



ACEC/MO Newsletter - April 25, 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**
- **Upcoming Events** (*A Few Spots Still Open for the 3rd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament on May 6; Register Now to Attend the ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp on June 19-20; Registration is Open for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 12-14 in Kansas City*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*St. Louis County Liaison Committee; Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Election of ACEC/MO 2024-2025 Board of Directors; Deadline Nears to Submit Your ACEC/MO 2024-2025 Committee Requests; 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

St. Louis County Liaison Committee

The St. Louis County / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on April 15, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Mike Brown, Nick Correnti, Brian Eads, Ryan Hagerty, and Linda Moen. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Director Update
- Consultant Solicitations
- CAD Workspace Update
- Discussion on Ending Retainage Requirements for County Contracts
- Discussion on Feedback that Consultant Community is Overpromising on Schedules and Then Not Meeting Them
- Discussion on Right-of-Way
- Consultant-Led Utility Coordination Status and Updates
- Discussion on Survey Issues
- Update on STL County Committee on County Standards and Bid Items.

ACEC/MO President's Report



ACEC/MO President's Report

Last week, I had the opportunity to sit down with KY3 in Springfield to discuss the shortage of engineers and the challenges that presents to the Missouri economy. We were fortunate to be hosted by Erin Parrish, President of Palmerton & Parrish, who participated in the interviews as well. The story ran on the 11 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. editions. I shared a copy of our Engineering Matters brochure with the reporter, and if you listen closely, you can hear him reference some of ACEC/MO's talking points! The final version ended up being over 3 minutes long. You can check out the web article and video by [clicking here](#) or by clicking on the below photo.



Yesterday, ACEC/MO testified in support of SB1483, sponsored by Senator Jason Bean. This legislation is designed to help alleviate funding challenges for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program. Testifying in support of the legislation were ACEC/MO, Missouri Wood Forest Products Association, Missouri Limestone Producers Association, and Associated Industries of Missouri. There was no opposition. While the chances for passage this year are slim, it sets the stage for this legislation to be brought forward next year.

The Missouri Senate did markup on the state budget this week. I will have a full report once the newest versions of the bills are released, but the initial news is very positive regarding infrastructure funding. I-70 monies were easily reappropriated, \$727 million for I-44, and another \$100 million for low volume and minor roads.

On another note regarding the state budget, the last item added to the state budget Wednesday during deliberations of the Senate Appropriations Committee was language that cuts all state funding for cities that become sanctuaries for immigrants. This language was apparently aimed at Mayor Quinton Lucas and Kansas City for his comments on Kansas City recruiting migrant workers from New York. You can read more by [clicking here](#). The budget must be completed by Friday, May 3rd according to the State Constitution.

On Tuesday, the House Rules – Regulatory Oversight committee voted out HB2072, sponsored by Rep. Don Mayhew. This bill contains the following provisions:

- Changes the distribution formula for SB262 revenues.
- Allows individuals to provide non-profit organizations with their fuel sales receipts for refund.
- Provides a standard income tax deduction for the purchase of motor fuel vehicle fuel instead of turning in receipts for refund.
- Allows vehicles with a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or more to be eligible for the SB262 refund process.

At this point in the legislative sessions, I do not see HB2072 passing, but we will watch it closely and work to defeat it as needed.

In conjunction with the ACEC National Legislative Summit, ACEC Missouri will be partnering with ACEC Illinois to conduct visits with members of Congress on Wednesday, May 15th in Washington D.C. To sign up to participate, please [click here](#). Please note that

The next meeting will be scheduled for the last week of June 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](#).



Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 27, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Becky Baltz, Nick Correnti, Bob Gilbert, Jason Haynes, Holly Lehmkuhl, and Steve Prange. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives
- District Updates / Staffing Changes
- ACEC Updates
- Trends in Recent Solicitations
- Microsoft Project Updates and Timeline for Industry Training
- Upcoming Planning/Scoping Items
- Future Design/Build Projects
- Latest Information on I-44
- Consultant Deliverables - Quality or Areas of Improvement.

The next meeting will be scheduled for September / October 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](#).

registering for the ACEC National Meeting does not register you for ACEC/MO's visits to the Capitol. As of today, the agenda is as follows:

10:00 AM – Senator Eric Schmitt – 387 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
10:30 AM – Senator Josh Hawley – 115 Russel Senate Office Bldg.
11:20 AM – Group picture in front of the Capitol
12:00 PM – Lunch and meetings with House members – 2253 Rayburn Office Bldg. – (Congressman Burlison and Alford are confirmed, staff continue to work on meetings)

UPCOMING EVENTS



A Few Spots Still Open for the 3rd Annual ACEC/MO/PAC Golf Tournament on May 6

ACEC/MO is hosting the 3rd Annual ACEC/MO/PAC Golf Tournament scheduled for **Monday, May 6, 2024**. It will be held at **The Club at Porto Cima, 133 Club House Drive, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079**. Registration begins at 10:00 AM followed by a shotgun start at 10:30 AM. ACEC/MO members can bring clients and guests to play in the tournament. There is a maximum of 60 players available and we still have some spots open. The cost is **\$200** per person, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, and more. You can register as an individual or you can register up to 8 people. We extended the registration deadline to **Friday, April 26, 2024**. The registration information is available on ACEC/MO's [website](#).

SPONSORS:

Below is a list of sponsors for the tournament. We want to say 'Thank You' to all the companies for being a sponsor!

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MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



Election of ACEC/MO 2024-2025 Board of Directors

The ACEC/MO Advisory Committee recently met and finalized the below list of nominees for ACEC/MO's 2024-2025 Board of Directors. An official ballot was recently emailed to voting member representatives. If you received that email, please complete the ballot by the deadline of **May 29, 2024**. All the nominees will then be sworn in at the ACEC/MO Board of Directors / Membership Meeting on June 13, 2024, in Kansas City, and will officially take office on July 1st.

Nominees continuing on the board:

Chair:

Robert A. Gilbert, P.E.

Directors:

Howard N. Gotschall II, P.E.

Kandi R. Spraggs, P.E.

Laura Mwirigi Rightler, P.E.

Steve J. Prange, P.E.

Nominees up for election and included in the ballot sent to voting member representatives:

Chair-Elect:

Stephen D. Hicks, P.E.

Vice Chair:

Shawna L. Erter, P.E.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Kristen Leathers-Gratton, P.E.

Directors (3 years):

Chris D. Linneman, P.E.

Jack H. Schaller, P.E.

National Director:

Vicki S. LaRose, P.E.

Alternate National Director:

Kevin L. Wallace, P.E.

scheduled for **June 19-20, 2024**, in **Columbia**. This 2-day workshop is guaranteed to give you proven skills to improve project delivery, financial performance, client satisfaction, and much more. Below is the agenda for the program. For detailed information on this exceptional program, [click here](#).

PROGRAM AGENDA:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

8:00 AM - Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM - Session Begins
9:45 AM - Refreshment Break
12:30 PM - Lunch
2:30 PM - Refreshment Break
5:00 PM - Session Ends

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

7:30 AM - Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM - Session Begins
9:15 AM - Refreshment Break
12:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM - Refreshment Break
3:30 PM - Session Ends

The program will be held at the **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East, 3100 Interstate 70 Drive SE, Columbia, MO 65201**. We have a room rate of \$135++ set up. Please call 800-325-0720 to make your room reservation and give the group number of 10104536. You can also make your reservation [online](#).

To register online for the program, [click here](#). The early-bird deadline to register is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, to receive a special member discount. Registrants have the option to pay by check or by credit card.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn (Hill) Danison at 573-634-4080 or email at DawnHill@acecmo.org.



Registration is Open for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 12-14 in Kansas City

We have excellent programs, speakers, and fun networking events planned for the ACEC Midwest States Conference scheduled for **June 12-14, 2027**, in Kansas City, MO. A brief list of events during the conference is listed below. To see the complete schedule, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). The deadline to register for the conference is **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**. To register for the conference, [click here](#). You won't want to miss out on this conference!

CONFERENCE EVENTS:

- Site Visits of KC Streetcar or Buck O'Neil Bridge
- CEO Roundtable Discussions



Deadline Nears to Submit Your ACEC/MO 2024-2025 Committee Requests

The time is now to submit your requests to serve on ACEC/MO's 2024-2025 committees. We have standing committees as well as liaison committees for member representatives to serve on.

To complete the Committee Assignment Preference Form, you'll need to login to the Members Only portal on ACEC/MO's website. If you have not set up your password to login, [click here](#) to do so. Once that's complete, you can login [here](#), using your username and password. If you are not in our membership system, please contact DawnHill@acecmo.org to get added.

To complete the Committee Assignment Preference Form, [click here](#). The deadline to submit your form for committee assignments is **April 29, 2024**.

Calendar of Events

2024

- 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
- June 19-20** - ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp, Columbia
- July 16-17** - Future Leaders Academy, Columbia
- August 21-23** - Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach

- Welcoming Reception & Dinner
- Keynote Speaker - Quinton Lucas, Mayor of Kansas City
- Programs on KC Global Design Initiative; Taming the E-mail Beast; Managing and Leading Great Staff & Team Meetings; Business Continuity Cyber Incident Response Planning; Driving Financial Wellness at Work; Bytes and Boundaries: Why You Need an Employee AI Use Policy
- State Meetings (ACEC Kansas, ACEC Missouri, ACEC Oklahoma)
- National WWI Museum & Memorial Tour
- Reception & Dinner at Jack Stack BBQ

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Crossroads Hotel, 2101 Central Street, Kansas City, MO 64108. Call **866-531-2400** and refer to our group code "**ACEC MSC**" to get our group rate of **\$229.00**. You can also book your sleeping room [online](#). The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is Thursday, May 2, 2024, but the Kansas City Royals baseball team is having home games that overlap our meeting dates. So, we strongly urge you to make your sleeping room reservations **ASAP**.

SPONSORS:

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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. **Your username is** dawnhill@acecmo.org.*