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

- **Past & Future Events** *(ACEC/MO Fall Meeting Highlights; Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings)*
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- **Committee/Liaison Committee Reports** *(St. Louis Construction Alliance Committee Meeting)*
- **Member Information & Calendar** *(Member News; More Member Renewals & PAC Contributions; Calendar of Events)*

If there is something you would like us to include in this weekly update, please contact the **ACEC/MO office**. We would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks!

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**PAST & FUTURE EVENTS**

**ACEC/MO Fall Meeting Highlights**

We had a record turnout for ACEC/MO’s Fall Meeting held on November 8th in Columbia. Programs included a Governmental Affairs & Transportation Committee Joint Meeting; Marketing for Growth through Disruption seminar; Dennis Heckman, State Bridge Engineer, MoDOT as our lunch speaker; and our quarterly Board of Directors / Membership Meeting. Also held during the meeting was another ACEC/PAC raffle, in which members helped ACEC/MO reach our national PAC goal.

![Meeting Photograph](image1)

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**Tom Etling**, Brown Smith Wallace, was the speaker for the Marketing for Growth through Disruption Seminar.

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**ACEC/MO's Governmental Affairs & Transportation Joint Committee Meeting was chaired by Buddy Desai and Steve Hicks.**
Dennis Heckman, State Bridge Engineer, MoDOT, was our guest lunch speaker and gave updates on bridge grants, bond funding, and bundling plan for design.

Steve Wells, ACEC/MO Chairman, led the quarterly Board of Directors / Membership Meeting where members were updated on items of interest.

### Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings

- **ACEC/MO’s 2020 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)** will be held on March 4-5, 2020, in Jefferson City; April 8-9, 2020 in St. Louis; and May 13-14, 2020 in Independence. The deadline to register for the program is **January 3, 2020**. Go to ACEC/MO’s [website](#) for registration details, a list of confirmed speakers and a list of participants registered so far.

- **ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet** will be held on **February 28-29, 2020** at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Chesterfield. We are confirming speakers and programs for the meeting and will send out registration information once the details are finalized. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend!

### ACEC NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### President's Monthly Update

ACEC had a record 956 attendees at the ACEC Fall Conference in Chicago. Attendees enjoyed a terrific line-up of speakers and educational sessions. The Board of Directors approved ACEC’s new Strategic Plan, the culmination of a nearly yearlong effort by the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Greg Kelly with input from over 1,000 stakeholders. Details on the new Plan are available here. They look forward to working closely with the states on the critical implementation phase. -- Linda Bauer Darr

#### MO Services

- Conducted an educational session for NAECE at the Fall Conference; 32 MO executives participated, sharing ideas and brainstorming new ways to grow membership, heighten member engagement, improve MO operations, and increase non-dues revenue.

#### General

- ACEC’s Nominating Committee put forward Robin Greenleaf (ACEC/Massachusetts) for Chair-elect commencing April, 2020 and Chair the following year; and Edmond Alizadeh (ACEC/Missouri), Michael Cooper (ACEC/Michigan), Matthew Hirst (ACEC/Utah), and Gary Raba (ACEC/Texas) for Vice Chairs commencing in April, 2020, all subject to Board approval. Congratulations to all.
Advocacy and External Affairs

- Joined multi-industry stakeholder letter asking Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to schedule Floor time for a reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs this year and to encourage the relevant Senate committees to follow the EPW committee action and develop their respective components of a bill.
- Urged the EPA to reconsider withholding or threatening to withhold federal highway funding from California or other states as sanctions for failure to comply with Clean Air Act requirements and instead cooperate with the state on transportation conformity and air quality improvement plans.
- ACEC Vice Pres. of Political Affairs Dave Bender moderated a discussion on transportation infrastructure with U.S. Representatives Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL).
- Joined a coalition of business allies in asking Congress to prioritize STEM education, and especially programs to expand the capacity and diversity of the STEM workforce pipeline, in the Higher Education Act reauthorization.
- Supported ACEC Superfund and Emerging Contaminants work group participation in the EPA Superfund Program Remedial Action Framework Partnering Workshop, held in October.
- Signed multi-industry stakeholder letter thanking the Senate for increased FY20 funding to the National Levee Safety Program, tripling the amount of funding the program has received in previous years.
- ACEC’s podcast downloads broke the 4,000 threshold with significant listener activity during and after the Fall Conference; Rep. Bruce Westerman – an engineer and the senior Republican on the Water Subcommittee in the House – joined ACEC for a podcast interview.
- ACEC/PAC surpassed the $860,000 mark for the year through successful fundraising events at the 2019 Fall Conference, which included a Sweepstakes drawing, golf tournament, and the first ever Pinewood Rally.
- ACEC/PAC hosted fundraising events for Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) and Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL) at the ACEC Townhouse; staff met with Members of Congress (Neguse D-CO; Levin D-MI; Evans D-PA) and a Congressional Candidate (Beth Van Duyne R-TX).

Business Resources

- ACEC’s newest Private Industry Brief focuses on the Commercial & Residential Real Estate Market with details on top clients, significant market trends, and relevant current legislation and policy.
- ACEC’s Pathways to Executive Leadership Class 4 kicked off with 24 attendees at the Fall Conference.
- The Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP) added one new provider – Paragon – for a total of 177.
- Coalition best sellers for October included CASE’s Agreement for Structural Peer Review Services and LDC’s Bid Document Review.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY INFO

MoDOT St. Louis State of the District 2019

You are invited to attend the MoDOT St. Louis State of the District 2019 as they preview their projects and priorities for 2020. It will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights, MO. To register for the State of the District, click HERE. Following the State of the District, their planning team and East-West Gateway, will present the LPA Design Workshop from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you want to learn more about the LPA and federal aid process, please register for that meeting HERE.
Upcoming MDNR Water Protection Program

The Water Protection Program is hosting a stakeholder meeting to discuss revisions to the Missouri Antidegradation Implementation Procedure (AIP) on **December 13, 2019**, at the DNR Conference Center, Bennett Springs Conference Room, 1730 E. Elm Street in Jefferson City, MO 65101. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., and a document listing topics and Antidegradation elements open for discussion can be found online at [dnr.mo.gov/AIPInitialTopics](http://dnr.mo.gov/AIPInitialTopics).

There will be a break for lunch (on your own), and the meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

These procedures have been in effect for over a decade, and the AIP has served the state well by providing reasonable wastewater treatment technology determinations for new or expanded wastewater discharges. The goal of the revision is to continue these protections by 1) addressing situations that were not originally addressed, 2) incorporating practices that have proven helpful, 3) clarifying wording, and 4) improving and streamlining the review process.

If you have any questions, please contact John Rustige at (573) 751-7298 or by email at john.rustige@dnr.mo.gov.

**COMMITTEE / LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

St. Louis Construction Alliance Committee Meeting

The St. Louis Construction Alliance Committee last met on September 20, 2019. Items discussed included: development of new guidelines (project delivery method and virtual plan rooms); updates on guidelines in process (inspection of the construction project, project visits, and testing services during construction); and review of existing guidelines (review of all "construction industry party" definitions, retainage of payment, and safety considerations). The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2019. To see the complete minutes from this meeting as well as most recent meetings, go to our website.

**MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR**

Member News

**Burns & McDonnell** is pleased to announce that John Hesemann has been promoted to manage environmental remediation. With more than two decades at the firm, John leads a team in the Midwest to support site remediation programs across the country.

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** announced that Jon Loos, P.E., was recognized as APWA’s Young Public Works Leader of the Year at their annual fall conference last week.

More Member Renewals & PAC Contributions

Thank you to the following member firm that have renewed their membership. Also, thank you to individual members that have sent national PAC contributions and helped us reach our national PAC
goal for the 3rd year in a row. To see a complete list of state and national PAC contributions, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#). Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the Missouri engineering industry.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:**
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**NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:**
Edmond D. Alizadeh ● David A. Diestelkamp ● Mel Millenbruck ● Timothy Nugent ● Anthony O'Malley ● Carl B. Reed ● Barry O. Rolle ● Timothy J. Ross ● Charles Touzinsky ● Kevin Wallace ● Todd Welz

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**Calendar of Events**

**November 21-22, 2019** - PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp, Columbia  
**February 28-29, 2020** - Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Chesterfield  
**March 4-5, 2020** - Future Leaders Academy, Jefferson City  
**April 8-9, 2020** - Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis  
**April 26-29, 2020** - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC  
**May 13-14, 2020** - Future Leaders Academy, Independence  
**June 7-9, 2020** - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Branson  
**August 21, 2020** - Summer Meeting, Columbia  
**November 13, 2020** - Fall Meeting, Columbia

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