



Weekly Update - April 13, 2023

Welcome to ACEC/MO's Weekly 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 each week for more updates.

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

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS

 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Past Meeting Highlights** (*ACEC/MO & PSMJ Project Management Bootcamp Highlights; ACEC/MO DC Fly-In on March 27-28*)
- **Upcoming Events** (*Deadline Nears to Register for 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament on May 1; Registration is Open for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Natural Resources Liaison Committee Meeting; Facilities Management, Design & Construction Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Committee Assignment Request Sent Out; Election of ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors; ACEC Submits Comments on Proposed Noncompete Ban*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC Coalitions for Members to Join; Calendar of Events; New Associate Member Welcomed; Member News*)

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 8, 2023. Committee members in attendance were: Elke Boyd, Mark Bross, Steve Hicks, and Karen Rieken. Items discussed during the meeting included:

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](#).

- Update on Water Protection Program Director
- MDNR PFAS Workgroup Update
- Regulatory Impact of PFAS Containing Domestic Wastewater on Land Application Systems
- Update on WOTUS and Impact on 404/401 Certifications
- FAC Update on ARPA Roll Out
- Potential for Additional Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Funding from State Surplus Funds
- Status of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to States & Territories to Address Emerging

PAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ACEC/MO & PSMJ Project Management Bootcamp Highlights

ACEC/MO & PSMJ hosted an A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp on April 5-6, 2023, in Columbia, MO. We had a record number of attendees, and they learned a lot from speaker Jay McRae. It was a jam-packed session with a lot of take-aways.



Attendees for the A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp.



All the participants did a team building exercise to see who could build the tallest tower with cards.



This team won the team building competition for the tallest tower of cards.

Contaminants like PFAS in Drinking Water

- MDNR Regulatory Update (drinking & wastewater)
- Nutrient Reduction Implementation in NPDES Permits
- Update on Solid Waste
- Update on Energy Issues.

The next meeting will be held virtually on July 26, 2023. 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](#).



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATION
Facilities Management, Design & Construction

Facilities Management, Design & Construction Liaison Committee Meeting

The Facilities Management, Design & Construction / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee met on March 9, 2023. Committee members in attendance were: Trey Coad, Alicia Kamischke, John Neyens, Chad Schrand, and Dick Scott. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- FMDC Staff Changes
- ARPA Project Designer Selection Updates
- Future Appropriations and Funding
- Designer/FMDC Roundtable Discussion
- Discuss Future Meetings as Virtual or In-Person
- Open Items from Committee Members.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023 via Zoom. 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

Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis)

ACEC/MO DC Fly-In on March 27-28

ACEC/MO recently hosted a DC Fly-In in Washington, DC, on March 27-28, 2023. We had 15 members and Morgan Mundell attend the meeting. ACEC/MO members met at the ACEC National HQ office for a briefing and lunch. They then met with staff from Congressman Sam Graves' office, Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer, Congressman Jason Smith, and Senator Eric Schmitt. Below are a couple of photos from the meeting.



A delegation of members from ACEC/MO attended the DC Fly-In.



ACEC/MO members met with Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer during our DC Fly-In.

UPCOMING EVENTS



District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 14, 2023 in St. Louis and virtually. Committee members in attendance were: Buddy Desai, Mike Erdtmann, Howard Gotschall, Lisa Kramer, Tom Lohman, Linda Moen, J.C. Murray, Scott Smith, and Todd Welz. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Tom Blair Update
- Tom Evers Update
- Consultant Update
- St. Louis Design Update
- Major Projects Update (I-70 Design/Build; I-270 Design/Build; Riverview/I-270 \$35 Million; I-55 Bridge Rehabilitation Project from Lindbergh to I-44; JB Bridge - \$50 million; PM Muegge Road/364/94.)
- ACEC Update.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023. 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](#).

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

ACEC Coalitions for Members to Join

ACEC/MO members are eligible to join the specialty groups known as ACEC Coalitions — dedicated communities of ACEC members organized by practice area or firm size. The coalitions provide a range of practical, day-to-day resources to enhance the operation of your business and make it more profitable by sharing knowledge and best practices with peers in your area of specialization. Over the next couple issues of our Weekly Update, we will be highlighting some of the

Deadline Nears to Register for 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament on May 1

ACEC/MO is hosting the 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament scheduled for **Monday, May 1, 2023**. It will be held at the **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.

REGISTRATION INFO: 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. The deadline to register is **Monday, April 17, 2023**. Registration information is available on our [website](#). *Individual and corporate checks are welcome for payment.*

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Registration is Open for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield

We have finalized speakers and programs for the ACEC Midwest States Conference scheduled for **June 7-9, 2023**, in Springfield, MO. We have excellent programs and speakers set up along with some fun networking events. You won't want to miss out on this conference! To see the complete schedule of events, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). The deadline to register for the conference is **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**. To register for the conference, [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Dawn (Hill) Danison at 573-634-4080 or email at DawnHill@acecmo.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803. Call 417-831-3131 and refer to our group code "MSC" to get our group rate of \$119.00 single/double. You can also book your sleeping room [online](#). The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is **Monday, May 22, 2023**. To see more information on the hotel, [click here](#). To see the 2022 Springfield Area Guide, [click here](#).

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Keynote Speaker Sponsor: [EFK Moen, LLC](#)

coalitions in each issue. This issue highlights COPS and DPC. See below for information on these coalitions.

Coalition of Professional Surveyors (COPS)

COPS members gain access to comprehensive contract, safety, and estimating documents, while enjoying networking with industry leaders and peers to share best practices and discover new business opportunities. To learn more information on this coalition, [click here](#).

Design Professionals Coalition (DPC)

DPC provides a direct route to senior executives from prominent engineering, architectural, surveying, and mapping firms for discussion and exploration of relevant business issues. With the support of its membership, DPC addresses critical political and public policy issues to promote and protect the interests of our industry, member companies, and the public good. To learn more information on this coalition, [click here](#).

Calendar of Events

April 2023

April 14 - ACEC/MO Environmental & Energy Conference, Jefferson City

May 2023

May 1 - ACEC/MO 2nd Annual ACECMO/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

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

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INDUSTRY NEWS



ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Committee Assignment Request Sent Out

Earlier this week, an email was sent to all ACEC/MO member representatives stating we are now conducting our 2023-2024 Committee Request. We have standing committees as well as liaison committees for member representatives to serve on. Serving on committees not only gets members more involved, but it is also a way to move up in leadership roles in ACEC/MO.

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 28, 2023**. Please contact the ACEC/MO office 573-634-4080 for any questions!



Election of ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors

The ACEC/MO Advisory Committee recently met by Zoom and finalized the below list of nominees for ACEC/MO's 2023-2024 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 25, 2023**. All the nominees will then be sworn in at the ACEC/MO Board of Directors / Membership Meeting on June 8, 2023, in Springfield, and will officially take office on July 1st.

Nominees continuing on the board:

Chair: **Kevin L. Wallace, P.E.**

Directors: **Howard N. Gotschall II, P.E.**, **Kristen E. Leathers-Gratton, P.E.**, **Charles E. Touzinsky III, P.E.**, and

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

October 2023

October 15-18 - ACEC Fall Conference, Austin, TX

November 2023

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

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

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

New Associate Member Welcomed

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

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MEMBER NEWS

Member News

Horner & Shifrin, Inc. is pleased to congratulate **Steve Donahue, P.E.**, President, for receiving the 2023 St. Louis Titan 100 award. The TITAN 100 is a national program that recognizes the top 100 CEOs and C-level executives in a region.

MECO Engineering, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Don Jenkins, P.E.**, is now Vice President of the firm.

Oates Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Savannah DeLaney** joined the firm as a structural engineer.

Joel A. Weinhold, P.E.

National Director: **Michael S. DeBacker, P.E.**
Alternate National Director: **Vicki S. LaRose, P.E.**

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

Chair-Elect: **Robert A. Gilbert, P.E.**

Vice Chair: **Stephen D. Hicks, P.E.**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Shawna L. Erter, P.E.**

Directors (3 years): **Steve J. Prange, P.E.**, and **Laura Mwirigi Rightler, P.E.**

SCI Engineering, Inc. welcomes **Evgeniy “Eugene” Torgashov, Ph.D.**, to their team as Senior Geophysicist.

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

ACEC Submits Comments on Proposed Noncompete Ban

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has proposed banning noncompete agreements in most cases and rescinding existing agreements. [ACEC submitted comments seeking improvements in the rule](#) to balance the concerns of employers and employees.

A noncompete agreement is a contract in which an employee agrees not to work for a competitor, often within a certain geographic area, for a period of time after leaving their employer. The FTC proposal would ban noncompetes except in the case of an individual who owns at least 25 percent of a firm that is being sold. Existing noncompete agreements would have to be rescinded and employers would have to actively communicate that to their employees and former employees that have signed the agreements.

ACEC members have varying practices in the use of noncompete agreements. The Council recommended that the FTC modify its rule to allow noncompetes for any firm owner, clarify when other restrictive covenants such as nondisclosure or customer nonsolicit agreements are allowed, and make the ban prospective instead of retroactive. A final rule is expected later this year and legal challenges to the rule are anticipated.

[View ACEC comments](#) on the proposed non-compete rule.