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- **Notable Events** *(Registration Deadline EXTENDED for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet; MFTI / ACECMO / MSPE Legislative Day Highlights for February 11th)*

- **Member Information & Calendar** *(New Member Firm Welcomed; Member News; Calendar of Events)*

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, please contact the [ACEC/MO office](mailto:). We would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks!

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Survey Finds Voters Support Professional Licensing - Cite Public Safety and Welfare**

With professional licensing under assault in state houses across the country, a recent survey by the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL) reports that 75 percent of voters believe it is important to license professionals in certain professions.

A majority of voters stated that current professional licensing requirements protect the public and should not be reformed. Among the other findings of the survey, which was conducted by Benenson Strategy Group:

- More than 70 percent of voters believe that regulating professionals in accounting, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, and related fields with high impact on public safety and welfare is important.
- 71 percent of voters believe professional licensing should be required unless it can be proven that eliminating licensing will not have a negative impact on public health and
safety. The public is wary of the alternative approach: requiring licensing only when it is proven necessary for health and safety.

- 67 percent of voters believe that consumers are best protected by a system that regulates education, examination and experience standards—all of which are overseen by a professional licensing board.

Click [here](#) to read the executive summary of the survey.

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**New ACEC Executive Committee Members Elected**

ACEC’s Board of Directors has elected five new members to ACEC’s Executive Committee, with terms beginning at the 2020 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. Robin Greenleaf, CEO of Architectural Engineers, Inc., in Boston, will become the new chair-elect, succeeding Charlie Gozdziewski, who will begin his term as ACEC Chair at the Convention. Greenleaf will assume the office of Chair for the 2021-2022 administrative year.

Newly-elected to two-year terms as vice chairs are Edmond Alizadeh (above photo), president of Geotechnology, Inc. in St. Louis; Michael Cooper, president/managing principal of Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield, Mich.; Matthew Hirst, president/COO of CRS Consulting Engineers in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Gary Raba, president of Raba Kistner, Inc. in San Antonio. ACEC/North Carolina Executive Director Jim Smith will serve as the NAECE representative to the 2020-2021 Executive Committee. The new officers will join Gozdziewski; John Carrato, president/CEO of Alfred Benesch & Company in Chicago; Keith London, president/CEO of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in Murrieta, Calif.; Kenny Smith, CEO of T. Baker Smith in Houma, La; and ACEC President/CEO Linda Bauer Darr on the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.

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**St. Louis Construction Guidelines for Review**

Members of the Construction Alliance (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 complete set of Construction Guidelines are housed on the AGC of Missouri’s website under the Member Resources tab. The link below is this month’s featured Construction Guideline for review, comments, thoughts, suggested updates or edits, etc. We encourage you to send your thoughts to Denise Hasty.

- **Negotiations When Bids Exceed Budget**

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**NOTABLE EVENTS**

**Registration Deadline Extended for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet**

While you probably have your hands full with chocolates and flowers, don’t miss the new registration deadline of **Friday, February 14th**. We have a full schedule of events to include great speakers, a local color night at Topgolf and will culminate
the meeting with our awards reception and banquet. To see the full schedule of events or to register for the meeting, click on the link below.

**Click Here for Schedule of Events or to Register**

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**MFTI / ACECMO / MSPE Legislative Day Highlights for February 11th**

Members for ACEC/MO, MSPE, and Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) recently held a joint legislative day on February 11th in Jefferson City. They met with House Speaker Rep. Elijah Haahr; Senator Dan Hegeman, Majority Caucus Chairman; Senator Doug Libla, Chairman of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee; and members of Governor Parson’s staff. Below are a few photos from the meeting.

Members from ACEC/MO, MSPE and MFTI met in the MSPE building prior to heading to the capitol for visits with legislators. Mark Rhoads, ACECMO/MSPE lobbyist, and Jeff Glenn, Executive Director, MFTI, briefed the attendees on legislative updates & appointments.

Members posed for a group photo with Representative Elijah Haahr, House Speaker. Members posed for a group photo with Senator Dan Hegeman, Majority Caucus Chairman.
Members posed for a group photo Senator Doug Libla, Chairman of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee.

The group met with members of Governor Parson’s staff.

### MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

#### New Member Firm Welcomed

We want to welcome the following new member firm to the Council and hope you will too.

**Tepa Engineering Services**
1600 Genessee Street, Suite 729, Kansas City, MO 64102
Phone: (314) 944-6376
Key Contact: Brad Loomis
Website: [https://www.tepa.com/](https://www.tepa.com/)
Description: Tepa is an 8(a) Tribally Owned Small Business and MBE firm providing construction services, environmental consulting, technology and industrial services, and offering sustainable solutions to governmental and commercial clients across the country.

#### Member News

**Black & Veatch** was recently listed among the Best Employers for Diversity by Forbes. Their commitment to workplace diversity puts it among the world’s engineering and construction leaders who understand the social and financial importance of enabling a diverse and inclusive workforce. Presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., a world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider, the 2020 list is the result of an anonymous online survey taken by more than 60,000 employees working for firms or institutions that employ 1,000 or more people. Out of the tens of thousands of qualified organizations in the United States, 500 companies earned this distinction.

**Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.** announced they welcomed Aimee Cobb, their new Transportation Engineer in the Springfield, MO, office. Before recently graduating from the University of Missouri, she worked as an intern for another consulting firm where she assisted on various projects providing design assistance as well as report assessments, and grants including BUILD Grant applications. She is also a certified ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician.

**GBA, Inc.** welcomes Aaron Frits to its Transportation Market. As the firm’s Roadways Department Leader, he will use his 16 years of experience to guide the group in achieving its
strategic goals. In addition to his role at GBA, Frits shares his passion for transportation as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a course instructor at the University of Kansas.

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** congratulates **Jervis Atagana**, PE, Project Engineer, Transportation, for getting his Professional Engineer Licensure.

**Pitzman’s Surveying Group, Inc.** recently announced that **T. Christopher Peoples** stepped down as president of the firm and sold his majority stake in the business to minority owner **William K. Berthold**, who will take the reins as president.

**Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.** announced that **Jay Shastri** has been appointed as government business development manager. Leveraging experience and relationships he has built at the firm over the past 10 years, he will lead client relationship management and strategy for both local and federal pursuits.

**TREKK Design Group, LLC** announced that **Daniel Arbogast** has joined the firm as a Structural Engineer in their Transportation Group.

**Wood** announced that **Raymond Steege** was promoted to SR VP Director of Strategy and Development for E&I and Transportation Sector Lead at the firm.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **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
- **October 19, 2020** - 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia
- **November 13, 2020** - Fall Meeting, Columbia

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