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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Robinson, P.E.*



Welcome 2017! The New Year has arrived and we are all looking forward to a glorious and prosperous year ahead. In this year, ACEC/MD will celebrate its 60th anniversary in December, and we will mark the milestone throughout the year at our events, in our communications and with a special celebration on November 3rd at the spectacular, new Sagamore Pendry Hotel in Fells Point. More information to come. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for the latest information.

I am sad to note that in December of last year, we lost Steve Silva, a long-time ACEC/MD friend and former MTA official. We will miss Steve dearly.

On January 4th, more than 20 ACEC/MD member firm representatives participated in a breakfast with Senator Joan Carter Conway hosted by ACEC/MD. Senator Conway was vibrant, spending time personally talking to each individual in attendance. She has been a staunch protector of Maryland's natural resources, K-12 education, and higher education. At ACEC/MD's request, she sponsored the Procurement-Prohibitions on Participation (Senate Bill 109) this year.

ACEC/MD held its annual Legislative Action Day on January 19th. We had a great turnout in Annapolis with more than 50 member firm representatives attending visitations and 98 individuals at the luncheon afterward. This showing helps legislative efforts on issues impacting our firms. Thanks to all who participated. Please add this important event to your calendars for our January 2018 event. We hope to have more than 100 people attend next year.

ACEC/MD has reviewed over 2,500 pieces of legislation introduced in the General Assembly, to date, and analyzed engineer- and business-related legislation to determine an appropriate position as it relates to our member firms' concerns. This year's ACEC/MD legislation includes:

- **Rejecting Retail Sales Tax On Engineering Services (Senate Bill 235/House Bill 470):** This Bill rejects the attempt by the Comptroller's office to tax investigative services (actually professional services) provided by engineers that could result in taxing other engineering related services.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

- **Procurement-Prohibitions on Participation (Senate Bill 109/House Bill 283):** This legislation greatly reduces the current lifetime prohibition, to two years, on an individual and the firm that hires that individual, if the individual assisted the state in developing RFPs or in drafting specifications used on a project.
- **Indemnity-Duty to Defend Duty to Defend (2016 Senate Bill 234 and House Bill 871):** In 2016 we were successful in gaining some relief from the onerous Duty to Defend requirement showing up in contracts. However, modifications to the law are still required to ensure that economic loss from obligations to pay defense costs and eliminating the sole negligence of the promisee are included in the law. Based upon conversations with leaders in the General Assembly, ACEC/MD will not introduce amended Duty to Defend legislation this year. We will continue to monitor and look to include future amendments.

Additionally, ACEC/MD will assist the Hogan administration in repealing the Maryland Open Transportation Decision Act, which scores transportation projects based on predetermined metrics. The General Assembly is now in full swing, and while we are seeing positive signs that success will be realized on our initiatives, we encourage all firms to stay involved by responding to Legislative Alerts.

ACEC will hold its Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, April 23-26, at the Marriott Wardman Hotel in Washington, D.C. ACEC issues include a comprehensive energy bill, tax and regulatory reform, FAA reauthorization, and infrastructure funding. To help address these issues, ACEC/MD needs your support during Congressional visitations, being held Wednesday, April 26, 2017. We welcome and encourage your participation.

The ACEC/MD Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet was held at the Engineers Club on February 16th. The projects submitted for these awards reflect not only the technical expertise of the talented engineers who



work on them, but also their incredible ingenuity, imagination and problem-solving skills. They continue every day to improve our community, making us safer, stronger, and more environmentally sound, which enhances our daily lives. Congratulations to all who won awards!

At that event, I was honored to present Jim Irvin with the ACEC/MD 2017 President's Award. Jim is the Director of the Howard County Department of Public Works, and is responsible for the development and implementation of hundreds of capital projects ranging from sidewalks to \$100 million treatment plant upgrades. Chairman of the Board of the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority, Jim maintains an A.I.C.P. certification, and has been instrumental in guiding the County's DPW through emergency conditions, including the devastating flood that recently ravaged historic Ellicott City.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Additionally, during the banquet, we presented four scholarship awards, a community service award, and the 2017 Young Professional award. Congratulations to Joshua Cocker, Rhiannon Dodge, Leslie Tillman, Brandon Quinn (Scholarship Awards), Rob Scrafford (Community Service Award), and Kelvin Saldanha (Young Professional Award). Watch for a complete write up on these impressive individuals and projects in the Special Awards Issue in the next newsletter.

Our Leadership Program is now in high gear, and we were very pleased to have a strong turnout by class participants at the Legislative Action Day. The program will continue throughout the 2017 fiscal year.



Spring is just around the corner! Don't forget about our Governmental Golf Outing, which will be held at the Greystone Golf Course on May 1, 2017. Get your foursomes ready! We are hoping for a sunny warm day to show off our spectacular golf skills. Watch out Tiger Woods! The 29th Annual ACEC/MD Conference will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, June 21-23, 2017. We will recognize our Leadership Program participants at this event, along with updating participants on important issues affecting the engineering community. Since this conference is very local, I hope to see many in attendance. If you have not been to National Harbor you are missing a great time. The area features good food, drink, shopping and now with the opening of the MGM Grand Casino, gambling. It should be a fun event, so make your reservations soon.



Again, ACEC/MD will celebrate our 60th Anniversary this year. We are proud of the growth and success of this organization that represents our community so well, but it couldn't run without the dedication of the ACEC/MD staff, as well as all of the chairs and board members who dedicate their time and skills toward that success. You should all be proud of the work you do to promote the engineering community!

ART BARRETT & FRANK WAESCHE HONORED AS ACEC/MD'S NEWEST FELLOWS

It is with extreme pleasure that we acknowledge Frank Waesche, P.E. (Wallace Montgomery) & Warren Barrett, P.E. (Gannett Fleming) as newly appointed Fellows of ACEC/MD. Fellows are individuals who have been principals of a member firm for not less than five years at the time of their election, and shall have notably contributed to the advancement of consulting engineering in administrative leadership, design, science, by literature, in education or by service to the profession.



ACECMD'S NEWEST FELLOWS (CONTINUED)

W. ARTHUR BARRETT, II, P.E. A past President of ACEC/MD, Art Barrett is a Senior Vice President of Gannett Fleming, Inc., a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm with over 2000 employees. As the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Art is responsible for the Baltimore, Fairfax, Hampton Roads, Raleigh, and Richmond offices. A resident of Cooksville, Art received his Bachelors of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Clarkson University in 1981, and has been registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland since 1986. He has over 30 years of experience in planning, design and management of transportation and municipal projects, and in 2015 was selected as the ASCE/MD Engineer of the Year. Art has been a committee chair, Director and officer for ACEC/MD, served as President of the Maryland chapter of ASCE and President for the Engineering Society of Baltimore. Art is directly involved as the Project Manager/Principal for many assignments of major importance in the State of Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.



FRANK S. WAESCHE III, P.E. Frank Waesche is a Partner in the engineering firm of Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, LLP. The firm is well known throughout the Middle Atlantic Region for its work in the transportation industry. Frank currently is the firm's Administrative partner, and is also responsible for the firm's Transit and Utility Engineering activities and all Construction Management and Inspection services. In January, 2017, Frank will relinquish his day to day responsibilities with the firm and will continue his affiliation with Wallace Montgomery as Partner Emeritus. Frank was one of the early members of the ACEC/SHA Partnering Liaison Committee and chaired the Committee for a period of time. The Committee has worked closely with SHA to resolve many industry wide issues. With over 40 years' experience in the engineering industry, Frank is a graduate of Clemson University. He is a registered professional engineer in both Maryland and Delaware and, in addition to ACEC/MD, is a member of many professional societies and organizations.

CURRENT ACEC/MD FELLOWS (ALPHABETICAL):

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| Art Barrett (2016) | Jack Kinstlinger (1994) | Mike Myers (2010) |
| Dick Beall (2002) | Emil Kordish | Terry Neimeyer (2003) |
| Ben Beavin (1998) | Dana Knight (2015) | Beverly Pannee (2014) |
| Bucky Bukowitz (2002) | Leon Kriebel (2013) | Andrew Parker |
| Carl Canatella (2002) | Jerry Lamprecht (1994) | Cathy Ritter (1996) |
| Dan Cheng (2006) | Dick Lortz (1999) | Hank Schlenger (1995) |
| Paul Cox (1994) | Dick Magnani (2010) | Dev Sidhu (1995) |
| Bob Davidson (1994) | Joe Makar (2011) | Bill Smith (2002) |
| Harvey Floyd (2007) | Jeff McBride (2012) | Harry Stephen (2009) |
| Bill Franswick (2002) | Bob McNeill (2003) | Doug Suess (2002) |
| Kunal Gangopadhyay(2005) | Chuck Meyer (1995) | Jim Thomas |
| Al Gipe (1993) | Ralph Miller | Frank Waesche (2016) |
| John Grice (1994) | Jack Moeller (2014) | Fred Wagner (2006) |
| Gene Harvey | Tom Mohler (1999) | Cay Weinel (2007) |
| Gary Johnson (2002) | David Mongan (2010) | Sandy Whitney (1993) |
| | | George Wirth (2008) |

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ACEC/MD'S HOLIDAY PARTY HITS THE SPOT

With a record 181 ACEC/MD representatives and guests in attendance at the beautiful harborside setting of Baltimore's Museum of Industry, this year's Holiday Party was another great success. With new historical exhibits added every year, this facility once again provided the perfect venue for spreading holiday cheer. We would like to thank the following sponsors for once again making the evening a great success:

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24TH ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE DELIVERS FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Taking a break from the normal frigid, snowy weather, the 24th Annual MdQI conference was another huge success.

Focusing on continuous quality improvement, the conference once again demonstrated the spirit of partnering between government agencies, consultants, and contractors. It also provided the opportunity for attendees to hear from industry leaders such as MDOT Secretary Pete Rahn, who championed cooperation between industry representatives and the state, and Marc Weller, President and Partner of Sagamore Development Company.

As in previous years, ACEC/MD representatives were once again spotlighted as winners in the MdQI Awards.

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24TH ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

Award winning projects recognizing ACEC/MD member firms included:

MdQI MBE/WBE Construction Award

Winner: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications of Bridges on I-95 South of the Fort McHenry Tunnel

Agency: MDOT Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)

Scope: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications

Project Bid Cost: \$51 million

Location: I-95 in Baltimore City

Firms: Wagman Heavy Civil, Inc. - York, PA and Wallace Montgomery - Hunt Valley, MD

MdQI Green/Sustainability/Environmental Award

Winner: Conowingo Elementary School - Environmental Site Design

Agency: County Association Engineers of Maryland (CEAM) and Cecil County

Scope: Environmental Site Design

Study Cost: \$306,000

Location: Rowlandsville Road, Cecil County

Firms: AECOM - Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; Swan Creek Landscaping, Inc. - Perryville, MD; and Mark T. Hudson Landscaping & Excavating, LLC - Elkton, MD

MdQI Partnering in Construction – Gold Award

Winner: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications of Bridges on I-95 South of the Fort McHenry Tunnel

Agency: MDOT MDTA

Scope: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications

Project Bid Cost: \$51 million

County: Baltimore City

Firms: Wagman Heavy Civil, Inc. - York, PA and Wallace Montgomery - Hunt Valley, MD

MdQI Partnering in Construction – Silver Award

Winner: Dual Steel Bridges on US 13 over the Pocomoke River

Agency: MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA)

Scope: Bridge Construction

Project Bid Cost: \$16 million

Location: Pocomoke River at the Somerset County / Worcester County line

Firms: JMT – Sparks-Glencoe, MD and FAY, Inc. - Glen Burnie, MD

MdQI County Engineers Association of Maryland Award: Project under \$5 Million

Winner: Renovation of Jericho Road Covered bridge over Little Gunpowder Falls

Agency: CEAM and Baltimore County

Scope: Historic Bridge Renovation

County Project Cost: \$1.8M

Location: Jericho Road over Little Gunpowder Falls at the Baltimore County / Harford County line

Firms: Wallace Montgomery - Hunt Valley, MD and Kinsley Construction, Inc. - Lutherville-Timonium, MD

24TH ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

MdQI Maryland Transportation Authority Award: Project under \$5 Million

Winner: Structural Repairs to I-95 Bridges north of Fort McHenry Tunnel

Agency: MDOT MDTA

Scope: Structural Repairs

Bid Cost: \$500,000

Location: I-95 in Baltimore City, MD

Firms: RK&K - Baltimore, MD and The Marksmen Company – Baltimore, MD

MdQI Maryland Aviation Administration Award: Project under \$5 Million

Winner: Near Term Federal Inspection Services (FIS) Improvements

Agency: MDOT MAA

Scope: Inspection Services at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport

Program Cost: \$1.6M

Location: Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Anne Arundel County

Firms: JMT - Sparks, MD; Airport Design Consultants - Ellicott City, MD; Parsons Infrastructure - Baltimore, MD; Baltimore Contractors- Glen Burnie, MD

MdQI Maryland Port Administration Award under \$5 Million

Winner: Dundalk Marine Terminal - Lot 304 Drainage Improvements

Agency: MDOT Maryland Port Administration (MPA)

Scope: Dundalk Marine Terminal – Lot 304 Drainage Improvements

Project Bid Cost: \$4 million

Location: Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore in Baltimore City

Firms: WBCM - Towson, MD; Marine Technologies - Baltimore, MD

MdQI Maryland Transit Administration Award: Project under \$5 Million

Winner: Grade Crossing Replacements on Seaford Freight Line

Agency: MDOT MTA

Scope: Railroad Grade Crossing Replacements

Project Bid Cost: \$850,000

Location: Freight Rail Line in Caroline County

Firms: AECOM - Baltimore, MD; STV, Inc. - Windsor Mill, MD; and Bullock Construction - Easton, MD

MdQI Baltimore City Department of Transportation Award: City Project over \$5 Million

Winner: Roland Avenue and Northern Parkway Improvements

Agency: BCDOT

Scope: Roadway Improvements

Project Bid Cost: \$3.9 million

Location: Roland Avenue and Northern Parkway in Baltimore City

Firms: Sabra Wang and Associates - Columbia, MD; M. Luis Construction Company - Baltimore, MD



24TH ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

MdQI County Engineers Association of Maryland Award: County Project over \$5 Million

Winner: Piscataway Hills Landslide Stabilization

Agency: CEAM and Prince George's County

Scope: Landslide stabilization

Project Bid Cost: \$8.5 million

Location: County: Piscataway Hills in Prince George's County

Firms: KCI Technologies - Sparks, MD; Corman Construction - Annapolis Junction, MD

MdQI Maryland Transportation Authority Award: Project over \$5 Million

Winner: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications of Bridges on I-95 South of the Fort McHenry Tunnel

Agency: MDOT MDTA

Scope: Deck Rehabilitation and Joint Modifications

Project Bid Cost: \$51 million

Location: I-95 in Baltimore City

Firms: Wagman Heavy Civil, Inc. - York, PA and Wallace Montgomery - Hunt Valley, MD

MdQI Maryland Transit Administration Award: Project over \$5 Million

Winner: Metro System - Interlockings Reconstruction Project for Reisterstown Plaza -West, Rogers Avenue-East, and Subway Portal Interlockings

Agency: MTA

Scope: Metro System from Park Circle neighborhood (Metro Tunnel Portal Interlocking) to Northwest Baltimore neighborhood

Project Bid Cost: \$16.4 million

Location: Baltimore City

Firm: AECOM - Baltimore, MD

MdQI Maryland State Highway Administration Award: Project over \$5 Million

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Agency: MDOT SHA

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CONSTITUENTS WANTED!

As a reminder, ACEC/MD is once again scheduling visitations with your members of Congress, being held this year on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in conjunction with ACEC's Annual Convention and Legislative Summit. We need you, their constituent, to help carry the profession's message to Maryland's Congressional Delegation.

With important issues at the forefront, such as:

- FAA Reauthorization
- Sustainable Funding for Infrastructure Projects
- Comprehensive Energy Legislation
- Major Regulatory and Tax Reform

And ACEC's Annual Convention also being held in Washington, DC, April 23-26, 2017, Maryland firm representatives once again have the unique opportunity to participate in both events in their own backyard. The conference will feature a Congressional Issues Briefing for conference registrants on Tuesday morning, April 25th.

The appointments are scheduled for you. DC is an easy car or train ride away, and position papers will be available on ACEC's website. All you have to do is show up and make your

Congressional representatives aware of the issues that are important to your firm. While we encourage you to register for the convention, there is no cost to join your colleagues for the Congressional visits.

To be included in this important event, please forward your name, firm, and residential and firm congressional district to the ACEC/MD office by April 1st!

MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMS ECONOMIC LOSS RULE ACEC/MD INSTRUMENTAL IN AMICUS BRIEF

In *Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. v. Rummel Klepper & Kahl, LLP*, the Maryland Court of Appeals confirmed that the Economic Loss Rule is alive and well in Maryland. Generally, the Economic Loss Rule prevents parties from asserting tort claims (e.g., negligence and negligent misrepresentation) against parties with whom they do not hold a contract in order to extricate themselves from the terms of their contracts. In *Balfour Beatty*, a contractor on a design-bid-build project asserted claims against the owner's engineer based on alleged deficiencies in the design documents. The engineer moved to dismiss the contractor's claims, arguing that – as there was no contract between the contractor and the engineer – the contractor's claims were barred by the Economic Loss Rule and should be dismissed. The trial court and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals agreed with the engineer.

When the contractor appealed the case to the Maryland Court of Appeals, several organizations, including American Council of Engineering Companies of Maryland (ACEC/MD), American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia (ACEC/VA), American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Institute of Architects (AIA), Maryland Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. (MSPE), and National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), representing the interests of design professionals came together to file an amicus brief, sharing their perspective with the Maryland Court of Appeals on the importance of contracts in the construction industry for the fair and equitable management of risk and responsibility between parties involved in a construction project.

On February 22, 2017, the Maryland Court of Appeals affirmed the lower courts' decisions and adopted the logic and reasoning advanced in the amicus brief, finding that the intricate web of contracts on complex construction projects justified continued application of the general rule requiring parties to assert claims along lines of contractual privity. The Court's decision cites several cases highlighted for the Court only in the amicus brief (and not the briefs of the contractor and engineer), evidencing the significant impact the amicus brief had on the outcome in this case. This decision benefits design professionals in Maryland, and elsewhere, who manage risk through contracts and rely on courts to enforce their bargained-for expectations.

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Check out the ACEC/MD page now on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook. We'll be posting event details, new member welcomes, awards, and industry and state-related news. Search for American Council of Engineering Companies Maryland or ACEC/MD to follow us, and feel free to send pertinent news to Public Relations Committee Chair Amy Lambert at amy.lambert@kci.com.





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THE ACEC/MD UTILITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTS

RESILIENT UTILITIES:

Strategies and Concepts for Creating and
Maintaining Sustainable Infrastructure
in a Changing World

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

The Engineers Club,
11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00am; Program: 8:30am-12:00noon

Keynote Speaker: Chas Eby (MEMA)

Other presenters include:

Todd Mohn Queen Anne's County DPW

Keith Tyson & Aloysius Obodoako WSSC

Jag Khuman MDE Maryland Water Quality Financing Admin.

Dr. Tripp Shealy Virginia Tech

Unmesh Patel Prince George's County

Program includes a continental breakfast and the morning seminar.
To register, go to <https://acecmd-2017UtilitiesProgram.eventbrite.com>.

50TH ANNUAL AFTERNOON AT THE CLUB

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

Rain or Shine!

Greystone Golf Course

2115 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD

Proceeds to benefit the ACEC/MD Scholarship Program

Here's your once a year opportunity to relax with your associates, clients, friends and competitors for an afternoon and evening of sports, cool refreshments and delicious food.

Be sure to contact legislative and regulatory officials NOW and invite them as your special guest.

Deadline for Reservations – April 18, 2017! Watch for registration forms.

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ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FORUM

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

The Engineers Club (Garrett-Jacobs Mansion)

11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00 AM Program: 8:30 AM—Noon

This year's program will feature a variety of presentations on timely business opportunities in the environmental arena.

Watch for more details!



Explore our nation's capital from the spectacular Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center waterfront resort, while attending the ACEC/MD 29th Annual Conference and its great networking opportunities. Discover why Gaylord National offers an unmatched experience in the Capital Region. Room rates start at \$209.00 /night plus all applicable taxes & fees, single/double occupancy. Call 1-888-236-2427 by **May 12, 2017** for room reservations. Reference the ACEC/MD Annual Conference. Watch for more details!

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

3:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting

6:00 PM - Welcome Reception

Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:00 AM - Prime/Sub Roundtable

10:00 AM - Golf

11:00 AM - Spouse/Non-Golfers Tour of Old Town Alexandria

6:00 PM - Sunset Cruise/Dining

Friday, June 23, 2017

9:00 AM - Sessions

11:30 AM - General Membership Luncheon

2:00 PM - Leadership Program Session

6:00 PM - Reception/Banquet

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MEMBER NEWS

A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES (AMT) is pleased to announce that **John Boryschuk, P.E.** has been named Director of Water and Wastewater Services. He brings 38 years of experience in all phases of water and wastewater planning, design, and construction projects.

BLAKE CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC has relocated their office to:

10015 Old Columbia Road, Suite B-215
Columbia, MD 21046
Phone: 410.290.6235; Fax: 410.290.5285

BRUDIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. (BAI) is pleased to announce the following:

- **Billy Brudis, P.E.** has been promoted to oversee QA/QC procedures for all engineering projects.
- **Ray Dagher, P.E.** has been promoted to Vice President – Regional Transportation Director overseeing the Highway Design Division, Bridge & Structural Engineering Division and Traffic Division. He will also assist in overseeing the firm's Marketing Division.
- **Dr. Micah Ceary, PhD, P.E.** has joined the firm as an Associate and is the Director of their Bridge & Structural Division.
- **Dr. Li Gao, PhD, P.E.** has joined the firm as a Project Manager in their Highway Drainage Division.
- **Serese Aranha-Scott P.E.** has joined the firm as an Associate and is the Deputy Director of the Highway Design Division.
- **Redeat Lodamo, P.E.** has been promoted to Senior Project Manager in the Highway Design Division.
- **Mary Searing, P.E., DWRE, GISP, CFM** has joined the firm as an Associate and Director Water Resources & Environmental Department.

CENTURY ENGINEERING, INC. is pleased to announce the promotion of **Anthony R. Frascarella, P.E.** to Executive Vice President and his appointment to the company's board of directors. He is responsible for the management and growth of the firm's Transportation design operations in MD, VA, and DC. The firm also announced that **Stephen Heidlauf, P.E.** has been promoted to Vice President. He serves as the firm's Chief Electrical Engineer.

JAMES POSEY ASSOCIATES (JPA) is pleased to announce that **Michael Sherren** has been elected a Vice President and Principal at the firm. He joined the firm in 2002 and has been the leader of their education studio since 2013.

JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON (JMT) is pleased to announce that **David J. Coyne, P.E.** has joined the firm as a Vice President and Deputy Chief Marketing Officer in their Sparks corporate headquarters. He recently retired as Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Operations at the Maryland SHA.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.'s Terry F. Neimeyer, P.E., CEO and Chairman of the Board, has been appointed to the Baltimore County Economic Development Commission. The firm also promoted Marketing Director Deborah K. Boyd to Vice President.

PHOENIX ENGINEERING has announced that their office has recently relocated to 21132 Old York Road, Parkton, MD 21120. The telephone number remains the same.

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MEMBER NEWS (CONTINUED)

PRIME AE GROUP is pleased to announce the hire of **Suzanne Davis** as Vice President of Federal programs. She has over 32 years of experience in the industry. The firm also announced that **William “Bill” Taylor, P.E., PMP** has joined the firm as the Vice President of Water Resources in their Fairfax, VA office.

David LaBella, P.E. has joined **WALLACE MONTGOMERY** as an Associate within the Structures Department in the firm’s Maryland office. He will be responsible for PM and Business Development for complex, multi-discipline projects and major structures.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

March 16, 2017

Ransomware and the IT Security Threat Landscape

Baltimore. Offered by Affiliate Member Firm CTI and Cisco Talos. For more information, contact Jon Graham at 410.568.7229 or jgraham@webcti.com.

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