



ACEC/MO Newsletter - January 26, 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.

- **Upcoming Events** (*Register Now for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 29-March 1*)
- **Industry News** (*ACEC Advocacy Wins, Expectations, and Challenges Focus on New Podcast; Nutrient Trading Workshop; ACEC Coalition Leader Recommendations*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC/MO Salary & Benefits Survey Now Available; Member News; Calendar of Events*)

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 (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis) Liaison Committee met on January 10, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Mike Erdtmann, Howard Gotschall, Kyle Levenhagen, Linda Moen, Scott Smith, Kandi Spraggs, Joel Weinhold, and Todd Welz. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Tom Blair Update
- Tom Evers Update
- Jeff Cremer Update
- St. Louis Design Update
- Nicole Kreisel's ROW Update
- Major Project Update
- ACEC Updates.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024. To see the

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Register Now for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 29-March 1

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for **February 29-March 1, 2024**, at the **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark** in St. Louis. Listed below is the brief agenda for the meeting. Registration information and the complete agenda is available on [ACEC/MO's website](#). You can also click on the link below to register for the meeting and the banquet. The early-bird deadline to register is Wednesday, February 14, 2023.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of \$199.00++. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (314) 421-1776 or 800-581-7151 and give them the code of "ACEC" to book your room. Our block of rooms will be held until Thursday, February 1, 2024, so please reserve your room by that date.

**- AGENDA -**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

- 10:15 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting (*Speaker: Robert S. Gramke, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District*)
- 10:15 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting (*Speaker: Eric Kopinski, I-70 Director, MoDOT*)
- 12:00 PM - Lunch Program & QBS Awards (*Speaker: Joel G. Burken, PhD, PE, BCEE, F. AEESP, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology*)
- 1:15 PM - CEO Roundtable (Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms)
- 6:00 PM - Awards Reception & Banquet

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**

- 8:00 AM - Breakfast Program on Economic Outlook - *Speaker: Charles S. Gascon, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*
- 9:15 AM - The Four Project Management Realities All Consulting Firms Face Seminar (*Speakers: Kevin Corwin, PE, PLS, PMP, InScope; & Mark Meyer, PE, CFM, Intuition & Logic Engineering, Inc.*)
- 11:00 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

[Click Here to Register for ACEC/MO's 2024 Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet](#)

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

**MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR**



**ACEC/MO Salary & Benefits Survey Now Available**

Thank you to the firms that participated in ACEC/MO's 2023 Salary and Benefits Survey. All the firms that participated in the survey already received a complimentary copy of the survey. This survey is a valuable resource containing local Missouri engineering companies' salary and benefit datapoints not found elsewhere.

If your firm would like to receive a copy of the survey, please contact [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#). The cost of the survey for member firms is \$600. You'll get a PDF version as well as an Excel version.

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**MEMBER NEWS**

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[Alper Audi, Inc.](#) is proud to introduce a new member of their Structural Engineering team, **Victor Higginbotham**. He

## ACEC Advocacy Wins, Expectations, and Challenges Focus of New Podcast

ACEC Executive Vice President Steve Hall and Communications and Marketing SVP Jeff Urbanchuk recently sat down for a discussion about some of the Council's key wins and gains in 2023, and what's on the horizon for what is expected to be a very busy 2024.

Hall noted that the Council saw in 2023 real progress on both the legislative and regulatory fronts, racking up significant accomplishments on what have been long-standing issues for ACEC. One such accomplishment was language included in the Defense Authorization Bill that would [lift the cap on design fees](#) for work with the Corps of Engineers and Department of Defense agencies. This change bumps the ceiling from 6 percent to 10 percent. "It's not a perfect fix," he said. "At a time when QBS is how firms are procured, there shouldn't be any cap on design fees. But this is a step in the right direction. It will give firms a little more room to negotiate."

In another key accomplishment, ACEC-backed language was included in a spending bill related to Ukraine. "We all hope and pray that the war in Ukraine comes to an end in 2024," Hall said. "And when that happens, there is going to be a substantial reconstruction process. We expect that the American engineering industry is going to play a significant role in that reconstruction effort, and we want to make sure that effort is organized."

Closer to home, Hall pointed to progress on another major ACEC issue: the FAR credits clause as it relates to PPP loans. [...]

To read the full article, [click here](#).



## Water Protection Program

### Nutrient Trading Workshop

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program will hold a Nutrient Trading Workgroup meeting on February 22, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Department team members will lead the discussion by covering recent changes to the **Nutrient Trading Program** and supporting documents. This meeting will be held at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette / Nightingale conference rooms, 1101 Riverside Drive, Jefferson City, MO, with a Webex option being offered. Information on how to join the meeting remotely is listed below.

#### Join Webex Meeting

Click "Join Now".

*Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to join the teleconference.*

-or-

Call-in toll number (US/Canada): 1-650-479-3207

Access code: 2632 226 6761

Meeting Password: DNR

recently completed his master's degree from the University of Missouri.

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** is pleased to congratulate **John Klein, PE**, Transportation Senior Project Manager, for being named President of the Gateway Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Gateway Section of ITE (GSITE) focuses on transportation issues relevant to the metropolitan St. Louis area and is a section of the Missouri Valley ITE District (MOVITE).

**OWN, Inc.** is pleased to congratulate **Jared Davis, PE**, on his well-deserved promotion to Land Development Division Leader. He will oversee and spearhead key initiatives within the division, further enhancing the company's capabilities in land development projects.

**TREKK Design Group, LLC** is pleased to announce that **Ryan Fleming** has been named their new St. Louis Water Systems Market Lead.

**Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects** is excited to announce **Justin Klaudt, PE, ENV SP**, has been selected by the Board of Directors to serve as their next Board Chair.

### Calendar of Events

#### 2024

**January 31** - Engineers Day at the Capitol, Jefferson City

**February 29-March 1** - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, St. Louis

**May 6** - 3rd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

**May 22-23** - Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City

**June 5-6** - Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

More information about the Nutrient Trading Program and supporting documents are available on the [Nutrient Trading Program page](#).

People with disabilities requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting may make arrangements by calling 573-751-5723 or 800-361-4827. They also may write in advance of the meeting to the following address: Department of Natural Resources Water Protection Program Attn: Victoria Bushan, P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102. Hearing impaired individuals may contact the program through Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966.

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## ACEC Coalition Leader Recommendations

The [ACEC Coalitions](#) are currently looking to fill several key leadership roles. Serving on a Coalition Executive Committee or as a representative of an editorial board is a great way to get involved with ACEC National and enhance your executive leadership talents.

**CAMEE (Coalition of American Mechanical and Electrical Engineers)** - 2 current Coalition of American Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (CAMEE) members to serve on the executive committee to serve a minimum of 2 years. The CAMEE coalition represents member firms in the MEP, energy, and fire protection.

**CASE (Coalition of American Structural Engineers)** - 2 current CASE members who are interested in serving on Structure Magazine's editorial board for a minimum of 2 years. To find out more about these positions visit [https://www.structuremag.org/?page\\_id=18](https://www.structuremag.org/?page_id=18)

**COPS (Coalition of Professional Surveyors)** - 2 current COPS members who are interested in serving on the executive committee for a minimum of 2 years.

**SFC (Small Firm Coalition)** - 2 current Small Firm Coalition members to serve on the executive committee to serve a minimum of 2 years.

For additional information ([click here](#)), questions, or recommendations please reach out to [Michelle Kroeger](#).

**June 12-14** - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Kansas City

**July 16-17** - Future Leaders Academy, Columbia

**August 21-23** - Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach

**August 21-23** - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach

**November 7-8** - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg. & 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

### 2025

**February 27-28** - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City

**June 4-6** - ACEC Midwest States Conference - Location TBD

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

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