### Certification

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Firm) is in compliance with the General Conditions prohibiting a former SHA employee from working on any SHA contract for one year after leaving SHA and State Ethics Laws prohibiting work on a matter in which a former SHA employee participated significantly as a State employee, for an unlimited duration.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

Thank you, in advance, for complying with this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cheryl R.B. Hill, SHA's Deputy Administrator for Administration and Ethics Coordinator. She may be reached at 410-545-0402, 800-206-0770 (toll free) or via e-mail at [chill@sha.state.md.us](mailto:chill@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,



Darrell B. Mobley  
Deputy Secretary/Acting Administrator

cc: American Council of Engineering Companies, Maryland  
American Council of Engineering Companies, Metropolitan Washington  
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In addition to the certification being required by SHA, ACEC/MD has concerns over similar information being required by MDTA and MTA. Since this is an MDOT-wide issue, ACEC/MD representatives are currently working with MDOT Secretary Swaim-Staley and modal representatives to address this issue.

## MEMBER NEWS

**GREENHORNE & O'MARA** announces the expansion of its services in the energy market with the addition of Restoration Ecologist *Eric McCleary*, who is based in the firm's Mechanicsburg, PA office.

**JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN AND THOMPSON, INC. (JMT)** is celebrating 40 years of "Engineering a Brighter Future".

**KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.** has promoted *Robert C. Macoy* to regional practice leader for the company's Power Practice.



## ACEC TO HOST SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore will be the location for ACEC's presentation focusing on *Opportunities In Expanding Markets: Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Communities*. Participants in this course, being held September 7-10, 2011 at the Hotel Monaco, 2 N. Charles St., will get an up-close look at emerging opportunities in sustainable development including the legislation, regulations and standards that are driving this growing market. This unique three and a half day course and field trip examines key sustainable design issues and processes, with sessions on profit opportunities in sustainable development, and showcasing the growing applications of "green engineering" by today's top practitioners.

Leading engineers and other experts will explore ways to expand a firm's sustainability business practice from sustainability audits to application of lifecycle costing and analysis of programs. This session will focus on important markets such as transportation, buildings, and water projects.

Don't miss this opportunity in your own back yard to hear from national experts on how you can position your firm to take advantage of this dynamic market. The cut-off for hotel reservations is August 17th. For more information, go to [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org) and click on the program icon.

## BALTIMORE CITY MODIFIES REQUIREMENT FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Baltimore City has added another criteria that firms should be including in Letters of Interest. Effective immediately consultants need to check all firms to see that they are in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Mari Ross, Baltimore City Office of Boards and Commissions, provided the link below as the site that she uses to check whether firms are in Good Standing. If you go to [http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/UCC-Charter/CharterSearch\\_f.aspx](http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/UCC-Charter/CharterSearch_f.aspx) and under "Name Search", type in the name of the firm and then click on "General Info." under the "Entity Detail" column, there is a listing of the firm information. Under "Status", it will say "Good Standing" with either a Yes or No. All firms that are included in a proposal team need to have a Yes.

Mari Ross's office is reviewing this information. A team would not be disqualified as is occurring with the MBE Certifications and the Prequalifications, but the prime will be notified that there are firms on their team that are not in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Firms that are not in good standing would be given a short time to remedy the situation.

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## NEW MEMBERS

The following firms have been elected to membership in ACEC/MD:

### **ECS MID-ATLANTIC, LLC.**

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Rep/Contact: Stephen Jensen [sjensen@ecslimited.com](mailto:sjensen@ecslimited.com); Website: [www.ecslimited.com](http://www.ecslimited.com)

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Established in 1988, ECS Mid-Atlantic is a multi-discipline consulting firm within the specialty area of geosciences, environmental consulting, construction materials, and facilities engineering. The field of operations for the firm include: geotechnical; environmental, construction materials testing, and facilities consulting engineering services. Geotechnical Engineering including soils test borings, test pits, sampling, insitu tests, laboratory testing, geotechnical analyses, foundation, slab and pavement recommendations, slope stability analyses, dam design, pressuremeter testing, stormwater management, earth retention systems, earthwork operations, and geophysical studies. Construction Materials Testing and Engineering Services including value engineering, building movement monitoring, full-scale field and laboratory testing and observation services during earthwork, backfill, concrete, reinforcing steel, structural steel, fireproofing, masonry, roofing, asphalt paving, coring and floor flatness testing. Environmental Consulting including Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), wetland evaluations, brownfields, underground storage tank (LIST) investigations and management, asbestos, lead based paint and radon surveys, indoor air quality, site characterization studies, remediation plans, observation and sampling of remediation systems, and hydrogeologic studies. Facilities Engineering including property condition assessments and condition surveys.

### **HOFFMAN BOROWSKI AND ASSOCIATES**

2205 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093

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Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Established in 2011, Hoffman Borowski and Associates provide planning and design of HVAC and plumbing systems, fire protection systems and evaluation of water supply, fire alarm systems, primary power distribution systems, energy management and control systems, and lighting. They also specialize in photometric analysis and computer modeling of interior and exterior lighting systems, lightning protection design and surveying, design of Local Area Network (LAN) systems, value engineering, life cycle cost analysis and building cost analysis, contract document plans and specifications, construction administration services, building management system design, troubleshooting for mechanical and electrical systems, energy and feasibility studies, sustainable building design, building commissioning, and BIM.

We welcome these firms as members 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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Hagerstown, MD For more information, go to www.itsmd.org.

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