

Spring Greetings to You and Your Family!

from ACEC Delaware

President's Corner



Scott F. Rathfon, P.E.
President, ACEC Delaware

I am sure many of you read the recent headline article in the News Journal "DelDOT to Stall Projects" and are concerned about what this means to your firm. Well unfortunately it will have an impact on a number of our firms and not just the firms doing transportation work or work directly for DelDOT. It will also trickle down to firms that do other infrastructure projects throughout the State and subdivision work with private developers.

The biggest concern is the long term effect this will have on our industry and how long it will take to recover if the State plans to continue on this path. ACEC Delaware has been meeting with the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation along with several Legislators to voice our concerns and see what we can do to protect the interests of the engineering industry in Delaware.

This is where we need your help! We are being advised that the best way to try and make an impact is by a larger group of our membership reaching out to their local representatives and educating them on the value of our industry to the State and the impact that this path forward will have on our livelihood and on JOBS for professional people and potential college engineering graduates.

ACEC Delaware has retained the services of Erik Raser-Schramm of the Twelve Seven Group to assist us in this process. Erik is pulling together a database of ACEC membership and cross referencing it with the list of local Senators and Representatives to help us with our information campaign. Erik is also available to stop by your office and make a brief presentation to your employees to better explain what they can do to help. Please consider scheduling a time for Erik to stop by your office.

We need to act quickly as the political decision makers are already working on the next State budget.

With all this uncertainty both locally and nationally it is also more important than ever that we have a strong PAC. Please consider digging deep this year and supporting the National as well as the Delaware PAC. The ACEC PAC allows our voices to be heard and supports legislators that understand the issues that are important to our profession. Keep in mind that the ACEC Delaware PAC can accept company contributions. So please contribute and also encourage your company to contribute to this PAC.

One last note, ACEC Delaware will be meeting with our local legislators on May 7 to discuss issues that are relevant to our profession. Please contact Mike Karia if you are interested in attending. All discussions will be with the primary focus of job creation, both short and long term, and investing needed funds towards infrastructure improvements. We will also be displaying some samples of the excellent work that is being accomplished by our member firms.

Thank you for your support and I hope everyone has a prosperous 2013. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

Scott

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Laura A. Anderson, P.E.
Chair, Program Committee



January Program

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Our January program featured Mr. Nico Sutmoller, of Insulfoam, who discussed the Lightweight, Geo-Synthetic Fill as the fill material for construction. The program was held in Dover and Mr. Sutmoller's presentation inspired many questions from the members. If you would like the copy of this presentation, please send your request by email to mikekaria@msn.com.

2013 Engineering Excellence Awards and 2013 QBS Award

On Thursday, February 21, ACEC Delaware presented the awards to the winners of the 2013 Engineering Excellence Awards and the 2013 QBS award. The awards winners are:

Grand Conceptor Award

Indian River Inlet Bridge, Rehoboth Beach, DE — AECOM

Conceptor Awards

1. 3D High Definition As-built of Underground Stormwater Management Facility — Karins and Associates
2. Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail Project — Pennoni Associates, Inc.
3. Innovative Wastewater Treatment System to Remove Nutrients From Inland Bays — URS Corporation

Honor Awards

1. Centreville Streetscape Improvements — Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
2. Delaware Statewide Traffic Signal Relamping and Asset Inventory Data Collection — Century Engineering, Inc.
3. It's More Than For The Birds — Duffield Associates, Inc.
4. Stonestrow Pump Station: Trenchless Technology — Karins and Associates
5. Washington Street Flood Control & Stormwater Retrofits, Seaford, Delaware — George, Miles & Buhr, LLC

March Program

Our lunch-time March program will be at the Cavalier Country Club in Newark on Wednesday, March 27, 2013. We will email the program to you in a week.

May Program and Annual Meeting

Our May evening program and the Annual meeting will be at the Cavalier Country Club on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

Your suggestions about the programs are always welcome. Please email them to mikekaria@msn.com.

**Enjoy the Engineering Excellence Award program photos,
provided by Mrs. Angie Barbata, on the following page.**

Engineering Excellence Awards at E-Week Banquet



Gregory Moore
Engineer of Year



A big thanks to Mrs. Angie Barbato
for proviing these Engineering
Excellence Award photos.

Your Committees Working for You



M. Shane Minner, P.E.
Chair, Education and Public Relations
Committee



Education | Public Relations Committee

Each year, the Delaware chapter of ACEC offers a scholarship to an outstanding high school senior who is planning on majoring in the field of engineering.

This year we received approximately 13 applications. Applications were from some very bright and prospective future engineers. But one stuck out.

This year, we chose a young lady from the Charter School of Wilmington.

During all four years of high school she has been active in the Science Ambassadors Program, mentoring elementary school students and has been a teaching assistant at MathPlus LLC, tutoring students in math and helping with assignments and homework.

She even completed an internship at the University of Delaware, working and researching cellulose hydrolysis, an alternative energy effort, while a 12th grader!

She has demonstrated a high degree of academics as a member of the National Honor Society, participating in the Delaware's Governor's School for Excellence, and as an AP Scholars student with Honors.

And...she has scored an almost perfect SAT score of 2360.

This young lady plans on majoring in Chemical Engineering and researching green alternative energy sources...something we all need to make this a better planet.

ACEC Delaware would like to congratulate **Miss Julie Zhu**.



Miss Julie Zhu receives
Scholarship Award from
ACEC Delaware President Scott Rathfon

Photo compliments of
Mrs. Angie Barbato

Legislative Committee Activities

Meetings with Legislators in Washington, D.C.

ACEC Delaware president Scott L. Rathfon, board members, and I will be visiting U.S. Senators Thomas Carper and Chris Coons and U.S. Representative John Carney in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, April 23, during ACEC's Spring conference .

We will present them with the issues affecting our industry and provide them with suggestions to help our industry. This is very useful political dialogue which will help our industry and each one of us.

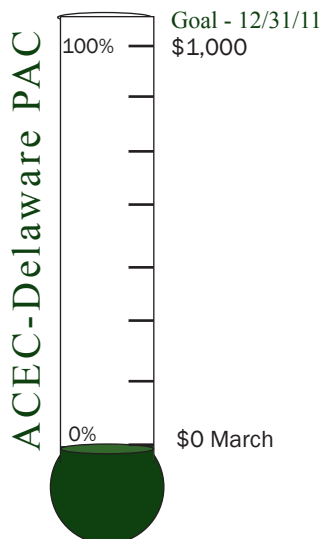
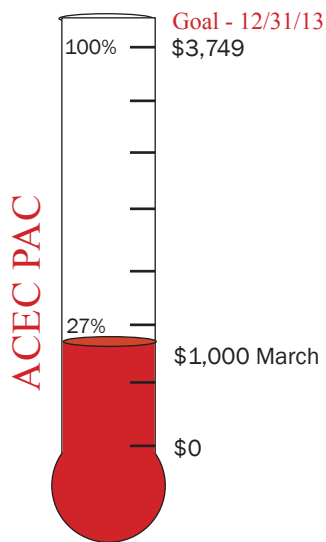
We will provide you with the issues and the suggested solutions in April.



Ted F. Januska, P.E.,
National Director, and
Chair, Legislative Committee and PAC



PAC Collections



Delaware Legislative Day

Our Legislative Day in Dover is scheduled on Tuesday, May 7. from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

During this time, we will have lunch for their legislators and we will talk to them about engineering industry's issues in Delaware and will provide them solutions to help our industry.

This dialogue and one on one discussion with Delaware Legislators bring the results which are beneficial to our industry and to each one of us.

PAC Collections

ACEC National PAC

Our National PAC goal for 2013 is \$3,748 and we have raised \$1,000 so far. I ask each one of you to participate with your contribution and join us in this very useful political process.

ACEC Delaware PAC

For 2013, our goal for Delaware PAC is \$1,000. This account is for contributing to the campaigns of Delaware legislators who understand our issues and are willing to help us.

I appeal to each one of you to contribute to this PAC for the betterment of our Engineering industry in Delaware.

The PAC form is provided for your use on the following page.

Ted

American Council of Engineering Companies of Delaware

ACEC Delaware

PAC Contribution Form

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Firm Name: _____

Important Information:

1. Delaware law permits personal and corporate contributions to ACEC Delaware PAC.
2. Contributions are not tax deductible for federal and State income tax purposes.

Contribution:

Enclosed is my (our) check for \$_____.00, payable to "ACEC Delaware PAC"

Please mail the check to:

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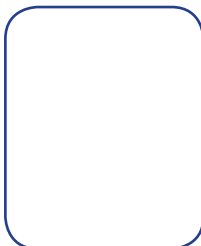
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