

August 13, 2021

Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **Upcoming Events** (*Last Day to Register for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament & Summer Meeting on August 26-27; Upcoming ENR Webinar*)
- **Industry News** (*New ACEC Engineering Influence Podcast Examines Averting Employee Burnout; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Monthly St. Louis Construction Guideline; How Will Your Firm Handle a Cyberattack?*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Member Renewals for 2021-2022; State and National PAC Contributions Recognized; Member News; Calendar of Events*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn Hill](#). We would love to hear from you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Last Day to Register for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament & Summer Meeting on August 26-27

**REGISTER NOW!**

There is still time to register for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament and ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & Working Committee Session. The deadline to register is **Today, August 13, 2021**. The events will be held on **August 26-27, 2021**, in **Osage Beach, MO**. The meeting will feature our annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, an evening full of fun and networking, great speakers, committee meetings, and our quarterly board of directors / membership meeting.

To see the complete agenda and/or to register for the golf tournament or for the summer meeting, click on the links below or go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). More information on locations for the golf tournament and the summer meeting, and to see a list of sponsors, please go to our [meeting website](#).

**\*\* The resort will be taking all the precautions needed to keep members safe throughout the meeting. To see their COVID-19 policy, [click here](#). \*\***

View Full Schedule of  
Events

Register for Golf  
Tournament

Register for Summer  
Meeting

## Upcoming ENR Webinar

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Below is an upcoming webinar provided by ENR. Click on the link below for more information and to register.

### [Four "Cs" Critical for Building Toward a Low-Carbon Future](#) **Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

Building and construction are responsible for 38% of all carbon emissions in the world. This webinar will present the latest strategies, materials and technologies used to create buildings with lower embodied and operational carbon by looking at the new Meyer Memorial Trust headquarters in Portland, Ore. Representatives of the building team, including the owner, the architect and the contractor, will talk about the challenges common to many super-sustainable building projects and the solutions to those challenges. They will also address how teams working on environmentally responsible buildings need to shift into a culture that fosters interdisciplinary commitment, collaboration, communication and compromise.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### **New ACEC Engineering Influence Podcast Examines Averting Employee Burnout**

A new ACEC Engineering Influence podcast examines what member firms can do to avoid employee burnout. As millions of people have transitioned to remote work as a result of the pandemic, the new reality has blurred the lines between many personal and professional lives leaving many employees struggling to set healthy boundaries. Some employees admit to working even more hours to demonstrate their commitment to employers who they believe may be concerned about their productivity.



The new Engineering Influence podcast features an expert from the [ACEC Life Health Trust](#) who will discuss causes and potential solutions on ways firms can help avoid employee burnout. [Click here](#) to access the podcast.

### **New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website**

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from MoDOT. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, please go to our [website](#). We try to update information posted on our website weekly, so please check it often.



### **Monthly St. Louis Construction Guideline**

ACEC/MO has been posting reports on Construction Guidelines for review. Members of the St. Louis Construction Alliance Committee (ACEC/MO, AIA-St. Louis, AGCMO, CSI-STL, IFMA-St. Louis and SLCCC) meet bi-monthly to continually update the guidelines to keep pace with current industry practices. The Construction Guidelines are housed on the [AGC of Missouri's website](#) under the Member Resources tab.



Steve Gantner of Conspectus and a member of the St. Louis Construction Alliance Committee, began publishing a monthly blog on the construction guidelines. Each month's topic is the particular Construction Guideline of the Month. This month's featured guideline is "[Security & Background Checks](#)".

## How Will Your Firm Handle a Cyberattack?

by Rich Friedman, Friedman & Partners



When discussing cyberattacks with anyone knowledgeable on the topic – security experts, victims, insurers, even the criminals themselves – their ominous warning is the same: it is not *if* your firm will be attacked, it's *when*. In this issue of *The Friedman File*, we speak with two firms who suffered and survived the nightmare of a ransomware attack, and we offer several crucial steps that every firm should take to protect itself from this growing and potentially catastrophic threat.

### A Threat to the Firm's Existence

On Monday morning, March 25, 2019, Grimm & Parker Architects' President & CEO Melanie Hennigan led a successful client interview for her firm. Satisfaction quickly turned to disbelief, then to dread when she was informed on the ride back to the office that her firm's computer network had been encrypted by cybercriminals demanding an exorbitant ransom.

"You don't realize the pit you feel in your stomach," says Hennigan, who is generously sharing her firm's story as a cautionary tale for others in her profession. "I never felt anything like that stress. It was like having a 5,000-pound weight on your chest. On Monday I felt like I'd lost my breath and I didn't get it back until Friday afternoon. I couldn't sleep all week."

The firm's network had been wonky over the weekend, and when the first employees arrived at the office Monday and fired up their computers, [...] Click [here](#) to read the full article.

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

### Member Renewals for 2021-2022

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since we our last weekly update. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2021-2022 year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.



#### **MEMBER FIRMS:**

Civil Design, Inc. • EDM Incorporated • Garver, LLC • IMEG Corp. • MECO Engineering, Inc. • Midwest Environmental Consultants Co. • Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting, Inc. • Ross & Baruzzini, Inc. • SSE, Inc. • TranSystems Corporation

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

Holmes Murphy & Associates • Rubin Brown, LLP

### State and National PAC Contributions Recognized

ACEC/MO and ACEC National have started receiving PAC contributions from members based on emails sent out in July on committee assignments. So far, we've received \$29,255.52 for the state PAC and \$5,850.00 for the national PAC. Below is a list of contributors to date. A huge THANK YOU goes to the following firms and individuals who have already contributed. If you are not listed below and want to contribute to the state and national PAC, please go to our [website](#) for more information as well as a current list of state and national PAC contributions.



## STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Members Firms:**

Civil Design, Inc. • Garver, LLC • TranSystems Corporation

### **Member Representatives:**

Justin Adams • Frank Blakemore • Tricia Bohler • Erin Bradley • Brian Kidwell • Vicki LaRose • Jeremy Linley • Phil Pierson • Jennifer Russell • Jason Schreckenber • Todd Thalmann • Charles Touzinsky • Frank Weatherford • Mark Williams • Pouya Yousefzadehfard • John Zimmermann

## Member News

**Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc.**, headquartered in Joplin, MO, opened a new office in Tulsa, OK. The new office is located at is located at 321 South Boston Avenue, Suite 300, Tulsa, OK. The office will be led by Robert "Wick" Warden, P.E.



### **Greyling Insurance Brokerage & Risk Consulting, a division of EPIC Insurance**

**Brokers & Consultants**, is pleased to announce that **Alison Blaser** has joined the company as Senior Vice President bringing 26+ years of experience to the Architects & Engineers team. In her new position, she is responsible for the design, placement, and management of insurance programs and solutions for mid-market and large clients.

**Klingner & Associates, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Matt Bridges**, mechanical / electrical engineer, has earned his Professional Engineer (P.E.) license from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration.

## Calendar of Events

**August 26, 2021** -- ACEC/MO 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament

**August 26-27, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Summer Meeting

**October 25, 2021** -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

**October 27-30, 2021** -- ACEC Fall Conference, Marco Island, FL

**November 12, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting

**May 2, 2022** - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament



Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#).