



Weekly Update - January 6, 2023

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

Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **ACEC/MO President's Report**
- **Upcoming Events** (*Register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 2-3; Register Now for Engineer's Day in the Missouri Capitol on February 22; Upcoming Meetings / Event Reminders*)
- **Industry News** (*Professional Liability Insurance Deductible Assistance Program; Missouri Nonpoint Source Management Forum*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Top 20 Episodes from ACEC's Engineering Influence Podcast in 2022; New Associate Member Welcomed; Calendar of Events; Member News*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



### New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from MoDOT and the City of Walker. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, [click here](#). We update the website as soon as we get new postings in, so please check it often. (Reminder: You will have to login to the Members Only Portal to get to the RFQ's.)

- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\) - multiple deadlines](#)
- [City of Walker RFQ to Address Water System Transmission & Distribution Improvements](#) - deadline to respond is **January 30, 2023**

## ACEC/MO President's Report

### ACEC/MO President's Report

I'm very excited about 2023 to say the least. In reflecting on 2022, ACEC/MO made great strides on many fronts. We've become incredibly more proactive and engaged in government affairs. ACEC/MO conducted its first-ever Washington D.C. visit and held multiple coffees and lunches with state legislators at member locations. To each company that hosted an event, thank you. Your time and effort truly make a difference as we remind legislators you and your companies are right there in their district.

We started multiple new events for the membership. This includes both for our State and National PAC, including the State PAC Golf Tournament at Porto Cima (yes, we are doing it again) and our National PAC Sporting Clays Tournament. These events resulted in record numbers for ACEC/MO for political fundraising on multiple levels. Thank you for your support as political giving is part of any organization's government affairs program and helps ACEC/MO earn "a seat at the table."

But we aren't stopping there. This summer, we will be holding a fundraiser for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe in his bid for Governor. EFK Moen has graciously offered to host and help, and we are considering dates in the June/July timeframe. In addition, we are going to extend our geographic reach by conducting events in Joplin and Poplar Bluff as well. Finally, your staff are working on a National PAC fundraiser in conjunction with the June Midwest States Conference at Big Shots Golf.

Last fall, ACEC/MO started doing site visits in conjunction with our quarterly membership meetings. We plan to continue that tradition in 2023 with a tour of the new soccer stadium in St. Louis. In June, we will be conducting a visit to Lake Springfield to learn about the work that ACEC/MO member CMT is doing for the Lake Springfield Master Plan. We started adding speakers to our committee meetings so that specific areas of engineering could receive more direct content. And your staff have taken new approaches to the membership meetings, resulting in increased attendance and positive feedback from the membership. You will see that continue in 2023.

As we enter 2023, your Board of Directors and staff have committed to increase programming in various areas over what we have done in the past. Here's what you can look forward to:

- February 22 – Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol – As part of ACEC/MO's strategic plan to become the leading advocate for engineering companies and the engineering profession in Missouri, we are holding a Capitol Day and working with APWA, ASCE and MSPE. This is not a lobby day, it's a day to remind legislators of the responsibilities that engineer's shoulder when it comes to public safety and health. It's a day of educating them on the work you do, the role you play in society and most importantly raise the profile of our profession when it comes to public policy issues. Thank you to the 25 people who have already committed to participate. To learn more and sign up, please [click here](#).
- March 27-28 – Washington D.C. Fly In – We will be repeating our visit to DC this year, which was described by one ACEC/MO member as "the best visit he's done to DC in over 20 years." This visit includes meetings with elected officials in the U.S. Capitol and the ACEC National Townhouse. We are also working on arranging a briefing from USDOT / FHWA. We will post a sign up and more details soon.
- April – We are still waiting on a final date, but we will be holding our first-ever ACEC/MO Environmental/Energy Seminar. This seminar will be a cooperative effort between the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and ACEC/MO and will be held in Jefferson City at DNR offices. The format will be a one-day seminar covering topics on wind and solar power, the future of electric vehicles, PFAS, drinking water funding, speakers from DNR, and we will wrap the day up with an ACEC Environmental Committee meeting.



## Top 20 Episodes from ACEC's Engineering Influence Podcast in 2022

Kick off the new year by looking back at the top 20 episodes of 2022 from ACEC's Engineering Influence podcast.

- 1 - An Interview with Rep. John Katko (R-NY) - [Listen](#)
- 2 - ESG and the Engineering Industry with Jensen Hughes' CEO Raj Arora - [Listen](#)
- 3 - A Preview of ACEC's Re-imagined Business Development & Marketing Forum - [Listen](#)
- 4 - Why You Need the EJCDC - [Listen](#)
- 5 - Climate Change and the Roles--and Responsibilities--of the Design Professional - [Listen](#)
- 6 - ACEC and FIDIC To Explore Integrity and Fraud Prevention in International Projects - [Listen](#)
- 7 - ACEC Publishes Groundbreaking Book: Climate Change and the Built Environment - [Listen](#)
- 8 - Essentials of Risk Management for Consulting Engineers - [Listen](#)
- 9 - Stantec's Dr. Rick Huijbregts on the Present and Future of Smart Cities - [Listen](#)
- 10 - Spotlight on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging with Gannett Fleming's Masai Lawson - [Listen](#)
- 11 - Earth Day Feature: Designing a Resilient Future - [Listen](#)
- 12 - Update on the Housing Market with NAHB's Danushka Nanayakkara-Skillington - [Listen](#)
- 13 - Asserting Your Value as an Engineer with Derek Clyburn - [Listen](#)
- 14 - A Closer Look at QBS - [Listen](#)
- 15 - The Economic Update for September, 2022 - [Listen](#)

This Missouri Legislature convened this week for the 2023 legislative session. Here are some items to note:

- **Missouri has a new P.E. legislator!** Yesterday I met with freshman **Representative Donnie Brown**. Rep. Brown received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Missouri S&T in 1994 and in addition to his legislative duties, Brown is an engineer working for New Madrid County, where he supervises the county's road and bridge department. Mark Rhoads and I are very much looking forward to working with him.
- Missourians for Transportation Investment adopted their **2023 Legislative Priorities** last month. They include utilizing \$1 billion in existing state surplus revenues and \$500 million per year in general revenue over a period of 10 years to issue bonds to expedite needed improvements to Interstate 70 including expansion to six lanes across the state, and to fund preliminary work needed for future expansion of Interstate 44. Continued implementation of the state motor fuel tax and additional funding for rail safety crossings and new funding mechanisms for ports and river navigation.
- House Speaker, Dean Plocher, released his list of committees for the 2023-2034 General Assembly. There are now two committees dealing with transportation. The first is the Transportation Infrastructure Committee, with the second being the Transportation Accountability Committee. We are still waiting on Chair assignments, but this is an interesting development to say the least.
- The Senate has eliminated the Committee on Professional Registration, the traditional venue for bills dealing with engineering licensure. The duties of that committee have been reassigned to the newly created Government Accountability Committee.
- There are a handful of bills that have been filed dealing with licensure. Two of those bills are **HB270** and **SB88**. In response to this, ACEC/MO hosted a lunch with Representative Alex Riley, who is the sponsor of HB270. I would like to thank Steve Prange of CMT, Andrew Eckart of Anderson Engineering, Erin Parrish of Palmerton & Parrish, and Neil Brady of Bartlett & West for attending. We discussed the importance of properly licensed engineers doing work in Missouri and potential implications of his legislation. These bills will be heavily discussed during our next membership wide Governmental Affairs call on Jan. 20 at 9 a.m.

Best of luck to each of you in 2023!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

ACEC/MO WINTER MEETING &  
AWARDS BANQUET  
MARCH 2-3, 2023 - ST. LOUIS

Register  
Now!!

### Register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 2-3

ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet is scheduled for **March 2-3, 2023**, at the **St. Louis Union Station Hotel** in **St. Louis**.

- 16 - Coverage from the 2022 HR, IT, and Finance Forums: Returning to the Office with Johnathan Allen - [Listen](#)
- 17 - Podcasting from the 2022 Fall HR Forum: The Workforce Crunch - [Listen](#)
- 18 - A Closer Look at the Fed Rate Hike with Economist Ken McGill - [Listen](#)
- 19 - From the Ground Up: Stories and Lessons from Architects and Engineers who Learned to be Leaders - [Listen](#)
- 20 - The Latest News on the Senate Budget Deal - [Listen](#)

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WELCOME

### New Associate Member Welcomed

We want to welcome the following new associate member to the Council and hope you will too.

**R&K Excavation, Inc.**  
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Bloomsdale, MO 63627  
Phone: (636) 937-1268  
Contact: Stan Schultz

Upcoming **EVENTS**

### Calendar of Events

#### January 2023

**Jan. 13** - ACEC EEA Entry Deadline

**Jan. 31** - ACEC/MO Marijuana Panel Discussion

#### February 2023

**Feb. 22** - Engineer's Day at the Capitol (ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE & MSPE), Jefferson City



Below is the agenda for the meeting. Registration information was sent out earlier this week and is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). The early-bird deadline to register is February 15, 2023.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** All events will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of \$199.00. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (314) 231-1234. Our block of rooms will be held until February 2, 2023, so please reserve your room by that date.

## - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

**8:30-9:30 AM - Tour of St. Louis City SC's Stadium**  
**10:00 AM - Registration for Winter Meeting**  
**10:15-11:45 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting** (Speaker: [Rich Unverferth, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District](#))  
**10:15-11:45 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting** (Speaker: [Jeff Glenn, Missourians for Transportation Investment](#))  
**12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch & QBS Awards**  
**1:15-3:30 PM - CEO Roundtable Discussion – Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms**  
**6:00-7:00 PM - Awards Reception** (includes entertainment by *Those Guys*)  
**7:00-9:30 PM - Awards Banquet** (Presentations: Distinguished Service Awards & Engineering Excellence Awards – Presented by [Ed Hassinger, Missouri Department of Transportation](#))

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

**8:00-9:00 AM - Breakfast Program** (Speaker: [Dave Bender, ACEC Vice President of Political Affairs](#))  
**9:15-10:45 AM - I Want a New Drug: Tapping into the Flow State Seminar** (Speaker: [Greg Coker, Greg Coker Development Inc.](#))  
**11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**



## Register Now for Engineer's Day in the Missouri Capitol on February 22

Join your fellow professionals for Engineer's Day in the Missouri Capitol on **February 22, 2023**, in **Jefferson City**. This is a joint meeting with ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE and MSPE. The purpose of this day, in conjunction with Engineer's Week, 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 schedule for the day.

### Agenda

9:15 AM – Coffee and networking near the Missouri Capitol - Lt.

### March 2023

**Mar. 2-3** - ACEC/MO Winter Mtg. & Awards Banquet, St. Louis  
**Mar. 10-12** - ACEC EEA Judging, Chantilly, VA  
**Mar. 27-28** - DC Fly-In, Washington, DC

### April 2023

**Apr. 5-6** - ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp, Columbia

### May 2023

**May 1** - ACEC/MO 2nd Annual CECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach  
**May 15-16** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City

### June 2023

**June 7-9** - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Springfield - **NEW DATES**  
**June 11-14** - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC  
**June 15-16** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

### July 2023

**July 19-20** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Columbia

### August 2023

**Aug. 23-24** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach  
**Aug. 24** - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach  
**Aug. 24-25** - ACEC/MO Summer Mtg. & Working Cmte. Session, Osage Beach

### October 2023

**Oct. 15-18** - ACEC Fall Conference, Austin, TX

### November 2023

**Nov. 2** - 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia  
**Nov. 2-3** - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia

Governor Mike Kehoe (*invited*)

10:10 AM - Introduction of Missouri engineers to the Missouri House of Representatives

10:30 AM – Group picture on rotunda steps

11:00 AM-?? – Individual and group meetings with the Missouri Legislature

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. To participate in this event, we ask that you register by [clicking here](#). For more information on the meeting, [click here](#).

## Upcoming Meetings / Event Reminders

**ACEC/MO 2023 FUTURE LEADERS ACADEMY:** We have the dates set for ACEC/MO's 2023 Future Leaders Academy (FLA) on May 15-16 in Kansas City; June 15-16 in St. Charles; July 19-20 in Columbia; and August 23-24 in Osage Beach. Registration information and other details are posted on our [website](#), but you can also register by [clicking here](#). We only have 20 spots available and already have 18 spots filled. If you want a spot in the 2023 class, please send in your registration form or contact [DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org) to hold a spot for your firm.

**ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C/ PROJECT MANAGEMENT BOOTCAMP:** ACEC/MO is partnering with PSMJ Resources, Inc. to host the A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp on **April 5-6, 2023**, at the **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East, Columbia, MO**. [Click here](#) for detailed information on this exceptional program or to register. The early-bird deadline to register is February 16, 2023, 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 the ACEC/MO office at [DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Professional Liability Insurance Deductible Assistance Program

The ACEC Business Insurance Trust understands how professional liability claims can be disruptive to your finances and operations. That's why we launched a new deductible assistance program to support our member firms, offering up to **\$10,000 paid annually per firm, per settled claim**.

This program is only available to firms who purchase PLI through the ACEC BIT Program with \$2.5 million in revenue or less according to your last completed Professional Liability Application.

**Take advantage of another ACEC BIT member benefit and get a little extra insurance. Just in case.**

If you are already a member of the BIT and have a claim settled within the last 90 days you can [download the deductible assistance application](#).

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

## MEMBER NEWS

### Member News

**Bartlett & West, Inc.** is pleased to announce that they have two new professional engineers. **Kyle Landwehr** and **Rob Gallup** recently passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exam to receive their PE licenses.

**Black & Veatch** is pleased to announce that **Michael Williams** has been appointed the firm's new Chief Financial Officer. As our CFO, he brings an unwavering commitment to our company and employee-owners, proven leadership skills and an extensive portfolio across financial operations.

**CBB** is pleased to congratulate **Mike Albin, AICP**, transportation planner, who recently received his American Institute of Certified Planners certification (AICP).

**Farnsworth Group, Inc.** is pleased to congratulate **Mike Wolf, PE, CxA, LEED AP BD+C**, who was named a Vice President of the Company.

**Geotechnology, LLC** is pleased to announce that **David Forseth** has been promoted to Senior Scientist in the St. Louis Environmental Group.

**TranSystems** is pleased to announce that **Bob Miller** was recognized with the 2022 Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award from the APWA Kansas City Metro Chapter. Each year, the American Public Works Association KC Metro Chapter recognizes an individual with this award who has served the

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chapter in an exemplary manner and has bettered the public works community through their continued efforts.

**TREKK Design Group, LLC** welcomed **Jeff Gardner, PE**, who is joining the firm as their new Structural Lead. He will be working alongside Mark Doerflinger to help grow our structural design team and deepen our expertise. He brings more than 20 years of structural engineering design experience to our team.

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

## Missouri Nonpoint Source Management Forum

January 17, 2023, at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

[Join Webex Meeting](#)

Teleconference Call Number: 1-650-479-3207

WebEx Meeting number (Access Code): 2451 451 2500

Meeting password: enWKBhfV768

NOTICE: This public forum may be subject to audio and video recording.

This a continuation of the Missouri Nonpoint Source Management Forum first held in April of 2021. The purpose of the forum is to facilitate collaboration between state, federal, local, nonprofit, and private partners to advance nonpoint source pollution (NPS) management goals in the state, with a particular focus on making and tracking progress in achieving goals put forth in Missouri's Nonpoint Source Management Plan ([NPSMP](#)). Forums will focus on sharing information between partners that relates to the NPSMP, highlighting the following:

- Activities related to NPSMP priorities such as protection of wetlands, drinking source water, and sensitive or vulnerable high quality waters of the state.
- NPS project presentations, successes and lessons learned.
- Watershed planning best practices.
- Tracking progress in watersheds with 9-element watershed based plans.
- Water quality monitoring efforts, technology, or methodology.
- Education and outreach efforts, resources, or methodology.

Forums also provide the opportunity for organizational updates about priorities, efforts, or focus areas by partners working in NPS

mitigation as well as for forum stakeholders to share ideas and mine expertise from colleagues across organizational boundaries.

The forums will be held three times per year during January, April, and August. Forums are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and are currently held virtually via Webex.

An agenda for this meeting can be found on the [forum webpage](#) or [here](#).