



Weekly Update - July 7, 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.

- **ACEC/MO President's Report**
- **Past & Upcoming Events** (*Highlights from ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield; SAVE THE DATE...ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 24-25*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (Kansas City District) Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest District) Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*Draft Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List Available for Public Comment*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors Installed; ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Committee Assignments; Make Plans Now to Submit Your Project Entries in ACEC/MO's EEA Competition; New Member Firms 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](#).

## LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



### Missouri Department of Transportation (Kansas City District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Kansas City District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on May 19, 2023. Committee members in attendance were: Ozzy Bravo, Brian Kidwell, Linda Rottinghaus, Julie Sarson, Anne Schroer, and Matt Spencer. 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](#).

## ACEC/MO President's Report



### ACEC/MO President's Report

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying safe. This week, Capitol City held its annual Salute to America with a parade, food vendors, and a concert on the Capitol's south lawn. It was hot,



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

but people were happy for the opportunity to be out and about with family and friends.

I would like to take a moment to thank the sponsors and everyone who attended the Midwest States Conference last month. Our speakers received great feedback, the Springfield Cardinals game was a huge hit with members, and our attendance was the highest it has been in the last 10 years. And a HUGE thank you to this year's sponsors for helping support ACEC Missouri. Without your backing, our events would not be what they are.



As I mentioned last week, Governor Parson signed the state budget on Friday. The good news is that Missouri is moving forward on I-70, and the funds dedicated to I-44 EIS are intact. However, the Governor vetoed several road and bridge projects in House Bill 19. The total number of line items vetoed across all budget bills was 173 items, equaling \$555 million. A complete list of the vetoed items can be [found here](#).

A couple of items you may have missed (ICYMI):

- ACEC/MO released its Annual Report last month. A paper copy will be included in your dues notice, which went out this week. The online version is available by [clicking this link](#).
- As driven by our strategic plan adopted last August, we launched our public-facing website, [www.engineeringmatters.us](http://www.engineeringmatters.us). The purpose of this website is to provide the general public and legislators with information on the importance of engineering and its role in Missouri's economy.
- MoDOT has announced that they will be holding an industry stakeholder meeting on July 10th in Jefferson City regarding I-70. Click [here for a link](#) to the announcement.
- As part of the ACEC Missouri Strategic Plan, we are working on creating a new membership brochure. Currently, we are conducting a survey of members to help update the talking points. If you haven't done so yet, please take a couple of moments to [fill it out here](#). Five individuals who participate will be drawn at random for a \$100 gift card to the location of their choosing.
- Fox 2 Now did an interview with MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna, where he discussed the timetable on I-70 and when construction will start. [Click here for the video and story](#).

There are several future agenda items you may want to know about:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on May 10, 2023. Committee members in attendance were: Ozzy Bravo, Brian Kidwell, Linda Rottinghaus, Julie Sarson, Anne Schroer, and Matt Spencer. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Introductions
- District Engineer District/Project Updates.

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](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### **Draft Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List Available for Public Comment**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Priority List is now available at <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/financial-opportunities/financial-assistance-center/state-revolving-fund-plans-reports>, for public comment.

The Clean Water SRF provides low-interest loans to municipalities, counties, and public sewer districts for wastewater infrastructure projects. This IUP documents how the Department intends to spend Clean Water SRF funding during FFY 2024 based on applications received by March 1, 2024, as well as details on how to submit an application for FFY 2025 Clean Water SRF funding.

The Department will hold a public hearing to discuss and take comments

- July 14th at 8:30 a.m. – ACEC/MO Coffee with Springfield Legislators - Bartlett & West Offices - Come join your fellow ACEC/MO members with coffee and pastries as we sit down with Representative Bill Owen, Chair of the Transportation Appropriations Committee, and Representative Alex Riley. The location is 1824 S. Lone Pine, Suite F, Springfield, located behind the McDonald's at Sunshine and Lone Pine at the far East end of the building. There is signage on the building and door. If you plan on attending, please RSVP with Morgan Mundell at [morganmundell@acecmo.org](mailto:morganmundell@acecmo.org).
- ACEC/MO has partnered with AGC Missouri to host a fundraiser for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, who is running for Governor in 2024. This will be held on July 19th, with the Sponsor Reception starting at 5:00 p.m., and General Reception starting at 5:30 p.m. The location is the Missouri Athletic Club West, West Wing Room at 1777 Des Peres Road, St. Louis. Lt. Governor Kehoe is the only candidate running for Governor who is a former member of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission and has supported infrastructure funding in Missouri. Our next Governor will oversee the work on I-70 and will be the firewall against repeals of infrastructure funding. For more information, [please click here](#).
- Congratulations to Kevin Wallace, HNTB, for being elected as Chair of ACEC/MO for the 2023-2024 year. Chair Wallace has announced the Draft 2023-2024 ACEC/MO Committee listing, which can be found by [clicking here](#).
- The ACEC Missouri Summer Meeting will take place on August 24th & 25th at Margaritaville Resort. This meeting will include committee meetings of the Transportation and Environmental Committees, among others. And, back by popular demand, we will be hosting the reception/dinner cruise on the Celebrations yacht at the Lake of the Ozarks. Stay tuned for more information and registration.
- Our Fall Meeting will take place in Columbia on November 2nd and 3rd. We will be returning to the Broadway Hilton in beautiful downtown Columbia. We are also planning a repeat of the ACEC National PAC Sporting Clays Tournament at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, and we tentatively expect to be joined by Gary Raba, ACEC National Vice-Chair.

## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Highlights from ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield

We want to thank all the members that attended the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9, 2023, in Springfield. We had a record attendance of 102 attendees. Below are highlights from the conference. We also want to thank the below sponsors for the conference. The meeting would not have been such a success without their support.

#### SPONSORS:

- ACEC Business Insurance Trust
- ACEC Life/Health Trust
- ACEC Retirement Trust
- Chartwell Financial Advisory

on the draft plan on July 12, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District-Bissell Point Wastewater Facility or via WebEx. Meeting information can be found at [dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/cwc/index.html](https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/cwc/index.html), or upon request from [fac@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:fac@dnr.mo.gov).

The Department will accept comments on these documents until 5:00 p.m., July 19, 2023. Comments can be submitted to the Department's Financial Assistance Center by:

- Mail to the Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center, Attention: Sharon Davenport, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176; or
- Email with the subject line "Intended Use Plan Comments" and direct to [fac@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:fac@dnr.mo.gov).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

### ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors Installed

The ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors were installed on June 8 as part of our quarterly ACEC/MO Board of Directors / Membership Meeting. Linda Moen, ACEC/MO Past Chair, installed the incoming board members. They officially took office on July 1, 2023. Below are your ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Board of Directors.



**Kevin L. Wallace, P.E.**, Chair (left); and **Robert A. Gilbert, P.E.**, Chair-Elect (right).

- EFK Moen, LLC
- Garver
- HDR
- InScope
- Olsson
- Palmerton & Parrish, Inc.
- Seiler Geospatial



CEO Roundtables: Members from all 3 states attended the CEO Roundtables and discussed workplace related issues; general management / human resources; financial management; and other topics.



We had an ACEC/PAC fundraiser at BigShots Golf as part of the conference. Members got to enjoy networking, snacks, drinks and a fun time playing virtual golf.



Springfield Improv Comedy provided entertainment during our dinner and got members involved. Scott Smith (right center) and Mike Erdtmann (right) we part of one of their comedy acts.



**Stephen D. Hicks, P.E.**, Vice Chair (left); and **Shawanna L. Erter, P.E.**, Secretary/Treasurer (right).



**Howard N. Gotschall, P.E.**, Director (left); and **Kristen Leathers-Gratton, P.E.**, Director (right).



**Laura Mwirigi Riehtler, P.E.**, Director (left); and **Steve J. Prange, P.E.**, Director (right).



**Charles E. Touzinsky, P.E.**, Director (left); and **Joel A. Weinhold, P.E.**, Director (right).



Ed Hassinger, MoDOT, updated members on the latest news regarding the STIP, I-70, etc.



Lydia Zabrycki, ACEC Retirement Trust, gave a presentation on Scope Creep, Level of Service and Leaving Money on the Table.



Rep. Bob Bromley (right) and Rep. Don Mayhew (center), Missouri House of Representatives, were panelists for the Why Engineers Need to Show Up Panel Discussion.



**Michael S. DeBacker, P.E.**, National Director (left); and **Vicki S. LaRose, P.E.**, Alternate National Director (right).

## COMMITTEES

### ACEC/MO 2023-2024 Committee Assignments

We have completed the Draft listing of ACEC/MO's 2023-2024 Committee Assignments and that listing is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). If you would like to be removed from a committee, please contact [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#) and we'll get you removed from the committee. If you would like to be added to a committee, [click here](#) to complete a form or contact [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#) and we'll get you added to the committee. We'll be doing more with our committees through our membership system, and we hope to get members more engaged.

If you have any questions regarding committee assignments, please contact the ACEC/MO staff.



### Make Plans Now to Submit Your Project Entries in ACEC/MO's EEA Competition

It's time again for ACEC/MO's annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Competition. Begin planning now to submit your project entries in the project competition. The deadline to submit

Kathleen Trauth, University of Missouri - Columbia (left); Kimberly Robinett, TREKK Design Group, LLC (left-center); Aisha Bowe, Former NASA Rocket Scientist & Founder/CEO of STEM Board (right-center); and Emily Rhoden, Burns & McDonnell (right); were panelists for the ACEC Members Filling the Engineering Pipeline Panel Discussion.



Aisha Bowe, Former NASA Rocket Scientist & Founder/CEO of STEM Board, was our keynote speaker for lunch.



Members attended the Board of Directors / Membership Meeting where year-end reports were discussed, the 2023-24 budget was approved, and the 2023-24 board of directors were installed.



Mary Erchul, ACEC Business Insurance Trust, gave a presentation on Cyber Trends in 2023.

project entries is **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and they must be submitted through ACEC/MO's online EEA portal, which will go live soon. The rules for the competition will be posted on ACEC/MO's [website](#) soon, and we'll send out an email once that is done. Contact the ACEC/MO office if you have any questions.



## New Member Firms Welcomed

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

### Hutchison Engineering, Inc. (HEI)

8965 Highway 36  
Hannibal, MO 63401  
Phone: (573) 240-9577  
Contact: Michael Puroil

### Zanevan Engineering, LLC

1221 Oak Street  
Carthage, MO 64836  
Phone: (417) 800-2500  
Contact: Jason Eckhart

## Calendar of Events

### JULY 2023

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

### AUGUST 2023

**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

**October 24** - ACEC/MO EEA

*Competition Project Entry Deadline*

### NOVEMBER 2023

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



Tim Cleary, Chartwell, gave a presentation on Ownership Transition Planning - Direct Ownership, ESOP or both.



Lou Raiola, Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) for ethOs, gave a presentation on ESG 101 - Are You Ready for the ESG Ripple Effect?



## SAVE THE DATE ... ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 24-25

We are finalizing details for the ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on **August 24-25, 2023**, in **Osage Beach, MO**. Below is a tentative agenda for the meeting. As soon as we have the details finalized, we'll send out an email with details on the meeting and registration.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA:

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

**November 2-3** - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia  
**November 17** - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

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

## MEMBER NEWS

### Member News

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** is pleased to announce the following: **Michael Banashek** was promoted to Executive VP, Technical Operations; **Tom Lohman** was promoted to Business Unit Leader; **Caleigh Ruether** joined the firm as Project Engineer; **Paige Gregory** returned to the firm as Project Engineer; and **Sherrissa Foster** joined the firm as a CADD Technician.

**Oates Associates, Inc.** is pleased to congratulate **Ryne Wirtjes** on passing the Professional Engineer exam.

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

8:30 AM - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament at The Oaks Golf Course

2:30-5:00 PM - Committee Meetings

6:00-8:00 PM - Reception & Dinner Cruise on Celebration Cruises

**Friday, August 25, 2023**

8:30-10:00 AM - Breakfast Program

10:15-11:50 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

