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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *by Dana Knight, P.E.*



Wow! My year as President of ACEC/MD went by quickly! I first want to thank those who have supported me over the last year. This includes the executive committee, the committee chairs, committee members, new member firms and those that have donated to the ACEC/PAC, CEPAC and the Minute Man funds. A special shout out to Jim and Barb, who truly make the life of the President much easier. It would be impossible to accomplish so much without their support.

At the beginning of my term we set several goals and have met or come close to meeting many of them. One of these was to increase Regular member firms by five and Affiliate firms by two. Thanks to Regular Member Firms Alban Engineering; Elmech Industrial Services; HDR; iCivil; Infrastructure Engineers; Rossi Transportation Group; and Affiliate Member Firms SIG; and Stell Environmental, we have accomplished this goal. We set a goal to get 100 folks to attend the Legislative Action Day in January. We ended up with over 80, which was much better than last year's attendance.

Our legislative committee tried to push four bills through this year. (See this newsletter for details on those bills.) We were successful in gaining passage of House Bill 738, which dealt with transferring the responsibility to resolve questions regarding contract dispute resolution from the ethics commission to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals. The legislative committee met recently to talk about how to get the remaining bills passed next year. The legislative committee is a very active committee, and I want to thank Chuck Phillips who chairs this committee, and Sean McCone who is the Director in charge for their hard work this year.

We recently held a very successful program featuring representatives from Baltimore City, Baltimore County and WSSC, who discussed opportunities associated with the EPA consent decrees.

The MDOT Liaison committee was active again this year. Since Governor Hogan took over, there have been many changes to the leadership of the MDOT client we work with. We have reached out and met with Governor Hogan. We recently met with new Secretary of Transportation Pete Rahn

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

and several of his staff. We heard from all of the transportation modal administrators at the MDOT Modal presentation held at the Engineer's Club. It sounds like "Practical Design", which is a favorite of Secretary Rahn, will be implemented in Maryland and our firms will have to be ready for this approach. State Highway Administrator Melinda Peters resigned recently and is enjoying time with her family this summer. She did a great job as Administrator, and I am sure she will do a great job in her future endeavors. Doug Simmons, who was ACEC/MD's 2015 President's Award winner, is now the acting SHA Administrator. We recently held our SHA Partnering meeting with him and his staff. We will also be meeting with new MTA administrator Paul Comfort and his staff in July.

The Baltimore City Liaison Committee has been working for years to convince City representatives to raise the overhead and salary caps on Baltimore City contracts. I am happy to say that we are close to accomplishing this goal. We have provided comments to the City on a plan they have to raise these limits.

The Environmental Committee's Environmental Business Opportunities Forum was held in May, and was well attended. The highlight was a speech from new MDE Secretary Ben Grumbles. We have many other committees that have been active and accomplishing goals throughout the year.

My duties as president included presiding over the ACEC/MD Conference held at Kingsmill Resort in Virginia. I want to congratulate Art Barrett from Gannett Fleming and the rest of the new executive committee who were installed at this conference. I know they will do a great job. We have a very active organization and there are lots of opportunities to get involved. I encourage those that have not been active to get involved.

As I write I just found out that Governor Hogan was diagnosed with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he battles this terrible disease that effects so many. We know he will pull through with flying colors!

I enjoyed being your president and look forward to supporting the new officers and being ACEC/MD's Alternate Director to ACEC and ACEC Director over the next 2 years!

### *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION A MIXED BAG*

As we head into summer and prepare for the 2016 General Assembly session, we offer a look back at the just concluded session. While ACEC/MD was successful in preventing legislation that would have eliminated funding sources for transportation and stormwater management passed during previous sessions, and in gaining passage of legislation that transfers responsibility to resolve questions regarding contract dispute resolution from the Ethics Commission to the Board of Contract Appeals (HB 738), the 2015 session was extremely challenging.

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

Similar to the experience in the 2014 session, after passing the House of Delegates almost unanimously, two of ACEC/MD's initiatives, prohibiting a "duty to defend" requirement (HB 455/ SB 387), and strengthening the certificate of merit law (HB 40 / SB 386), fell hostage to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. After an appeal to Senate President Miller to bring the legislation to a vote in the committee, chaired by Senator Zirkin (District 11), both pieces of legislation were defeated in committee 8-3. We encourage you to express appreciation to Senators Hough (District 3), Ready (District 5), and Cassilly (District ) for their support on these initiatives. Moving forward, we ask that you contact Senator Zirkin to express your displeasure with his opposition. With the support of ACEC/MD's Affiliate members representing the risk management and legal professions, we will also work to negate MDOT's and DGS' surprising opposition to the Duty to Defend bill.

ACEC/MD's initiative to pass legislation prohibiting liquidated damages for MBE compliance on design contracts (HB 379) also met a similar fate in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (EHEA) Committee, chaired by Senator Conway (District 43). Following near unanimous support in the House Health and Government Operations (HGO) Committee, chaired by Delegate Hammen (District 46), the appeal for passage of this legislation from small MBE firms fell on deaf ears in the Senate EHEA Committee. Complicating the situation was legislation introduced that establishes a task force to study SBE and MBE design firm participation. While, by law, ACEC/MD has three positions on this task force, anytime the General Assembly can postpone meaningful action in favor of a study group, the latter will win out. We are hopeful that having the interim to work with new GOMA Secretary Rhee and through ACEC/MD's presence on the task force, next year's results will be different.

In the closing hours of the session, only after ACEC/MD agreed to eliminate an amendment that would have eliminated the current lifetime ban on former state employees developing specifications, the Senate EHEA Committee agreed to pass House Bill 738. Acknowledging that this legislation would fail in its amended form, Chairperson Conway brought the legislation back for reconsideration, and the required votes were secured for passage. Working with the Board of Contract Appeals, ACEC/MD will pursue passage of legislation in 2016 that will address the lifetime ban.

In total, your Legislative Committee, chaired by Chuck Phillips (KCI Technologies) reviewed in detail over 220 of the over 2,200 pieces of legislation introduced in 2015. Thanks to everyone that responded to legislative alerts and helped to make a difference. The fate of other important pieces of legislation addressed by the committee and ACEC/MD's position are as follows:

CF = cross filed

### TRANSPORTATION

SB 10 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE WITH TESTIMONY

SB 181 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR



## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

- SB 333 - Calvert County - Improvements to County Roads and Related Infrastructure - "Quick-Take"  
 Condemnation  
 WITHDRAWN  
 MONITOR
- SB 371 (CF=HB 450) - State Highway Administration - Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas  
 APPROVED BY GOVERNOR  
 MONITOR
- SB 377 (CF=HB 639) - Maryland Transportation Authority – Membership  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE
- SB 379 - Transportation - Francis Scott Key Bridge Authority  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE
- SB 410 (CF=HB506) - Baltimore City - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Safety  
 RETURNED PASSED  
 MONITOR
- SB 453 - Public-Private Partnership Agreements - Performance Security – Requirements  
 PASSED ENROLLED  
 MONITOR
- SB 589 (CF=HB 483) - Motorist Tax Relief - Motor Fuel Tax - Consumer Price Index and Sales and Use Tax  
 Equivalent Rate Adjustments - Repeal  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR
- SB 591 (CF=HB 484) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR
- SB 656 (CF=HB 621) - State Highway Administration - Entrance to State Highway - Permit Process  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR
- SB 664 (CF=HB 454) - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE
- SB 778 (CF = HB 172) - Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR
- HB 104 - Montgomery County - Transit Authority MC 24-15  
 WITHDRAWN  
 MONITOR
- HB 172 (CF = SB 778) - Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles  
 DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR
- HB 174 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 214 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Francis Scott Key Bridge - Toll Discount Plans  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 300 - Department of Transportation - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Services - Utilization Study  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 336 - Procurement - State Funds - Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Fixtures  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 371 - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License - Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 450 (CF=SB 371) - State Highway Administration - Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 454 (CF=SB 664) - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 483 (CF=SB 589) - Motorist Tax Relief - Motor Fuel Tax - Consumer Price Index and Sales and Use Tax Equivalent Rate Adjustments - Repeal  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 484 (CF=SB 591) - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 506 (CF=SB 410) - Baltimore City - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Safety  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 546 - Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 621 (CF=SB 656) - State Highway Administration - Entrance to State Highway - Permit Process  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 639 (CF=SB 377) - Maryland Transportation Authority - Membership  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 747 - Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge - Multiple Axle Vehicles - Toll Rates  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 762 - State Highway Administration - Entrance to State Highway - Permit Process  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 774 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 787 - Dedicated State Funds Protection Act  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 837 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue - Increased Local Share  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 899 - Motor Fuel Tax - Distribution of Revenue - Local Governments  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 913 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Local Government Reporting - Revisions  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 920 - State Highway Administration - Relocation of Water and Sewer Lines - Payment of Costs  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 936 - Public-Private Partnership Agreements - Construction Contracts - Performance Security Requirements  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 1003 - Motor Fuel Tax - Distribution of Revenue  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 1038 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

### ENVIRONMENTAL

SB 28 (CF=HB 302) - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund - Use of Funds  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 29 - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibitions  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

SB 36 - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

SB 42 - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

SB 133 (CF=HB 156) - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Use of Funds  
 PASSED ENROLLED  
 SUPPORT

SB 256 (CF=HB 881) - Maryland Shoreline Risk Assessment, Preparation, and Adaptation Act  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

SB 257 (CF=HB 381) - Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Phosphorus Management Tool  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

SB 258 (CF=HB 514) - Maryland Commission on Climate Change  
 PASSED ENROLLED  
 MONITOR

SB 373 (CF=HB 377) - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Revisions (Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2015)  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR

SB 409 (CF=HB 449) - Protect our Health and Communities Act  
 RETURNED PASSED  
 OPPOSED

SB 458 - Civil Actions - Hydraulic Fracturing Liability Act  
 DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE

SB 509 - Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority - Purpose, Appointments, and Compensation  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR

SB 551 (CF=HB 919) - Land Use - Plans - Development and Adoption  
 RETURNED PASSED  
 MONITOR

SB 588 (CF=HB 481) - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 OPPOSE

SB 693 (CF=HB 987) - Environment - Ambient Air Quality Control - Cumulative Air Impact Analysis  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

SB 863 - Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs - Revisions  
 PASSED ENROLLED  
 MONITOR

SB 892 - Environment - Nitrogen Oxide Emissions - Pollution and Combustion Control Technologies  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

SB 919 (CF=HB1268) - Environment - Implementation of Watershed Implementation Plan - Limitation  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 OPPOSE

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 156 (CF=SB 133) - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Use of Funds  
RETURNED PASSED  
SUPPORT

HB 302 (CF=SB 28) - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund - Use of Funds  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

HB 377 (CF=SB 373) - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Revisions (Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2015)  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 378 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Qualifying Biomass  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 381 (CF=SB 257) - Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Phosphorus Management Tool  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 449 (CF=SB 409) - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Protect Our Health and Communities  
PASSED ENROLLED  
OPPOSE

HB 458 - Environment - Exploration and Production Waste and Waste From Hydraulic Fracturing  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 481 (CF=SB 588) - Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 509 - Environment - Statute of Limitations - Admin. Penalties  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 514 (CF=SB 258) - Maryland Commission on Climate Change  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 649 - Prince George's County - Clean Water Program - Report PG 404-15  
RETURNED PASSED  
SUPPORT

HB 773 - Baltimore County - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Exemption  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 881 (CF=SB 256) - Maryland Shoreline Risk Assessment, Preparation, and Adaptation Act  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 919 (CF=SB 551) - Land Use - Plans - Development and Adoption  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 952 - Public Health - Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals - Information and Fund  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 987 (CF=SB 693) - Environment - Ambient Air Quality Control - Cumulative Air Impact Analysis  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1042 - Environment - Nitrogen Oxide Emissions - Pollution and Combustion Control Technologies  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 1043 - Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal System - Nitrogen Removal Technology - Exemption  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 1268 (CF=SB 919) - Environment - Implementation of Watershed Implementation Plan - Limitation  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

### GENERAL BUSINESS

SB 30 (CF=HB 129) - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation - Award of Contracts  
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR  
MONITOR

SB 40 (CF=HB 385) - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

SB 55 (CF=HB 70) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2016)  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 56 (CF=HB 71) - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 57 (CF=HB 71) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2015  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 73 (CF=HB 221) - Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

SB 75 - Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 94 (CF=HB 353) - State Government - Automated Mapping-Geographic Information Systems - System Services Costs  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 108 - State Finance and Procurement - Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals - Membership  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 109 - Task Force to Study Small and Minority Design Firm Participation in State Procurement  
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR  
MONITOR

SB 147 - Local Government Tort Claims Act and Maryland Tort Claims Act - Repeal of Certain Notice Requirements  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 153 - Corporations - Political Expenditures - Stockholder Approval  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 179 - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2015  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 196 (CF=HB 1089) - Economic Development - Rural Economic Development Program and One Maryland Tax Credit  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 243 (CF=HB 158) - State Personnel - Service Contracts - Reporting and Audit Requirements  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

SB 279 (CF=HB 404) - Procurement - Public Work Contracts - Contractor Occupational Safety and Health Requirements  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

SB 292 - Real Property - Land Records - Fraudulent Recordings  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 301 (CF=HB 164) - Judgments - Appeals - Supersedeas Bond  
DIED IN SENATE  
MONITOR

SB 323 (CF=HB 442) - Mechanics' Liens - Design Services  
WITHDRAWN  
SUPPORT

SB 324 (CF=HB 379) - Minority Business Enterprise Participation - Liquidated Damages - Architectural or Engineering Services  
WITHDRAWN  
SUPPORT

SB 350 (CF=HB 243) - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises - Participation Goal  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

SB 386 (CF=HB 40) - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 387 (CF=HB 455) - Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense - Void  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
SUPPORT

SB 396 (CF=HB 279) - Procurement - Prospective Responsible Bidders or Offerors - Transitioning to Be  
Prime Contractors  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

SB 425 - Labor and Employment - Wage Disclosure and Discussion Protection  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 459 (CF=HB 521) - Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts - Directors and Trustees - Duties  
and Immunity from Liability  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

SB 526 (CF=HB 244) - Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

SB 543 - Task Force on Procurement and Cybersecurity  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

SB 579 - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority - Small Business Surety Bond  
Program  
RETURNED PASSED  
SUPPORT

SB 590 (CF=HB 480) - Small Business Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 2015  
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

SB 604 (CF=HB 229) - Human Relations - Employment Discrimination - Protection for Interns  
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR  
MONITOR

SB 660 - State Budget  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 662 (CF=HB 1213) - State Finance and Procurement - One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

SB 670 - Corporations and Business Entities - Filing Fees and Combined Reporting  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 681 (CF=HB 522) - Corporations - Maryland General Corporation Law - Miscellaneous Provisions  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 738 (CF=HB 752) - Professional Engineers - Responsible Charge - Review and Approval of Engineering Documents  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 880 - Income Tax - Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 36 - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises - Participation Goal  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
HOLD

HB 40 (CF=SB 386) - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services  
UNFAVORABLE SENATE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 42 - Fair Employment Preservation Act of 2015  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 70 (CF=SB 55) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2016)  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 71 (CF=SB 56) - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014  
PASSED ENROLLED - VETOED BY GOVERNOR  
MONITOR

HB 72 (CF=SB 57) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2015  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 119 - Construction Contract Clauses - Change Orders (State Procurement Change Order Fairness Act)  
DIED (Session concluded before House acted.)  
OPPOSE

HB 122 - Task Force to Study the Impact of State and Local Taxes on Small Businesses  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 129 (CF=SB 30) - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation - Award of Contracts  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 158 (CF=SB 243) - State Personnel - Service Contracts - Reporting and Audit Requirements  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 162 - State Government - Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 164 (CF=SB 301) - Judgments - Appeals - Supersedeas Bond  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 221 (CF=SB 73) - Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 229 (CF=SB 604) - Human Relations - Employment Discrimination - Protection for Interns  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 243 (CF=SB 350) - Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises - Participation Goal  
RETURNED PASSED  
HOLD

HB 244 (CF=SB 526) - Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015  
RETURNED PASSED  
OPPOSE

HB 251 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 279 (CF=SB 396) - Procurement - Prospective Responsible Bidders or Offerors - Transitioning to be Prime Contractors  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 343 - Real Property - Construction Contracts - Retention Proceeds - Repeal  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 345 - Labor and Employment - Flexible Leave - Use of Leave for Family Illness  
RETURNED PASSED  
OPPOSE

HB 351 - Corporations and Associations - Limited Liability Companies - Company Representative  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 353 (CF=SB 94) - State Government - Automated Mapping-Geographic Information Systems - System Services Costs  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 379 (CF=SB 324) - Minority Business Enterprise Participation - Liquidated Damages - Architectural or Engineering Services  
WITHDRAWN  
SUPPORT

HB 385 (CF=SB 40) - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 404 (CF=SB 279) - Procurement - Public Work Contracts - Contractor Occupational Safety and Health Requirements  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 442 (CF=SB 323) - Mechanics' Liens - Design Services  
WITHDRAWN  
SUPPORT

HB 445 - Opportunity Bracket for Small Business  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

HB 446 - Personal Property Tax - Exemption - Small Business  
WITHDRAWN  
SUPPORT

HB 455 (CF=SB 387) - Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense - Void  
UNFAVORABLE SENATE REPORT  
SUPPORT

HB 480 (CF=SB 590) - Small Business Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 2015  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

HB 521 (CF=SB 459) - Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts - Directors and Trustees - Duties and Immunity From Liability  
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE

HB 522 (CF=SB 681) - Corporations - Maryland General Corporation Law - Miscellaneous Provisions  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 550 - State Aid - Business Transparency and Financial Disclosure Act  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 620 - Crimes - Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Unauthorized Surveillance  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 698 - Reorganization of State Procurement  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 720 - Architects, Landscape Architects, and Professional Land Surveyors - Firm Permits  
RETURNED PASSED  
SUPPORT

HB 738 - Jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission and the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals - Participation in Procurement  
PASSED ENROLLED  
SUPPORT

HB 752 (CF=SB 738) - Professional Engineers - Responsible Charge - Review and Approval of Engineering Documents  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 759 - Health Insurance - Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program - Repeal  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 769 - Election Law - Persons Doing Public Business - Statements of Contributions  
PASSED ENROLLED  
MONITOR

HB 844 - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority - Small Business Surety Bond Program  
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR  
SUPPORT

HB 882 - Maryland Workers Fairness Act  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 1089 (CF=SB 196) - Economic Development - Rural Economic Development Program and One Maryland Tax Credit  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

HB 1213 (CF=SB 662) - State Finance and Procurement - One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HJ 4 - Moratorium on Taxes and Regulations  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HJ 6 - Buy Maryland  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

### WORKPLACE/HEALTH

SB 95 (CF=HB 237) - Workers' Compensation - Children's Scholarship Fund - Establishment  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

SB 118 - Workers' Compensation Commission - Regulation of Fees and Charges  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 358 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability Compensation - Reversal or Modification of Award  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 368 (CF=HB 358) - Workers' Compensation Insurance - Cancellation and Nonrenewal - Notice  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

SB 424 (CF=HB 1051) - Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
OPPOSE



## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### WORKPLACE/HEALTH (continued)

SB 688 (CF=HB 969) - Labor and Employment - Fair Scheduling Act  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

SB 784 (CF=HB 1072) - Labor and Employment - Discrimination Based on Engagement in Lawful Activities - Prohibition  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 873 - Workers' Compensation - Temporary Total Disability Benefits - Credit  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 874 - Workers' Compensation - Temporary Total Disability - Incarcerated Employees  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

SB 898 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability Benefits - Compensation  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT

HB 237 (CF=SB 95) - Workers' Compensation - Children's Scholarship Fund - Establishment  
WITHDRAWN  
MONITOR

HB 262 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability Compensation - Reversal or Modification of Award  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
MONITOR

HB 358 (CF=SB 368) - Workers' Compensation Insurance - Cancellation and Nonrenewal - Notice  
RETURNED PASSED  
MONITOR

HB 528 - Labor and Employment - Wage Records, Wages, and Paydays - Requirements  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 619 - Income Tax Credit - Flexible Workweek  
DIED IN COMMITTEE  
MONITOR

HB 946 - Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses  
UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
OPPOSE

HB 969 (CF=SB 688) - Labor and Employment - Fair Scheduling Act  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 985 - Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment  
WITHDRAWN  
OPPOSE

HB 1027 - Labor and Employment - Overwork Prohibition Act  
WITHDRAWN  
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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### WORKPLACE/HEALTH (continued)

HB 1051 (CF=SB 424) - Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work  
 WITHDRAWN  
 OPPOSE

HB 1066 - Labor and Employment - Nondisclosure Agreements - Prohibition  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 OPPOSE

HB 1072 (CF=SB 784) - Labor and Employment - Discrimination Based on Engagement in Lawful Activities - Prohibition  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR

### MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ISSUES

SB 211 (CF=HB 169) - State Plumbing Code - Adoption of International Code Council Standards  
 WITHDRAWN  
 MONITOR

SB 228 - Supplemental Public School Construction Matching Fund Program  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

SB 250 (CF=HB 520) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Safety and Access Project  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 SUPPORT

SB 581 (CF=HB 1084) - Business and Economic Development - Maryland Design Excellence Commission  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE

SB 725 (CF=HB 967) - Baltimore County Board of Education - Procurement for Construction-Related Projects for Schools  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE

SB 821 (CF=HB 1182) - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 OPPOSE

HB 169 (CF=SB 211) - State Plumbing Code - Adoption of International Code Council Standards  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 MONITOR

HB 520 (CF=SB 250) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Safety and Access Project  
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT  
 SUPPORT

HB 594 - Prince George's County - New School Construction Investment Act of 2015 PG 413-15  
 DIED IN COMMITTEE  
 MONITOR

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## *2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (continued)*

### **MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)**

HB 967 (CF=SB 725) - Baltimore County Board of Education - Procurement for Construction-Related Projects for Schools

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

HB 1084 (CF=SB 581) - Business and Economic Development - Maryland Design Excellence Commission

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

HB 1182 (CF=SB 821) - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority

RETURNED PASSED

OPPOSE

HB 1210 - Public Safety - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Adoption, Implementation, and Enforcement of Modifications

DIED IN COMMITTEE

MONITOR

HB 1264 - Building Performance Standards - Fire Sprinkler System Exemptions

DIED IN COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

## *THE SUN SHINES ON ACEC/MD'S TOURNAMENT*

In almost perfect weather provided by outgoing ACEC/MD President Dana Knight (McCormick Taylor) and new Government Golf Outing Chair Tony Clarke (Jacobs), a record 113 golfers teed off in ACEC/MD's 48th annual tournament. While the \$20,000 Hole-In-One prize was safe for another year, one shot actually hit the pin before landing a distance from the cup.

Coming out on top in this year's tournament at Greystone Golf Course was Jim Frazier (Michael Baker International), who shot an impressive 76 (using regression formula). Other notable winners were:

2ND LOW GROSS	BJ Warner (McCormick Taylor)
1ST LOW NET	Rob Marchetti (McCormick Taylor)
2ND LOW NET	Jack Branyan (Prime AE Group)
3RD LOW NET	Mike Rice (Prime AE Group)
LEAST # OF PUTTS	Tony Frascarella (Century Engineering)
MOST # OF PUTTS	Brent Brenize (Gannett Fleming)
MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE	Jack Branyan (Prime AE Group)
LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE	Laura Jeffords (AECOM)
CLOSEST TO THE PIN (2)	Charlie Adams (Sparks @ Play)
	Hank Pokigo (Hardesty & Hanover)

Through the purchase of mulligan, golfers also contributed a record \$905.00 to ACEC/MD's Scholarship Fund. We would also like to thank both the contributors and bidders that participated in the silent auction, and helped raise \$1,937.00 for CEPAC.

Mark your calendar for Monday, May 2, 2016, and plan to join your colleagues and friends at ACEC/MD's 49th annual tournament.



## *NEW MEMBERS*

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

### **REGULAR MEMBER:**

#### **Rossi Transportation Group**

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*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Rossi Transportation Group was founded in 2015 by Rita Ossiander, PE, AICP, who has 20 years of experience in the transportation industry. The field of operation for this WBE firm is highway, civil, planning and CM/CI. Services provided by the firm include: multi-disciplinary engineering and planning services specializing in roadways, highways, water resources engineering design; landscape architecture, site engineering, multi-modal transportation and urban planning; construction management and construction inspection services for private and government agencies.*

### **AFFILIATE MEMBER:**

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*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: In business since 2004, Stell Environmental is a woman-owned, small disadvantaged business specializing in environmental, and planning consulting services. Stell's owners have over 40 years of combined professional experience providing a wide range of services to all levels of government clients as well as industrial and nonprofit organizations. Stell plans and executes large, complex projects nationwide. Their professional staff of scientists, planners, geologists, and archeologists have extensive experience complying with federal and state environmental laws and regulations, including the RCRA/CERCLA, Toxic Substances Control Act, Clean Water Act, and underground storage tank regulations. Services provided by the firm include: restoration, compliance and planning environmental services; site characterizations and investigations; military munitions response; site remediation and optimization; multimedia compliance; cultural and natural resource compliance; sustainability; National Environmental Policy Act services; military range management; and environmental planning.*

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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**OFFICERS**

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Dana Knight, P.E.  
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Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani

## Alternate Director

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Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

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## 2012-2015

Alan Straus, P.E.  
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## 2013-2016

Christopher Fronheiser, P.E.  
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Sidhu Associates

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Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

## Executive Director

Jim Otradovec

**MEMBER NEWS**

**A.D. MARBLE & COMPANY** is pleased to announce that they are celebrating 30 years in business.

**A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES, LLC** recently announced that **Carlos Ostria, PE** has been named Managing Associate, responsible for leading the firm's office in Washington D.C. He has more than 30 years of professional engineering experience in the DC metropolitan region.

**CENTURY ENGINEERING, INC.** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Troy Hol-loway, PE, PTOE** to the firm's board of directors. He is a Senior Vice President, responsible for the management and growth of the firm's operations in Pennsylvania.

Celebrating their 100th anniversary, **GANNETT FLEMING** is pleased to announce that incoming ACEC/MD President **W. Arthur Barrett, II, PE** has been named the 2015 Civil Engineer of the Year by the Maryland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This award recognizes his 35 years of significant contributions to the civil engineering industry.

**NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.** is pleased to announce that **Robert B. Bush, PLS** has joined the firm as Chief of Surveys, PA. He brings over 29 years of surveying and management experience to the firm.

**SCHNABEL ENGINEERING's William Billiet**, the recipient of the 2015 ACEC/MD Young Professional of the Year award, has been selected as the ACEC national award winner.

**SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

The following individual is seeking a position and has a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office.

1. Individual with almost 30 years of experience looking for employment as a field project engineer or a field project manager or an inspector on construction sites.

Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy of their resume.

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