



ACEC/MO Newsletter - January 5, 2024

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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](#).

ACEC/MO President's Report

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This week concluded the first week of the session. A couple of quick notes.

On Tuesday, Governor Mike Parson announced two new members of the Missouri Highway & Transportation Committee: former State Senator Dan Hegeman and former St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay. The initial interpretation is that since these appointments were made before the Legislature convened on Wednesday, they would be recess appointments, and the Missouri Senate has 30 days to confirm the appointments.

On Wednesday, both the House and Senate gavelled in for the 2024 legislative session. Many observers were waiting to see how things would

INDUSTRY NEWS



Newly Released Diversity Roadmap Available Now

The ACEC Research Institute has released its first-ever Diversity Roadmap, the culmination of a six-month process designed to help member firms execute against their diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) goals. Launched in Summer 2023, the Roadmap is a comprehensive, data-driven tool that assesses the maturity of a firm's DEIB program. Using this data, the tool then provides actionable suggestions on how firms can make further progress on their diversity journeys. In short, the tool doesn't just tell firms how well they are doing. It tells them how they can do better.

Key findings from the roadmap cover:

- **Workplace** - How diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging are

start with the newly minted "Freedom Caucus," essentially the former "Conservative Caucus" rebranded. [Missouri Independent article](#).

On Thursday, the Senate adjourned in less than an hour without introducing any pre-filed bills. After Senator Bill Eigel proposed a change to the Senate rules, Senators Denny Hoskins and Mike Bernskoetter started debating who was more conservative. Shortly after Hoskins brought up Bernskoetter's vote on SB262 and voting yes on a tax increase, Senate Majority Floor Leader Cindy O'Laughlin moved for adjournment.

Ray McCarty, President & CEO of Associated Industries of Missouri, has written an opinion piece on the prospects of the session. [Read it here](#).

Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer announced that he will not be seeking re-election. "It has been an honor to serve the great people of the Third Congressional District and State of Missouri these past several years. However, after a lot of thoughtful discussion with my family, I have decided not to file for re-election and retire at the end of my term in December," Luetkemeyer, 71, said in a statement posted on X, formerly Twitter. Social media immediately started speculating on who would run to replace Luetkemeyer. Names mentioned are Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Senator Travis Fitzwater, Senator Nick Schroer, and former Senator and current Lieutenant Governor candidate, Bob Onder. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch article](#).

As of this morning, ACEC Missouri is tracking 72 pieces of legislation. While some of these bills are FYI situations, we are keeping a keen eye on some of them and their potential effects on the business of consulting engineering.

[HB2139](#) – Relating to payments on construction contracts.

[HB2158](#) – Allow interior designers to sign and seal work as a registered interior designer and changes the definition of "professional design firm".

[HB1827](#) - Modifies provisions for giving preference to Missouri companies in state contracts.

[SB1257](#) - Establishes a provision relating to the enforceability of and requirements for construction contracts.

[SB941](#) - Establishes a statutory cause of action against private contractors for damages arising out of repair or construction of public highways and roads.

As a reminder, the 2024 Engineer's Day in the Capitol is scheduled for January 31st. As of this morning, we have received 56 RSVPs, anticipating an even larger turnout than last year ([click here to see who is attending](#)).

This year, the event will commence on the 1st Floor Rotunda, where we'll hear from four members of the Missouri House who work in the field of engineering. Following that, we will proceed to the Senate Chamber, where Senator Justin Brown will introduce us to the entire Missouri Senate. Subsequently, there will be time for personal one-on-one meetings, followed by lunch with Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe at Capitol Plaza Hotel. At 1 p.m., Governor Mike Parson will join us to provide remarks. It's shaping up to be a very busy and exciting day. If you wish to attend the Kehoe lunch, we kindly ask that you sign up by [clicking this link](#). For Engineer's Day, please RSVP by [visiting the sign-up page](#) by January 19th.

Have a great weekend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

integrated into a firm's culture.

- **Workforce** - Assess employee recruitment and retention policies.
- **Marketplace** - The organizational approach to marketing and promotional campaigns.
- **Supplier/Community** - The organizational approach to engaging diverse members of the community.
- **Employee Demographics** - Details data collected on the demographic composition of firm employees.
- **Industry & Higher Education Comparisons**

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Oil Water Separators (MOG14) Master General Permit

The Department of Natural Resources will be holding a public informational meeting regarding the reissuance of the Master General Permit MO-G14 for Oil Water Separators. This meeting will solicit input from the attendees regarding the current permit. A draft of the next permit will not yet be available at the time of the meeting, as the permit writer wishes to incorporate changes based on comments received. The current permit is available here: <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/wastewater/oil-water-separators-mo-g140000>.

The meeting will be held at 2:30-3:30, January 18, 2024, online via WebEx. To attend, follow this link at the time of the meeting:

Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol

January 31, 2024
9:00 AM



<https://stateofmo.webex.com/stat eofmo/j.php?MTID=m4c7e07754 ab861b1e1b156b3f398d9d9>

If you have any other questions regarding this meeting, please contact the department by [email](#) or by phone at 573-751-8049. The current MO-G14 permit will expire June 30, 2024.

Registration Deadline Nears for Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on January 31st

ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE and MSPE are partnering to conduct an "Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol" scheduled for **January 31, 2024**, at **9:00 AM**. The purpose of this day is to educate legislators on the important and diverse roles that engineers play in our community, and to increase our presence and voice in the public policy process. Below is the current schedule of events for the day. The below photo is from our Engineer's Day in 2023. We had an excellent turnout and hope to exceed that in 2024. The deadline to register is January 19, 2024.

Schedule

9:00 AM – Meet in 1st Floor Rotunda - We will hear comments from Representatives Don Mayhew, Bob Bromley, John Voss and Donnie Brown

10:00 AM – We will proceed as a group to the 4th floor Senate Gallery, where we will be introduced to the Senate

12:00 PM – ACEC/MO is hosting a separate lunch at Capitol Plaza Hotel for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe (*you must register separately for this event*)

1:00 PM – Governor Mike Parson is joining us immediately following the lunch (at the Capitol Plaza Hotel), and will deliver remarks on the importance of infrastructure funding and his 2024 initiatives regarding workforce development and infrastructure funding

2024 SAVE Coalition Training Schedule Announced

The 2024 training schedule is now available for registration [HERE](#). These free one-day classes certify, or re-certify, your SAVE membership for three years. They also come with seven professional development hours.

Also, a reminder that the online recertification option is available [HERE](#). Passing this quiz will renew your existing membership for three years. A few disclaimers, though -- you must be current on your existing membership (check the expiration date on your card or in your Show Me Response account), you must have taken the full class last time (can't renew using this test twice in a row), and the renewal comes with no professional development hours.

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MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Obituary

Col. John G. Pollard, (USAF retired) passed peacefully on December 15, 2023, surrounded by his loving wife,





[Click Here to Register for Engineer's Day at the Capitol](#)

[Click Here to Register for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe Lunch or for Information on Sponsorships for this Event](#)



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 agenda for the meeting. Registration information has been sent out but is also 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 Friday, 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

Lois, and six beloved daughters. He was 91 years old. John earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and Master of Business Administration degrees from St. Louis University. He was a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri. He was an active member of ACEC/MO before he retired. A United States Air Force (USAF) veteran, John loved his country. He served as a navigator, weapons controller, communications officer, engineering officer, director of logistics, squadron commander, and group vice commander. John's professional career began with Union Electric as an economic development engineer, sales engineer, and a senior economist. His capstone position was as an engineering executive with Horner and Shifrin, Inc. He retired in 1997, as Vice President, Treasurer, and a member of the Board of Directors. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with John's family and friends.

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

Affinis Corp is pleased to congratulate **Madison Crowl, PE**, a stormwater engineer at the firm, for passing her PE Exam.

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. is pleased to congratulate **Ryan Stehn, PE**, and **Ron Leible, PE**, on becoming new associates at the firm.

Engineering Design Source, Inc. (EDSI) is pleased to congratulate **Emma Woods, PE**, for obtaining her Missouri Professional Engineer (PE) certification.

HDR congratulates **Jennifer Schwaller** and her recent promotion to Vice President at the firm.

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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LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE Coalition Committee Meeting

The SAVE Coalition Committee met on December 1, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Vicki LaRose and Scott Perkins. Items discussed during the meeting included:



- Minutes Approved
- Board Appointments
- Training Updates
- Seismic Safety Commission
- Earthquake Insurance Summit
- Earthquake Summit 2024 in Cape Girardeau
- Inspector Qualifications
- Trimming Membership Rolls
- CUSEC Update
- Tennessee Building Evaluation Exercise
- Drone Deployment
- Election of Officers.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2024. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

Horner & Shifrin, Inc. is excited to welcome **Tobin Bonnell, PE, PTOE** as Senior Principal Engineer.

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

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](#).

Change of address, email, or any information? You will need to login to your profile in our member portal through our website.