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



Time goes by in a blink of an eye and I cannot tell you where the year went. It has been a wonderful experience and privilege being President and representing the members of ACEC/MD.

Please join me in welcoming our incoming President Jerry Jannetti of WSP. With his skills and the support of the new Executive Committee (Stu Taub-Vice President, Alan Straus-Treasurer, and Tony Frascarella-Secretary) he will continue the success that ACEC/MD has had throughout the past 60 years. Yes, ACEC/MD will be 60 years old in December! Please support Jerry as you have supported me throughout my term. Good luck and have fun Jerry!

All-in-all I believe we had a successful year.

Our Legislative Committee worked diligently for passage of both our bills, which included Providing Fair Competition on A/E Contracts (SB109; HB 283) and Rejecting Retail Sales Tax on Engineering Services (SB235; HB 470), by the Senate and House and signed into law by Governor Hogan. This was a great accomplishment.

Utilizing the Minuteman Fund from ACEC, ACEC/MD entered into an Amicus Brief before the Court of Appeals that confirmed the Economic Loss Rule, where both the Lower Court and Court of Special Appeals had previously ruled in favor. At issue was whether a contractor could sue a design firm for losses when there is no contract between the two entities.

This year 98 member firm employees attended our annual Legislative Luncheon, with 50 people participating in the Annapolis visitations. Let's get more to attend next year!

Approximately 25 ACEC/MD member firm representatives attended the ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit in DC, with 18 individuals participating in the congressional visitations. At issue were Tax Reform and a Long Term National Infrastructure Plan. It was good to hear that all of Maryland's Congressional Delegation expressed support for infrastructure funding.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

We reached our National PAC goal for the 12th straight year! Let's get another 12! Thanks to all who have contributed. PAC Sweepstakes tickets are available now. The drawing will be held October 12, 2017 at ACEC/MD's General Membership meeting. This is a good time to support ACEC/PAC!



Our newly formed Utilities Committee held its first program focusing on resiliency, which was a success with over 60 attendees.

Our Career Outreach Committee hosted a successful Maryland STEM Festival event at the Engineers Club for Middle and High School students. This event attracted over 115 students. Thanks to all the engineering firms and their staff who participated and helped organize this event. I cannot wait until next year!

After many years of trying, our County/Municipal Government Liaison Committee was successful in getting Baltimore County to raise the rate cap from \$60 to \$75/hour. In addition, after a multi-year effort, the Baltimore City Liaison Committee was rewarded for their efforts when the Board of Estimates approved increases in both the rate cap and overhead cap. Great job!

A joint Legislative Committee meeting was held with our neighboring member organization ACEC/MW. Remember it is best to show strength in numbers! A Joint program meeting with ACEC/MW was also held with WSSC in December. There was also a good turnout from both ACEC/MD and ACEC/MW for this meeting.

We held three successful Prime/Sub roundtables with interaction between the Owners/Principals and Project Managers. Much was learned from these roundtables including encouraging the primes to include subs when they are organizing tasks.

Another Leadership Program was completed, with 23 participants receiving their certificates at ACEC/MD's Conference held at the Gaylord National Harbor. Congratulations to all! We'll see you at your reunion program next year!

Although we had a great year, we still have much more to accomplish.

While we added six new Regular members and two Affiliate members, we did not reach our goal of a net gain of five Regular members due to the losing three member firms. Our focus next year will be to enhance retention of firms.

Three years into the election cycle, we have raised \$62,000 out of our \$75,000 goal for the state PAC, CEPAC. ACEC/MD encourages all member firms to participate and contribute to both our CEPAC and the National PAC, ACEC/PAC. The use of PAC funds gets us in front of our state and federal elected representatives to discuss business issues of importance to your firm. Money talks!

As previously mentioned, we are looking to focus on retention this coming year and to ensure participation in ACEC/MD throughout the year, including: having at least one person from each of our member firms attend one meeting each year; more participation on our committees; attending our programs; and attending our conference.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Our Leadership Reunion for next year is targeting 15% participation from prior year graduates.

I would like to thank all who have put time into supporting ACEC/MD's efforts during the past year. I cannot express my gratitude enough to the Executive Committee, Committee Directors, Committee Chairs, and all the Committee Members who make ACEC/MD a great organization. Additionally, I would like to thank our conference sponsors ACEC Life/Health Trust, Ames & Gough, CBIZ XL Catlin, and Stambaugh Ness AEC Industry Group, who have been very supportive through the years. Last, but not least, a very special thanks go out to Jim Otradovec and Barb Wise, who guide our organization and make ACEC/MD one of ACEC's best member organizations. Thank you both so much for making my term a smooth one!

I leave you with this Irish saying: "Always end your day with a positive thought. No matter how bad things are, tomorrow is another chance to make things better".

SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION

We are pleased to report that both pieces of legislation initiated by ACEC/MD were passed in the 2017 General Assembly Session. With strong support from the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee (EHEA) Chair Joan Carter Conway, Senate Bill 109/ House Bill 283 - Procurement-Prohibition on Procurement reduces the current lifetime prohibition to two years on an individual and the firm that subsequently hires the individual if the specs or RFP developed by the individual are used on another project. Passage of the legislation was also applauded by government agencies such as DGS, who saw the current law as an impediment to hiring employees.



Senate Bill 235/House Bill 470 - Sales and Use Tax - Declaration of Legislative Intent Services was initiated as a direct response to the actions of Comptroller Peter Franchot, who was equating professional forensic engineering services with services provided by private detectives, which are subject to sales tax. Obviously, the ramifications could go beyond forensic engineering to other engineering related services such as construction inspection. There was little resistance to the initial hearings in both chambers, but eventually concern about the legislation centered on the fact that engineering services were being singled out, when other professional services are also not subject to sales tax. Eleventh hour efforts by Delegates Keith Haynes (D-44A) and Frank Turner (D-13) pushed the legislation across the finish line with a change highlighting that only detective services are subject to sales tax and that the Comptroller needs to follow the will of the General Assembly.

In total, your Legislative Committee, chaired by KCI's Chuck Phillips, reviewed in detail 235 of the over 2,800 pieces of legislation introduced in 2017. Thanks to everyone that provided input and made contacts with their elected officials to champion legislation that is important to your firm.

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

The fate of other pieces of legislation addressed by the committee and ACEC/MD's position are as follows:

CF = Cross Filed
188 bills

TRANSPORTATION

SB 9 - Motor Vehicles - Autonomous and Connected Vehicles

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 142 (CF=HB 192) - Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 161 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Allocation

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 264 (CF=HB 259) - Maryland Transportation Authority - Public School Buses - Exemption From Tolls

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 284 - Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 285 (CF=HB 217) - Agricultural Land Preservation Easements - Overlay Easements, Rights-of-Way, or Servitudes

WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 292 - Transportation - Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, Fort McHenry Tunnel, and Francis Scott Key Bridge - Annual Pass Study

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 307 (CF=HB 402) - Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 (Road Kill Bill Repeal)

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 315 (CF=HB 406) - Clean Cars Act of 2017

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 418 (CF=HB 411) - State Highway Administration - Traffic Control Devices - Installation at Large Continuing Care Retirement Communities

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 484 (CF=HB 271) - Maryland Transit Administration - Farebox Recovery, Goals, and Performance Indicators Farebox Recovery Rate - Repeal

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 16

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)***TRANSPORTATION*** (continued)

SB 563 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Distribution to Municipalities
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 564 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Distribution to Municipalities
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 586 - Local Infrastructure Fast Track for Maryland Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 850 (CF=HB 907) - Chesapeake Bay Water Transportation Network
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 865 (CF=HB 1199) - Vehicle Laws - School Zone Crosswalks - Traffic Control Signals
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 902 (CF=HB 1013) - Vehicle Laws - Safe Autonomous Vehicle (SAVE) Act
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 963 - Transportation - Transit Service - State Grants
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1164 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Membership
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 119 - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - Washington Metrorail Safety Commission -
Establishment and Compact
APPROVED BY GOVERNOR CHAPTER 3
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 149 - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - Washington Metrorail Safety Commission -
Establishment and Compact
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 192 (CF=SB 142) - Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 217 (CF=SB 285) - Agricultural Land Preservation Easements - Overlay Easements, Rights-of-Way, or
Servitudes
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 259 (CF=SB 264) - Maryland Transportation Authority - Public School Buses - Exemption From Tolls
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 271 (CF=SB 484) - Maryland Transit Administration - Farebox Recovery, Goals, and Performance
Indicators
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 24
ACEC/MD: MONITOR



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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 402 (CF=SB 307) - Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 (Road Kill Bill Repeal)
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 406 (CF=SB 315) - Clean Cars Act of 2017
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 411 (CF=SB 418) State Highway Administration - Traffic Control Devices - Installation at Large Continuing Care Retirement Communities
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 536 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 543 - State Highway Administration - Watkins Mill Road Interchange Project
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 552 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue - Increased Local Share
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 907 (CF=SB 850) - Chesapeake Bay Water Transportation Network
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 911 - Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment - Repeal
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 1013 (CF=SB 902) - Vehicle Laws - Safe Autonomous Vehicle (SAVE) Act
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1050 - Transportation - I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and West Side Mobility Study - Review and Update
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1132 - Maryland Transit Administration - Free Ridership for State Employees
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1133 - Washington County - State Highway Rights-of-Way - Tree Planting and Signs
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 1199 (CF=SB 865) - Vehicle Laws - School Zone Crosswalks - Traffic Control Signals
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 1374 - State Highway Administration Neighbor Notification Act
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1651 - Maryland Transit Administration - Transit Ridership of Executive Branch Employees - Fare Required
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1654 - Vehicle Laws - Work Zone Speed Control System - Increased Penalty for Multiple Offenses
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL

SB 29 - Natural Resources - Forest Conservation Act - Forest Conservation Thresholds and Reforestation Requirements
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 218 (CF=HB 511) - Public Utilities - Water Companies and Sewage Disposal Companies - Rate Cases and Proceedings
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 266 (CF=HB 281) - Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Best Available Technology for Nitrogen Removal - Prohibition
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 313 (CF=HB 410) - Economic Development - Maryland Energy Innovation Institute
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 314 (CF=HB 417) - Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 332 (CF=HB 419) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Ellicott City Area Flood Mitigation Ho. Co. 7-17
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 365 (CF=HB 599) - Forest Conservation Act - Exemption, Reforestation Rate, and Forest Conservation Fund - Alterations
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 440 (CF=HB 557) - Environment - Water Management - Sediment Control at Large Redevelopment Sites
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 472 (CF=HB 656) - Environment - Municipal Stormwater Charges - Property Subject to Charges
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)**ENVIRONMENTAL** (continued)

SB 740 (CF=HB1325) - Oil and Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition
 DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 862 - Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Moratorium and Referenda
 DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 931 (CF=HB 1592) - Local Jurisdictions - Zoning Authority - Generating Stations
 DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1040 - Environment - Water and Sewer Plan Approval
 PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 1190 - Bay Restoration Fund - Upgraded Wastewater Facilities - Grants to Counties and Municipalities
 RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 124 - Environment - Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities
 RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 125 - Environment - Emergency Action Plans for Dams
 PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 281 (CF=SB 266) - Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Best Available Technology for Nitrogen Removal – Prohibition
 DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 384 (CF=SB 343) - Bay Restoration Fund - Eligible Costs – Expansion
 PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 410 (CF=SB 313) - Economic Development - Maryland Energy Innovation Institute
 RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 417 (CF=SB 314) - Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017
 PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 419 (CF=SB 332) - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Ellicott City Area Flood Mitigation Ho. Co. 7-17
 UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 511 (CF=SB 218) - Public Utilities - Water Companies and Sewage Disposal Companies - Rate Cases and Proceedings
 RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR



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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 557 (CF=SB 440) - Environment - Water Management - Sediment Control at Large Redevelopment Sites

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 599 (CF=SB 365) - Forest Conservation Act - Exemption, Reforestation Rate, and Forest Conservation Fund - Alterations

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 656 (CF=SB 472) - Environment - Municipal Stormwater Charges - Property Subject to Charges

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1045 - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Technology - Regulations

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 1118 - Natural Resources - Roadside Trees - Preservation and Protection

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1325 (CF=SB740) - Oil and Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 11

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 1352 - On-Site Sewage Disposal - Historic and Culturally Significant Properties - Regulations

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1355 - Sewerage Systems - Residential Major Subdivisions in Tier III and Tier IV Areas

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1387 - Criminal Law - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1592 (CF=SB 931) - Local Jurisdictions - Zoning Authority - Generating Stations

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

GENERAL BUSINESS

SB 4 - Minority Business Enterprises - Program Participation - Requirements and Reauthorization

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE MONITOR

SB 55 (CF=HB 440) - Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision - Immunity

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 109 (CF=HB 283) - Procurement - Prohibitions on Participation

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 111 (CF=HB 363) - Recordation and Transfer Taxes - Exemptions - Property Conveyed From Sole Proprietorship to Limited Liability Company

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 63

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 138 (CF=HB 873) - Income Tax Credit - Security Clearances - Employer Costs - Extension

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 144 - Civil Actions - Prolitigation Discovery of Insurance Coverage

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 164 - Baltimore County - Ethics - Prohibitions and Requirements Regarding Payments During Pendency of Zoning Applications

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 170 (CF=HB 150) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2018)

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 171 (CF=HB 151) - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2017, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 172 (CF=HB 152) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 205 - Corporate Income Tax - Federal Repatriation Holiday

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 230 (CF=HB 1) - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 231 - Labor and Employment - Hiring and Promotion Preferences - Veterans of Commissioned Corps

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 235 (CF=HB 470) - Sales and Use Tax - Exemption - Service Performed by Person Practicing Engineering

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 230

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 253 (CF=HB 438) - Legislative Transparency Act of 2017

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 287 (CF=HB 772) - Civil Action - Unauthorized Access to Computers and Data

WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT w/Amendment

SB 303 (CF=HB 420) - Commonsense Spending Act of 2017

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 305 (CF=HB 382) - Commonsense Paid Leave Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 309 (CF=HB 433) - State Finance and Procurement - Small and Minority Business Participation
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 310 (CF=HB 390) - Improving the State Procurement Oversight Structure
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 311 (CF=HB 426) - Promoting Efficiencies in State Procurement
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 317 (CF=HB 394) - More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 149
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 336 - Maryland Tort Claims Act - Certain Claim Requirement
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 357 (CF=HB 615) - Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2017
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 404 (CF=HB 398) - Labor and Employment - Equal Pay - Job Announcement and Salary History Information Disclosures
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 468 (CF=HB 506) - Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 489 (CF=HB 745) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 490 - Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 508 - Task Force to Study the Feasibility of and Impact on Small and Minority Businesses in Maryland Conducting Business Internationally
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 517 (CF=HB 628) - Secretaries of Principal Departments - Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units Within Departments
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 522 - Income Tax Credit - Eligible Employers - Eligible Internships
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 525 - Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 552 - Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Security Breach Notification Requirements - Modifications
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 626 - Prevailing Wage Rates - Public Work Contracts - Suits by Employees
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 682 - Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 690 - State Budget
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 699 (CF=HB 467) - Providing Our Workers Education and Readiness (POWER) - Apprenticeship Act
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 726 - Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law - Awards of Certain Fees and Costs and Prohibition Against Retaliation
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 839 - State Budget - Appropriations - Funding Priorities
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 873 (CF=HB 1052) - Economic Development - Job Creation Tax Credit - Alteration
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 971 (CF=HB 919) - Procurement - Nondiscrimination Clauses and State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1021 (CF=HB1051) - Enterprise Zone and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Programs - Small Business Entities
DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 1096 - Corporate Income Tax - Single Sales Factor Apportionment
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1105 (CF=HB 1229) - Correctional Facilities - Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Proximity
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1116 (CF=HB 1614) - Maryland Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 1142 - Income Tax - Corporate Headquarters Investment and Job Retention Tax Credit
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 1169 (CF=HB 1642) - Unemployment Insurance - Charge of Benefits - Waiver Due to Natural Disaster
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

SB 1192 - Labor and Employment - Unemployment Insurance - Independent Contractors and Severance Pay
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1 (CF=SB 230) - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 65 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 89 - Income Tax Credit - Security Clearances - Employer Costs - Extension
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 150 (CF=SB 170) - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2018)
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 150
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 151 (CF=SB 171) - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2017, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 22
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 152 (CF=SB 172) - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 23
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 222 - Courts - Concealment of Public Hazards (Sunshine in Litigation Act)
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 283 (CF=SB 109) - Procurement - Prohibitions on Participation
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 341
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 317 - Labor and Employment - Wages and Benefits - Preemption of Local Authority
WITHDRAWN
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 363 (CF=SB 111) - Recordation and Transfer Taxes - Exemptions - Property Conveyed From Sole Proprietorship to Limited Liability Company
APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 64
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 376 - Election Law - Business Entity Campaign Contributions - Prohibition
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

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SUCCESS REALIZED DURING 2017 SESSION (CONTINUED)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 382 (CF=SB 305) - Commonsense Paid Leave Act
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 390 (CF=SB 310) - Improving the State Procurement Oversight Structure
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 394 (CF=SB 317) - More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 398 (CF=SB 404) - Labor and Employment - Equal Pay - Job Announcement and Salary History Information Disclosures
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 420 (CF=SB 303) - Commonsense Spending Act of 2017
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 426 (CF=SB 311) - Promoting Efficiencies in State Procurement
PASSED ENROLLED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 433 (CF=SB 309) - State Finance and Procurement - Small and Minority Business Participation
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 438 (CF=SB 253) - Legislative Transparency Act of 2017
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 440 (CF=SB 55) - Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision - Immunity
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 465 - "EARN" Apprenticeships (Expand Apprenticeship Resources Now Act)
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 467 (CF=SB 699) - Providing Our Workers Education and Readiness (POWER) - Apprenticeship Act
RETURNED PASSED
ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 470 (CF=SB 235) - Sales and Use Tax - Exemption - Service Performed by Person Practicing Engineering
DIED IN COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 506 (CF=SB 468) - Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses
DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE
ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 531 - Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work
UNFAVORABLE REPORT
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GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 587 - State Finance and Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises - Definitions

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 596 - Procurement - Confidential Proprietary Information, Goods, or Services Provided to a Governmental Entity - Nondisclosure Agreement

WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 628 (CF=SB 517) - Secretaries of Principal Departments - Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units Within Departments

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 691 - Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Filing Fees (Filing Fee Fairness Act of 2017)

WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 745 (CF=SB 489) - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Garrett-Jacobs Mansion

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 772 (CF=SB 287) - Civil Action - Unauthorized Access to Computers and Data

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT w/Amendment

HB 873 (CF=SB 138) - Income Tax Credit - Security Clearances - Employer Costs - Extension

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 240

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 888 - Income Tax - Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation - Recoupling With Federal Law

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 919 (CF=SB 971) - Procurement - Nondiscrimination Clauses and State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination

DIED IN COMMITTEE

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HB 1018 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 1021 - Reorganization of State Procurement

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1051 (CF=SB1021) - Enterprise Zone and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Programs - Small Business Entities

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

HB 1052 (CF=SB 873) - Economic Development - Job Creation Tax Credit - Alteration

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

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GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

HB 1062 - Business Occupations and Professions - Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors
- Revisions and Repeal of Firm Permits

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1107 - Procurement - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements

PASSED ENROLLED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1229 (CF=SB 1105) - Correctional Facilities - Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Proximity

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1510 - Procurement - Public Work Contracts - Contractor Occupational Safety and Health Requirements
WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 1614 (CF=SB 1116) - Maryland Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1638 - Employee Ownership Trusts

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1642 (CF=SB 1169) - Unemployment Insurance - Charge of Benefits - Waiver Due to Natural Disaster

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

WORKPLACE / HEALTH

SB 17 (CF=HB 141) - Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility for Benefits - Business Operation Closings

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 249

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 51 (CF=HB 559) - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Total Disability - Survival of Claim

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

SB 72 - Workers' Compensation - Tiered Rating Plans and Merit Rating Plans

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 263

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 425 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability - Survival of Claim

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 426 - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Total Disability - Survival of Claim

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 69

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 607 (CF=HB 665) - Labor and Employment - Exemptions From Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive,
or Professional Capacity

WITHDRAWN

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WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

SB 867 (CF=HB1476) - Workers' Compensation - Failure to Report Accident or Action to Deter or Dissuade From Filing a Claim - Penalties

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 123 - Health Insurance - Required Conformity With Federal Law

RETURNED PASSED

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HB 139 - Unemployment Insurance - Employer Determinations - Process and Appeal Rights

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 251

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 141 (CF=SB 17) - Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility for Benefits - Business Operation Closings

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 248

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 559 (CF=SB 51) - Workers' Compensation - Permanent Total Disability - Survival of Claim

WITHDRAWN

ACEC/MD: OPPOSE

HB 665 (CF=SB 607) - Labor and Employment - Exemptions From Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive, or Professional Capacity

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1366 - Labor and Employment - Number of Employees Granted H-1B or L-1 Visa - Disclosure

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1476 (CF=SB 867) - Workers' Compensation - Failure to Report Accident or Action to Deter or Dissuade From Filing a Claim - Penalties

RETURNED PASSED

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 1659 - Employment Discrimination - Sexual Harassment - Definition of Employer

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ISSUES

SB 177 - Public Safety - Elevator Inspections - Testing

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 334 (CF=HB 692) - Education - School Emergency Air-Conditioning Fund - Established

DIED IN COMMITTEE

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

SB 538 - Public School Construction - Regulations - Equitable Distribution of Projects and Improvements

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 76 - Baltimore City Public Schools - Capital Project Scoring System

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 319

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MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES (continued)

HB 144 - Procurement - Department of General Services - Exemption for Historic Structures
 APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 108
 ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 692 (CF=SB 334) - Education - School Emergency Air-Conditioning Fund - Established
 WITHDRAWN
 ACEC/MD: MONITOR

HB 717 - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority
 APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 143
 ACEC/MD: SUPPORT

H&H'S HANK POKIGO TAKES 50TH ANNUAL GOLF TROPHY

Nearly 100 golfers tackled the challenging Greystone Golf Course as part of ACEC/MD's 50th annual golf tournament. Coming away with top honors, on a mostly cloudy but very comfortable day, was Hank Pokigo (Hardesty & Hanover), who shot an impressive 72. Again, the \$20,000 Hole-In-One prize proved elusive, but a good time was had by all. Other notable performances included:

2ND LOW GROSS	Jonathan Shoemaker (Lee & McShane) (74)
1ST LOW NET	Matt Gough (A&G) (69)
2ND LOW NET	Adam Yost (GL Comm) (70)
3RD LOW NET	Tony Olsen (WRA) (70)
LEAST # OF PUTTS	Leon Kriebel (WBCM) (29)
MOST # OF PUTTS	Rick Lobo (Phoenix) (53)
MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE	Tony Frascarella (Century)
LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE	Sandy Henningson (Hillis Carnes)
CLOSEST TO THE PIN	Adam Yost (GL Comm) 14' 3"
CLOSEST TO THE PIN	Alan Straus (AECOM) 1' 6"

Through the purchase of mulligans, golfers also contributed \$775.00 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 \$2,020.00 for CEPAC. Mark your calendar for Monday, May 7, 2018, and plan to join your colleagues and friends at ACEC/MD's 51st annual tournament.



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Friday, November 3, 2017

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1715 Thames Street, Baltimore

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MEMBER NEWS

A. D. MARBLE is pleased to welcome **Michael W. Bozman, P.E.**, to their team as Regional Manager in the firm's Owings Mills, MD office. He will be responsible for increasing the firm's presence at the state, local, and private levels.

DEWBERRY announced that **Timothy Shea, P.E.** joined the firm's Fairfax, VA office as a market segment leader for water/wastewater services. He has more than 45 years of experience in the U.S. and internationally.

GEORGE, MILES & BUHR, LLC (GMB) is pleased to welcome the following new employees to their Salisbury, MD office:

- **Lauren E. Wendel, AIA** joined the firm earlier in the year as an Architect.
- **Lan P. Janssen, EIT** joined the firm in April as an Engineer in their Structural/Marine Engineering Group.
- **Stephen Brodbeck** joined the firm's Site/Sustainable Design Group as a Sr. Project Manager for land development projects.
- Additionally, **Ben Hashemi, EIT** joined the firm's Sparks, MD office as a Project Engineer.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is proud to announce that the firm has been selected by ENR MidAtlantic as its 2017 Design Firm of the Year. In addition, President **Nathan Beil, P.E.** was recently installed as the chair of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. is pleased to announce the following:

- **Scott A. Summers, P.G.** has joined the firm as Senior Vice President, responsible for business development for the firm's expanded Construction Services Division.
- **Marcel H. Mileo, RLA** has rejoined the firm as a Landscape Architect.
- The firm has acquired Raudenbush Engineering Inc. (REI), a full-service civil engineering firm servicing the Pennsylvania and Maryland markets.

PENNONI recently announced that **Kim Adams, P.E.**, Senior Engineer/Division Manager is the new ACEC/MD representative for the firm. She can be reached at kadams@pennoni.com, 443-449-2505.

ROSSI TRANSPORTATION GROUP, INC. has relocated their office to:

120 Cockeysville Road, Suite 103
 Hunt Valley, MD 21030
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Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Founded in 1979 and headquartered in Baltimore, C. C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C. (CCJM) is a multi-disciplined, minority owned engineering firm providing transportation, water/wastewater, facilities MEP, energy services, commissioning, and environmental services, headquartered in Baltimore. The fields of operation for the firm are highways, transportation structures, water resources, survey, electrical, and mechanical services. The firm provides engineering design for transportation projects including structural and highway design elements and permitting; engineering design for public and private facilities including civil site, utilities, stormwater management; survey and ROW services related to transportation and civil site; planning and design of mechanical and electrical systems; including the design of air conditioning, communication, fire protection, heating, lighting, plumbing, power distributions, process piping, refrigeration, site utilities, temperature control, and ventilation systems.

MK CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC.

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Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Founded in 2013, MK Consulting Engineers, LLC provides planning and design of site/civil engineering for education, healthcare, municipal, and commercial buildings and campuses. Services offered by the firm include: site layout design consisting of grading, vehicular and pedestrian circulation (including ADA compliance), parking, and utilities, as well as the required design and documentation for stormwater management and erosion and sediment control.

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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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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Annapolis. Preservation Maryland's Annual Conference. For more information go to www.oldlinestate.org.

September 20-22**CEAM FALL CONFERENCE**

Ocean City. For more information go to their website at www.countyengineers-md.org. Registration will be available in July.

October 11**MEGA Maryland Small Business Summit**

Baltimore. Co-sponsored by SMPS Maryland Chapter, ACEC/MD, SAME Chesapeake, Baltimore and Mid-Atlantic Posts, and DBIA Maryland. Watch for details.

UPCOMING ACEC/MD EVENTS**October 12, 2017****ACEC/MD General Membership Luncheon Meeting**

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore
11:30am - 2:00pm

October 15-18, 2017**ACEC Fall Conference**

Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria, Orlando, Florida
Registration is now available at www.acec.org

November 3, 2017**ACEC/MD 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Sagamore Pendry Baltimore Hotel, 1715 Thames Street, Baltimore
6:00pm - 10:00pm

November 16, 2017**ACEC/MD Legislative Breakfast**

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore
8:00am - 10:00am

December 5, 2017**ACEC/MD Holiday Party**

Baltimore Museum of Industry, Key Highway, Baltimore
6:00pm - 9:00pm

December 14, 2017**ACEC/MD General Membership Luncheon Mtg.**

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon
Place, Baltimore
11:30am - 2:00pm

Mark your calendar and to plan to attend.

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