



ACEC/MO Newsletter – November 15, 2024

Welcome to ACEC/MO's Newsletter! With this email, you'll receive all of the top updates in our organization, as well as new features.

This newsletter will provide an update on our organization. Check your email often for more updates.

Items included in this ACEC/MO Newsletter are listed below.

- [ACEC/MO President's Report](#)
- [Past & Upcoming Events](#) (ACEC/MO 2024 Fall Meeting Highlights; Registration is Now Open for ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy; Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 6-7, 2025)
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If there is something you would like us to include in the newsletter, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#).

## LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



### Missouri Department of Transportation (SL) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (SL) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on November 13, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Brett Brooks, Matt Johnson, J.C. Murray, Jason Schreckenber, Kandi Spraggs, Amy Touchette Brown, Joel Weinhold, and Todd Welz. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Tom Evers Update
- Consultant Update
- Director Announcement
- SL Design Update
- SL Right-of-Way Update
- Major Project Update
- ACEC Update & Update from Fall Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also

## ACEC/MO President's Report

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I hope this email finds you well. Following up on the ACEC Fall Conference, I wanted to share some updates on the various activities ACEC/MO is currently engaged in.

**Sporting Clays Tournament** – Kevin Fuller from CMT took first place in this year's ACEC/MO Sporting Clays Tournament, hitting 42 out of 50 birds. Twenty-five shooters enjoyed a great morning at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, helping raise money for our State PAC.



**DBE Lawsuit** – ACEC Missouri continues to monitor the ongoing situation regarding DBE and the lawsuit filed in Kentucky by the [Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty](#). Last week, the plaintiffs successfully removed 21 projects from using DBE in Illinois' last bid letting. Construction Dive magazine provides an excellent overview of the lawsuit's current status. [Click here](#).

**Legislative Session** – I have already met with several organizations regarding legislation for the 2025 session. Design-build, licensing, engineering tax credits, and funding for MDNR are on the agenda. This year, we have 55 new House members and 10 new Senators, so we have considerable work to do in getting elected officials up to speed on the issues that matter to us.

**Engineer's Day** – ACEC/MO is excited to participate in our 3rd Annual Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on Wednesday, February 5th. Last year, we had roughly 120 engineers from across the state participate. Can we set a new record this year?

We will start the day at Capitol Plaza with breakfast and meet with a handful of new Senators. Afterward, we will head to the House of Representatives to meet with House members who work in the engineering field, followed by an introduction to the entire House.

There is no registration fee to participate. To sign up, [please click here](#). We hope to see you there!

**ACEC/MO Winter Conference** – Since this is an odd-numbered year, our Winter Meeting and EEA Banquet will be held in Kansas City at the Downtown Marriott on March 6th and 7th. For more information, please see below.

**Future Leaders Academy** – Our FLA program has been a great success, and we've made several changes to this year's programming based on feedback. This year, we also introduced new facilitators, Jeff and Tracy Glenn of Glennview Strategies. Only seven spots remain, so don't hesitate to read below and sign up!

## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

### ACEC/MO 2024 Fall Meeting Highlights

We had a record turnout for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament on November 7-8, 2024, in Columbia.

see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### 65th Annual Missouri Asphalt Conference on December 3-4 in Rolla

Missouri University of Science and Technology will host the 65th annual Missouri Asphalt Conference on **December 3-4, 2024**, at the Diamond Event Center in Rolla.

Conference topics will include the following: Thick-lift Pavement Performance Improvement by Utilizing Highly Modified Asphalt Binders; Life Cycle Analysis panel discussion; Using FTIR to identify contaminants in asphalt binders; Climate Challenge Update; Alternative binders for high friction surface; Pelletized Recycled Asphalt Shingles; I-70 Design-Build Project Update; Intelligent compaction for automatic amplitude adjustment; What impact is AI having on asphalt industry/design?; Latest Research Advances in Asphalt; Work zone safety. What can be done to protect workers better?; MAPA updates; and MoDOT updates.

The conference should be of interest to paving contractors, public agencies, state DOTs, consulting engineers, testing labs, asphalt producers, emulsion suppliers, and equipment technical representatives. Certificates to document approximately 10 Personal Development Hours (PDHs) will be provided.

For conference program information and to register, visit <https://asphalt.mst.edu/>.



Below are some photo highlights from the meeting. We want to take this time to again thank the below sponsors for helping make the meeting such a big success. THANK YOU!!

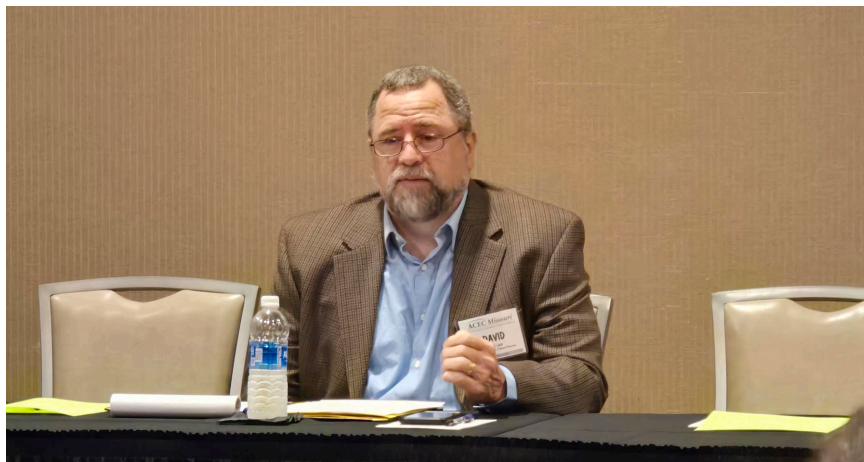
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**David Lamb**, MDNR, spoke during the ACEC/MO Environmental Committee Meeting.



**Lee White**, City of Columbia, also spoke during the ACEC/MO Environmental Committee Meeting.

## QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshop in St. Louis on December 10

The City of St. Louis, FEMA, and other partners are hosting a QuakeSmart Preparedness Workshop on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, in **St. Louis**. It's a **FREE**, day-long event with lots of practical information on earthquake preparedness and response, with a focus on business continuity. Advance registration is requested to attend. For more information on the workshop, and for information on how to register, [click here](#).

### MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

## ACEC/MO Webinar – What You Need to Know About Prop A & New Rules on Employer Sick Leave

On November 5, Missourians voted to approve Proposition A, a referendum implementing mandatory paid sick leave law for Missouri employees. Thus, effective May 1, 2025, Missouri will join the growing list of states that require employers to provide paid sick leave to their employees. These new requirements stipulate how many hours you have to grant, and the parameters of implementing your sick leave program. For an overview, please see the [article](#) written by Ray McCarty, President & CEO of Associated Industries of Missouri.

Ray McCarty will be joining ACEC/MO members for a webinar to on **Monday, December 2, 2024**, at **1:30 PM**. He'll explain what the law currently entails, timelines of





ACEC/MO Transportation Committee members met and heard from Spencer Robinson and Dave Simmons, both from MoDOT. They also discussed the 2024 future project schedule release, duty to defend, ACEC/AGC design-build insurance limits, lump sum contracting / project scheduling rollout, legislation/election update, and the DBE lawsuit.



**Kim Becking**, Founder of Unstoppable Momentum Movement, gave a presentation on "Ignite Unstoppable Momentum - Harness the Power of Adaptability, Resilience, and Mindset in a Rapidly Changing World that NEVER. SLOWS. DOWN."



ACEC/MO members met during our quarterly Board of Directors / Membership Meeting to discuss important items of interest.

implementation and will report on possible litigation that may occur regarding the new law.

To join the webinar via Zoom, [click here](#).

## QBS NOMINATIONS WANTED

### Request for QBS Nominations

The ACEC/MO QBS Award was established to recognize outstanding support of the Qualifications-Based Selection procedures. The contributions can be made in many forms but must embody a commitment to and support and promotion of QBS. ACEC/MO gives an annual award in the categories of government and non-government. If you work with a public or private client that uses or has converted to the QBS method, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#) for a nomination form if you want to submit them for an award. The deadline to submit a nomination form is December 31, 2024. The award will be given at ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting on March 6, 2025, in Kansas City.

### Member News

[Bartlett & West, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that **Neal Chapman** recently joined the firm as senior project manager on the Power Delivery team.

[TREKK Design Group, LLC](#) is excited to announce that **Rijesh Karmacharya, P.E., PTOE, RSP1**, a member of their Transportation Team in St. Louis, officially became a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE).



## Registration is Now Open for ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy

Does your firm have a candidate for ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)? Registration for the FLA program is now open. The dates for the 2025 FLA program are set for May 21-22 in Columbia; June 17-18 in Kansas City; July 23-24 in St. Charles; and August 20-22 in Osage Beach.

The FLA is an extensive leadership program for young leaders in private consulting firms committed to developing their leadership abilities. The program is most beneficial to those participants with approximately 8-15 years of industry experience. These highly interactive sessions are taught by experts in the field of business administration and people management in professional service firms. More details on the program are posted on our [website](#), to include an [FLA brochure](#). To register for the 2025 FLA Program, [click here](#). We only have 20 spots available and already have 14 spots filled. If you want a spot in the 2025 class, please send in your registration form or contact the ACEC/MO office at 573-634-4080 or email [DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org) to hold a spot for your firm.



## Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 6-7, 2025

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for March 6-7, 2025, in Kansas City. Listed below is the draft agenda for the meeting. We'll send out registration information as soon as we have all the details finalized.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** The meeting will be held at the **Kansas City Marriott Downtown**, 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105. We have a block of rooms set up with a rate of \$219.00++. To make your sleeping room reservation and to get our room rate, you **must** reserve your room online *only*. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your room online. The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**.

- TENTATIVE AGENDA -

## Calendar of Events

### 2025

**February 5** - Engineers' Day at the Capitol, Jefferson City

**March 6-7** - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City

**May 5** - ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACEC/MO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

**June 3-6** - ACEC Midwest States Conference - Durango, CO

**August 20-22, 2025** - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 9th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach

**November 6-7, 2025** - ACEC/MO Fall Meeting & 4th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**

9:30 AM - Environmental & Transportation Committee Meetings

12:00 PM - Luncheon / QBS Awards / Speaker

1:15 PM - CEO Roundtable (Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms)

6:00 PM - Awards Reception & Banquet (*Presentations: Distinguished Service Awards, Engineering Excellence Awards & Life Member Awards*)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025**

8:00 AM - Breakfast / Speaker

9:15 AM - Business Practice Seminar

11:00 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting