



ACEC/MO Newsletter - October 20, 2023

**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** (*Registration Deadline Nears for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on November 2-3*)
- **Industry News** (*Missouri SAVE Coalition Training Session; Missouri Clean Water Commission Notice of Open Meeting*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast District) Liaison Committee Meeting; St. Louis County Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Deadline Nears to Submit Your Project Entries in ACEC/MO's EEA Competition; More Member Renewals for 2023-2024; Member News; New Member Firms Welcomed; 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](#).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



## Deadline Nears to Submit Your Project Entries in ACEC/MO's EEA Competition

The deadline to submit your project entries in ACEC/MO's Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Project Competition is **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**. They must be submitted through the ACEC/MO online [EEA portal](#). The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office are a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online, and your project entry fee.

Information on submitting your project entries is posted on [If you want to print out the Call for Entries](#), which includes the rules for the competition, go to the ACEC/MO [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

## ACEC/MO President's Report



### ACEC/MO President's Report

As 2023 begins to wind down, the 2024 legislative session is just around the corner. State departments have already submitted their budgets to the Governor's office, and the Missouri House will convene Appropriations Committee meetings in December this year. With the number of people running for higher office and a Presidential/Governor race next year, it should make for some interesting moments.

First, the ACEC/MO Fall Meeting and Sporting Clays Tournament are just around the corner. We will start the morning at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports for the 2nd Annual National PAC Sporting Clays Tournament. The course will consist of 50 birds, followed by lunch.

For our afternoon committees, Government Affairs will receive a briefing on the 2024 legislative session and discuss the policy priorities for ACEC/MO. The Environmental committee will meet with officials from American Water, and the Transportation committee will be hosting Eric Kopinski, Improve I-70 Director. Finally, we will finish the day at Les Bourgeois Winery for a reception and dinner, where we will hear from Dr. Gary Raba, ACEC National Chair-Elect. The next morning, we will hear from Karen Shannon of Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors on the ever-changing landscape of HR and current and future trends in this area. We will also be joined by Judy Kempker, Executive Director of the licensing board for engineering in Missouri.

On November 17th, ACEC/MO will be hosting a regional coffee at the office of Burns & McDonnell in Chesterfield. Our special guest will be Senator Doug Beck from the St. Louis area. If you would like to participate, please [RSVP here](#).

December 8th we will be in Joplin for a regional coffee with both the House Budget Chair and Vice-Chair, Representatives Cody Smith and Dirk Deaton. That meeting will take place at the offices of Olsson on Main Street. For more information and to RSVP, please [click here](#).

We are also working on events in 2024! January 31st will be our 2nd Annual Engineer's Day in the Capitol. ACEC/MO, APWA KC & APWA STL, ASCE, and MSPE have already begun work on the format and agenda for this very important day to make your voice heard. Please plan on joining us in the Missouri Capitol if you can. While the full agenda has not been posted, you can [sign up here](#) right now.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for the next two Council meetings:

- ACEC/MO Winter Meeting and EEA Banquet on February 29th to March 1st at [St. Louis Ballpark Hilton](#).
- ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 12-14 at [Crossroads Hotel](#) – Join us in Kansas City, where we will hear from KC Mayor Quentin Lucas (*invited*), the Global Design Initiative, tour the WWI Museum and Memorial and enjoy some of Kansas City's world-famous BBQ at [Jack Stack Barbecue](#). We are also working on not one, but two optional site visits on the Wednesday morning.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Registration Deadline Nears for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on November 2-3

Time is running out to register for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on **November 2-3, 2023**, in **Columbia, MO**. The earlybird deadline to register is

### Important EEA Dates:

**Oct. 24** - ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

**Nov. 17** - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

**Jan. 5** - ACEC National EEA Project Entry Deadline

**Feb. 16-18** - ACEC National EEA Judging in Chantilly, VA

**Feb. 29** - ACEC/MO Awards Reception & Banquet in St. Louis

**May 15** - ACEC National EEA Gala in Washington, D.C.

THANK YOU!

### More Member Renewals for 2023-2024

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since we sent our last newsletter. Thank you for your membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2023-2024 year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.

#### MEMBER FIRMS:

Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing • Brown and Caldwell • Burns & McDonnell • HNTB Corporation • Tetra Tech, Inc. • Thompson Civil, LLC • Walter P Moore • WSP USA Inc.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

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### MEMBER NEWS

#### Member News

[Klingner & Associates, P.C.](#) is pleased to announce that **Glenn Smith, P.E.**, has joined their

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023.** Below is a brief outline of events for the meeting. The full schedule is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). To register for the Fall Meeting, [click here](#). To register for the 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, [click here](#).

**Thursday, November 2, 2023** - Sporting Clays Tournament; Committee Meetings: Governmental Affairs Committee, Environmental Committee, Transportation Committee; Networking Reception & Dinner at Les Bourgeois Vineyards

**Friday, November 3, 2023** - Breakfast Program; Programs on HR Hot Topics; and Trends in Engineering Licensing; Quarterly Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

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Below is a list of the sponsors so far for the meeting and sporting clays tournament. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!!

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Missouri SAVE Coalition Training Session

The Missouri Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition has scheduled a training session on **November 3, 2023**, from 8:00 am-4:30 pm at Olivette City Hall, Olivette, MO. This is a free one-day training for SAVE volunteer certification.

If you would like to attend, [click here](#) to register. Please contact Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Earthquake Program Manager Jeff Briggs at 573-526-9232 or [jeff.briggs@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:jeff.briggs@sema.dps.mo.gov) with questions.



**Water Protection  
Program**

### Missouri Clean Water Commission Notice of Open Meeting

You have subscribed to receive notices about the Missouri Clean Water Commission. The Missouri Clean Water Commission will meet

Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing Department as an engineer.



### New Member Firms Welcomed

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

#### **BranchPattern, Inc.**

1508 Grand Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
Phone: ((800) 200-9160  
Contact: Rick Maniktala

#### **Trileaf Corporation**

1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
Phone: (314) 997-6111  
Contact: William Bates

## Calendar of Events

### 2023

**October 24** - ACEC/MO EEA Competition Entry Deadline

**November 2** - 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

**November 2-3** - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia

**November 17** - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

### 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 ACEC/MO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

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

virtually at 9 a.m. on November 8, 2023. Information on how to join the meeting remotely is listed below.

[Join Webex Meeting](#)

Enter the event password: CWC  
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: 2634 720 6728  
Meeting Password: CWC

People with disabilities requiring special services or accommodations to attend the meeting may make arrangements by calling the commission's secretary at 573-751-6721 or 800-361-4827. They also may write two weeks in advance of the meeting to the following address: Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Clean Water Commission, Attn: Krista Welschmeyer, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Hearing impaired individuals may contact the program through Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966.

## LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



### Missouri Department of Transportation

#### Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 5, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Eric Barnes, Steve Hicks, Greg Kuntz, Adam Rutz, and Jeff Smith. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT SE District Updates (Funding, Staffing, Delivery of Current Projects, Construction Costs vs. Engineer's Estimates)
- ACEC Missouri Updates (Missouri Legislative Update)
- Project Work (Major Project Updates, Upcoming Solicitations, LPA Program Updates)
- Consultant Deliverables.

The next meeting will be scheduled in the Spring of 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](#).

#### St. Louis County Liaison Committee Meeting

The St. Louis County / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 10, 2023 in St. Louis. Committee members in attendance were

**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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*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](mailto:dawnhill@acecmo.org).***

Michael Brown, Nick Correnti, Brian Eads, Ryan Hagerty, Kevin Kriete, and Linda Moen. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Director Update
- Consultant Solicitations
- CAD Workspace Update
- Discussion on Contract Processing Time
- Discussion on Ending Retainage Requirements for County Contracts
- Consultant Led Utility Coordination Status and Updates
- Discussion on Excessive Right-of-Way Comments
- Discussion on Survey Issues
- Discussion on St. Louis County Pay Items and Specs Published Online.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 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](#).