

Education Committee

ACEC Indiana continues to lead in the development and awareness of the engineering profession on many fronts:

- Following the incorporation of mandatory continuing education into the P.E. Registration legislation, the Professional Development Sub-committee worked diligently with ACEC staff to develop on-line courses that focus on the requirements for Ethics and Rules and Statutes education. These courses are available at www.acecindiana.org/continuingeducation.
- The University Relations Sub-committee accepted and judged applications for the Scholarship Program. ACEC Indiana awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to six engineering students. Proceeds for scholarships were again generated through the 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing that held in May 2011.
- Awareness of engineering in our high schools and middle schools is crucial for continued growth of our profession. Committee members made themselves available to speak in class rooms and interact with students so they might better understand what engineers do.

Diversity Committee

Hosted the 5th Annual Diversity Networking Fair and Luncheon in August 2010. Minority, Women, Disadvantaged and Veteran owned businesses networked with prime consultants and City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works officials, and received consultation on matters such as accounting, marketing, and other business services. The event drew 31 exhibitors and over 100 attendees. Participants rated it as the best one yet, and keynote speaker Carey Lykins, Citizens Energy Group, was considered a great enhancement to the program.

The Committee also launched the Mentor-Protégé program in November 2010 and introduced the four pairings, which included:

- Durham Engineering (Protégé) with American Structurepoint (Mentor)
- Eilts Consulting Services (Protégé) with Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates and Wessler Engineering (Mentors)
- The etica group (Protégé) with Commonwealth Engineers and PCS Engineers (Mentors)
- Franco Consulting Engineers (Protégé) with HNTB (Mentor)

Government Affairs Committee

The regular session of the Indiana General Assembly ended on schedule and the good news is that nothing harmful to professional consulting engineering firms passed. Your Government Affairs Committee, staff and lobbyists worked hard all session to protect your business and professional interests. Activity was temporarily slowed during the historic 5-week walk out by House Democrats.

However, when session resumed, ACEC Indiana, along with the Build Indiana Council, successfully advocated for P3 Simplification legislation that allows the Administration to proceed on such projects with tolls, with a few exceptions: no tolling can be implemented on existing roads unless capacity is added, nor on the I-69 project. A new two-year budget passed with reduced spending in critical programs. Coupled with the realization that Major Moves funding is winding down, infrastructure funding will remain a top issue for the future.

Political Affairs Committee

With 2011 being a non-election year, the Committee focused on distributing state PAC funds for the 2012 elections and strengthening relationships with state legislators and statewide officials to educate them on the issues and concerns of Professional Consulting Engineers. ACEC Indiana raised over \$14,000 for the federal PAC of ACEC National, which supports candidates for U.S. Congress, and held an event for members to meet U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon (IN-8th District), Indiana's only member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

Engineering Leadership Program

Graduated the seventh and largest class of participants in this in-depth management training program for potential firm managers, which included 22 individuals from 14 firms.

Participants attended four two-day sessions throughout the year that cover a wide range of industry and business-related topics. These courses are led by individuals from both the academic and business world in the areas.

If you are interested in recommending a candidate in your firm for the leadership program, contact the ACEC Indiana office at staff@acecindiana.org or (317) 637-3563.



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Year in Review

Maintaining a high-level presence with state and local officials was essential to advancing the interests and concerns of Professional Consulting Engineers.

ACEC Indiana's member-led liaison committees continued to meet with the key state and local government agencies. This is a summary of each committee's important accomplishments on behalf of all ACEC Indiana member-firms.

INDOT Committee

ACEC continues to meet with INDOT executive office through monthly Team Indiana meetings (contractors and utilities also included), monthly Professional Services Delivery Oversight Committee meetings with Jim Stark and David Holtz and through a variety of other Task Groups (LPA, Bridge Inspection, Alternate Delivery, Design Manual, FAR). The following are items in which ACEC had significant contributions:

- New Design Manual almost complete - ready for implementation by summer 2011.
- Final chapters of the LPA project development manual published.
- Making significant strides in having INDOT FAR Compliant – completion goal July 2011.
- INDOT executive office agreeing to more lump sum agreements.
- Working through issues related to INDOT's new profit matrix.
- Working through billing/payment issues with INDOT Districts.
- Supported the new P3 legislation.

Indy DPW Committee

It was a transitional year due to the eventual split of the water and sewer infrastructure ownership from DPW to Citizens Energy Group (CEG). Round-table discussions with DPW, as well as the Office of Minority Business Development, Office of Code Enforcement and Office of Sustainability were held during the quarterly meetings due to changes to standards and sustainability practices.

Efforts to reach out to key personnel at CEG was made to better acquaint them with ACEC and build a long-term relationship. Most importantly, ACEC worked

with the City to resolve concerns with its new policy on the responsibilities of the Resident Project Representative (RPR) on the jobsite.

Funding Sources Committee

The Funding Sources Committee continued to work closely with representatives from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Development, USDA-Rural Development, IFA-State Revolving Fund, and the Indiana Office of Energy Development. Over the course of the year, the Committee:

- Published the Funding Sources Brochure that summarizes key timelines associated with federal infrastructure funding programs to help clients.
- Developed a "White Paper" on the need for water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Indiana. The paper was distributed to State Legislators, detailed the need for infrastructure funding, and encouraged representatives to establish a state funding mechanism.
- Developed an energy efficiency "White Paper" detailing the economic and environmental benefits of improving energy efficiency at water treatment facilities.
- Worked with OCRA to establish a system for responding to vendor complaints regarding procurement practices on federally funded projects.

Environmental Business Committee

The ACEC Environmental Business Committee hosted the 6th annual Environmental Business Conference in October 2010 which included presentations on a myriad of topics including: updates on IDEM as a whole; the Indiana State Revolving Fund Program; the Indianapolis Long Term Control Program; nano-technology and its effects on the environment; and the yet to be released ASCE/ACEC/IPWA Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System.

In addition to hosting the Environmental Business Conference, the Committee met with IDEM Office of Water Quality staff quarterly to discuss various environmental issues such as anti-degradation rulemaking, UAA applicability, ARRA Audits and MS4 Updates. Sessions between the committee and IDEM were also held on various issues such as lagoons (i.e. applicability for new construction, hydraulic dischargers, disinfection and issues found during inspections) as well as well as the Wisconsin approach to nutrient limits rulemaking.

Fire & Building Safety Committee

Activity for the committee was ramping up as a new State Building Commissioner was named by the Daniels' administration. The majority of efforts for the committee in the past year was serving as the liaison between the Indiana Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety and the City of Indianapolis, Department of Code Enforcement over the city's new pre-permit plan review for Class 1 Structures.

ACEC, along with AIA, fostered communication between the city and state in a continued attempt to minimize delays in the permitting process and hold down costs for clients. The state was making progress towards eliminating duplicative permitting activity when the State Building Commissioner abruptly resigned at the end of April, 2011. ACEC, along with AIA, is working on methods to ensure the next appointment is named quickly to keep the recent momentum ongoing.

The committee also provided feedback, along with AIA, for changes to the Design-Build Statute during the recent legislative session. Lastly, ACEC Indiana, through this committee, is participating in the adoption of the International Plumbing Code.

IDNR Committee

The committee will recommit its efforts in working to develop measures to fund maintenance of gauging stations, to work with DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife to reduce review times for transportation projects and to discuss issues relating to SHPO's Select, Non-Select Bridge program.

QBS Committee

The QBS Web site was overhauled to provide a more professional, informative and easy-to-use site.

The User Guide, which can be accessed through the QBS Web site, now contains quick one-click forms.

IACT has recommitted its QBS Indiana endorsement and IACC has also been contacted and their endorsement should be forthcoming. These endorsements will be sent to all members of the associations, encouraging members to use QBS when procuring professional services.

Lastly, a QBS presentation was added to the Web site. ACEC Indiana members are strongly encouraged to use this presentation to offer an in-house QBS training program worth 1 PDH. For more information on how to take advantage of this opportunity, contact ACEC Indiana at (317) 637-3563 or staff@acecindiana.org.