

NEWS FROM ACECNJ

Message from the President

As Spring turns to Summer, New Jersey begins to emerge from the months long shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Murphy just this week lifted many restrictions on dining and shopping.

During this unprecedented time ACECNJ has been an aggressive advocate for the business interests of member firms. We worked with the Murphy Administration to make sure that the essential services that our member firms perform on public infrastructure projects would continue. We worked closely with public agencies and authorities to help transition to a remote working environment, making sure that our firms could perform essential services, invoice for work, and receive payment. We've been vocal advocates in support of increased infrastructure investment and have written and spoken publicly about the strong connection between investment and our economic recovery from COVID-19. We played a key advocacy role in support of new capital programs for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority. Just this week we issued strong statements in support of historic action taken by the Murphy Administration to unveil a 10-year strategic plan and 5-year capital program for NJ TRANSIT. We've co-signed advocacy letters to Congress requesting federal relief for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and NJ TRANSIT. Through ACEC we continue to advocate before Congress and the White House to enact a federal infrastructure package.



We are extremely proud of our work for member firms related to COVID-19. The ACEC team in Washington has effectively articulated member firm priorities to Congressional leadership and the White House. We've provided important real-time information to our member firms regarding PPP eligibility, guidelines, and timelines.

We have also transitioned our membership events and networking opportunities to keep you connected to colleagues and stakeholders. We had a comprehensive communications plan in place within 48 hours of the first shutdown. We've held numerous events and meetings in the virtual space. All of these steps are key planks of ACECNJ's mission to advocate for the business interests of member firms.

I look forward to seeing you all again in person. In the meantime, I hope you stay safe, healthy and productive. We'll emerge from this unprecedented episode stronger together. Thanks for your continued support.

Joe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Fiordaliso'.

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ACECNJ and Strive Physical Therapy Host Virtual De-Stress From Your Desk

Working from home brings new stress into our lives that we never thought would happen in today's society. With the current pandemic and our new way of working on a day to day basis we need to be conscious about our health at home. Jason Melnyk, OTR/L, MS, CEAS II, Director of Industrial Rehab Medicine; Director of Occupational Therapy Services; Occupational Therapist from Strive Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation was there to help during an interactive "De-Stress at Your Desk: Home Edition" on June 4th. Members had the opportunity to stretch and learn how to de-stress while working from home. Being home, you become comfortable, relaxed but not always in the right way. Being productive as possible with multiple new obstacles and an unfamiliar work environment can be a challenge. Simple tasks such as sitting up straight are being compromised and can stress your body out at the end of the day. Jason demonstrated body stretches and key steps like setting up your laptop and desk to work efficiently from our new work zone. By taking 15-20 minutes when needed to walk around, get a sip of water, complete a stretch, or just to refresh your mind will alleviate the new stress from today's new work environment.

ACECNJ Wellness Program Mid Day Move & Stretch

All ACECNJ Wellness Program webex's will be scheduled for
12:30 p.m.

July 16, 2020

August 13, 2020

September 17, 2020

October 15, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Rick Hammer joins Mott MacDonald's transportation practice



Iselin, NJ — Richard T. Hammer has joined Mott MacDonald as a Vice President in the company's transportation practice. Based in the company's Iselin headquarters, he will be responsible for several major assignments and business development for the Northeast US.

Prior to joining Mott MacDonald, Mr. Hammer was employed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), where he began in the Bridge Design and Inspection Division and subsequently rose to the positions of Director of the Division

of Project Management, Assistant Commissioner for Capital Program Management, and ultimately Commissioner of Transportation for NJDOT.

While at NJDOT, Mr. Hammer spearheaded the \$1.2 billion rehabilitation of the 3.5-mile Pulaski Skyway, the largest infrastructure initiative in New Jersey and the highest volume-of-traffic mitigation project of its kind in the country. He directed the implementation of the largest capital construction program in NJDOT history.

As Commissioner, he won an eight-year renewal of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund, increasing the state's transportation investment 25%, from \$1.6 billion to \$2 billion per year.

The American Society of Civil Engineers has honored Mr. Hammer with its Government Engineer of the Year Award (2007), Distinguished Service Award (2011), and Service to the People Award (2012). In 2017 he was named one of 20 of the South Jersey region's "Top Professional Minds" by South Jersey Biz, a regional business-to-business publication.



Richard Grubb, RGA Incorporated

Rich is being honored as ASHE's Member of the Year for his contributions to this national organization. Congratulations Rich!



"Richard Grubb joined ASHE SNJ in 2005 and quickly got involved in the activities of the section. Encouraged by a fellow member to join the Board of Directors, Richard never looked back. Notably Richard is not an engineer and is vice president of a firm that conducts historical and archaeological studies. Through business contacts, Richard has become acquainted with many engineers and has always felt strongly about giving back to the industry that has supported him over the 30 years his firm has been in business."

Young Professionals Virtual Networking Session

Finding the Silver Lining: How Young Professionals will Adapt to the Current Situation to Find Future Success

COVID-19 has changed the way we communicate and work on a day to day basis so how do we change with the times? The ACECNJ Young Professional Committee Networking event focused on the "Now What?" Staying connected is now easier than ever but is it too much, when do we disconnect. As we are all now working from home, we may lose sight of the office environment and the in person connection we are used to, but technology is keeping us connected. In our profession we need to collaborate, and get to know each other in person other than meeting through a video conference call. During the event all attendees had the opportunity to discuss their pros and cons of our new world and what we think the future holds. We as an engineering community need to work together while staying apart.

Emerging Leaders Kick Off Sessions

ACECNJ hosted its kick off sessions for its first ever Emerging Leaders Program virtually on April 23 and 24th. The 2 day sessions covered topics ranging from governmental affairs to human resources and had 2 panel discussion involving NJTA Executive Director John Keller, DRPA Chief Engineer Michael Venuto, Former Commissioner, NJDOT and Former Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT James Weinstein and Freeholder Nick DiRocco. The class had an opportunity for Q&A, group discussions and interactions even though the sessions were hosted virtually.

Coffee with the Commissioner

ACECNJ and the newly formed WTS NJ Chapter debuted their first collaboration: Coffee with the Commissioner. In this informal coffee and networking setting, participants joined Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti as she shared her advice and experiences on how to be comfortable in a leadership role.



**Please watch your email for updates on upcoming events.
 Thank you for your continued support of ACEC/NJ!**

2020

ANNUAL THUNDER ROAD GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 28, 2020
 Forsgate Country Club
 Monroe Township, NJ

ACEC New Jersey FOUNDATION

Save The Date

Space is limited to the first 248 paid golf reservations. Unfortunately no exceptions will be made - please reserve ASAP! Contact info@acecnj.org for more information.

Please contact info@acecnj.org for more information on registration fees and sponsorship opportunities.

Check-In 7 a.m.
 Shotgun Start 8 a.m.

Each per person reservation includes breakfast, greens fee and luncheon.

**THUNDER ROAD GOLF OUTING
 JULY 28, 2020**

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2020 ACEC/NJ FALL CONFERENCE
 SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2020
 Tropicana Hotel and Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey

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 SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2020**

NEW DATE ANNOUNCED!

ACEC New Jersey
 AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

49th Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

Forsgate Country Club
 375 Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg, NJ

Event begins 6 p.m.

Please email info@acecnj.org for more information on reservations and sponsorships.

2019 GRAND HONOR AWARDS

LARGE PROJECT
 Gannett Fleming
 NJ Turnpike Interchange 14A Improvements

SMALL PROJECT
 AmeriCom Corporation
 U.S. Route 208 Bridge Replacement in 9 Days

NON-TRANSPORTATION
 T&M Associates
 Berkeley Island County Park

**ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS BANQUET
 JULY 14, 2020**

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8 AM - 4PM • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

Hilton Newark Penn Station
 1048 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, NJ

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