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

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**LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Missouri Department of Transportation - Southwest District Liaison Committee**

The Missouri Department of Transportation Southwest District / ACEC/MO Liaison Committee met on January 24, 2020. ACEC/MO members in attendance were Becky Baltz, Neil Brady, Rob Krewson and Steve Prange. Items of discussion included: District updates / staffing changes; MoDOT leadership updates / key initiatives; District staffing resources issues / concerns; review of 2021-2025 STIP; LPA funding; and other topics. The date for the next meeting will be set for some time in August 2021. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, go to our website.

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Building Code Rule Change**

The Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects is proposing a rule change to Chapter 2 – Code of Professional Conduct. PROPOSED AMENDMENT to update the Building Code reference (BOLD face is new language) [deleted language]:

(1) For building design, the board shall use, in the absence of any local building code, the 2018 edition of the *International Building Code*, as the evaluation criteria in determining the appropriate conduct for any professional licensed or regulated by this chapter and being evaluated under section 327.441.2(5), RSMo. The *International [Code Council] Building Code* 2018 Edition is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained by contacting the *International Code Council* at 500 New Jersey Ave NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20001, by phone at (888) ICC-SAFE (422-7233), by fax at (202) 783-2348, or by their direct website at [http://www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org). This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions to the manual.

Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects, PO Box 184, Jefferson City, MO 65102, via facsimile at (573)751-8046, or via email at moapeplsla@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the (Feb. 3) *Missouri Register*. No public hearing is scheduled.

**ACEC, Chamber Urge WRDA Reauthorization, Expansion of QBS to State Revolving Fund Projects**

ACEC has joined with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders in urging Congress to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) before it expires on September 30.

In a letter sent to the leadership of both the House Committee on the Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the stakeholders call on Congress to “build on the improvements of recent WRDA reauthorizations to expand opportunities for private investment to supplement, not replace, public investment, and focus on projects to modernize America’s waterways and water infrastructure.”

The letter calls for expanding Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) to Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects, reauthorizing the (SRF), allowing the contracting of professional services, and acting on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Click [here](http://www.iccsafe.org) to view the letter.

**Update on MDNR Clean Water Fee Stakeholder Meetings for 2020**

The MDNR Water Protection Program scheduled a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss proposed changes to 10 CSR 20-6.011 Fees. The last fee changes/increases went into effect January 1, 2015. Current fee stakeholder meetings are scheduled at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette/Nightingale Creek Conference Rooms, 1101 Riverside Dr., Jefferson City, MO, from 1 to 4 pm. These meetings will be livestreamed at the following link: [https://dnr.mo.gov/videos/live.htm](https://dnr.mo.gov/videos/live.htm). You may also call in at 866-290-1953 and give the Participant PIN: 70928.

The 2020 meeting dates are as follows:
- February 10, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- April 14, 2020
- May 12, 2020
- June 16, 2020
- July 21, 2020
- August 6, 2020

Additional information can also be found on MDNR’s [website](http://www.dnr.mo.gov). For questions, please contact Chris Wieberg, Director, Water Protection Program, (573) 522-9912, or [Chris.wieberg@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:Chris.wieberg@dnr.mo.gov).
NOTABLE EVENTS

Register for Legislative Day on February 11

The Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) will hold its second 2020 Legislative Day on **Tuesday, February 11th.** This will be a joint legislative day with ACEC/MO and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE.) Orientation and a legislative briefing will be held at the MSPE and ACEC/MO office (200 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO) at 10 a.m. followed by visits with legislative leaders in the capitol. Participants will receive handouts to share with legislators during orientation.

During this legislative day, we have meetings confirmed with House Speaker Elijah Haahr, Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Doug Libla, and members of Governor Parson's staff. We are working to secure additional meetings with legislative leaders and participants are encouraged to visit their local state senators and representatives as well. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. To register, please send the names/email addresses of those attending to [info@mfti.org](mailto:info@mfti.org) and say you are representing ACEC/MO.

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

Time is running out to register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for February 28-29, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield, MO. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, February 12, 2020.** You have the option to register online and pay by credit card or you can send in your completed PDF registration form with a check to follow to the ACEC/MO office. For more information on how to register, click on the 'Click Here for Registration Information' link below. We have a great line-up of speakers and programs planned for this meeting. We also plan to do another ACEC/PAC raffle with some great items to raffle off. More details on the raffle will be sent out soon to all the registrants. To see the full schedule of events for the meeting, click on the 'Click Here for Schedule of Events' link below.

All the events will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield. The extended deadline to reserve your sleeping room is **February 8, 2020.** The room rate is $129.00 single or double. Call (636) 532-5000 and mention American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri (ACEC/MO). You also have the option to make your sleeping room reservation online by clicking [HERE](http://example.com).

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member News

**Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.** is pleased to announce that **Raed Armouti**, vice president and Water Resources Business Unit director, was recently recognized by [Treatment Plant Operator Magazine](http://example.com) (TPO) for his many contributions to the water industry. His group deals with a variety of water projects, and his division comprises about 20% of the company's revenue. His work drew the attention of the American Water Works Association, which in 2019 gave him the George Warren Fuller Award for wide-ranging contributions to the water industry.
**Oates Associates, Inc.** has announced that this year is a momentous occasion as they celebrate their 40th anniversary. They kicked off 2020 with a progressive outlook for the future while reflecting on their past. From 1980 to 2020 has have been shaped by their people and projects, clients and partners, and family and friends – and have highlighted some noteworthy accolades:

- their small office in Glen Carbon, Illinois grew to a 45-person firm with offices across Illinois and Missouri;
- their versatile staff continues to grow and includes licensed Professional Engineers, Structural Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, Professional Traffic Operations Engineers, ADA Coordinators, Competent and Qualified Persons in Fall Protection, and LEED Accredited Professionals;
- they have designed projects that have shaped the landscape of our region, both transportation and building infrastructure;
- their leaders have been the face of engineering associations that continue to build and advance the engineering profession, including Bruce Schopp as the Board Chair of ACEC Illinois and Joseph Hagerty, who served as the Chairman of ACEC Missouri last year.

**Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.** announced that Chairman **Craig Toder** has been re-appointed as president effective immediately. He will replace current president, William H. Overturf, III, who has taken a new role as chief executive officer of Oakland-based engineering firm Integral Group after 29 years of distinguished service. He will leverage existing leadership to ensure a smooth transition, and provide continued focus on strategic direction and growth as a leading technology, consulting and engineering firm.

**WSP USA Inc.** is delighted to announce that they’ve moved up to 9th place in the rankings of the world’s leading environmental consultancies according to latest global sector report from Environment Analyst. **AECOM, Jacobs** and **Tetra Tech** retain position as top 3 environmental consulting (EC) providers worldwide. Other ACEC/MO member firms that came in the top 15 include: **Wood** at 8th place, **HDR** at 11th place, and **GHD** at 12th place. Congratulations to these member firms for this great achievement!

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**Calendar of Events**

- **February 11, 2020** - MFTI / ACECMO / MSPE Legislative Day, Jefferson City
- **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](#).