

# ACEC Indiana

## Short List

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### ACEC Indiana President Ross Snider Outlines Key Goals for 2008-2009



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Thank you for the honor of serving on the ACEC Indiana Board of Directors for the past five years and for the opportunity to serve as your President for the upcoming year.

ACEC Indiana is a great organization, and what makes it so great is its excellent staff and outstanding member firms. When I think of this organization, I think especially of the high level of expertise and leadership among its members, past and present. Look in your directory at the Past Presidents, Life Members, Consulting Engineer of the Year, and other awards, and you will see the great leaders of our industry.

I am confident we can continue our fine legacy and the good work of this organization. My goal is to lead that effort for the next year in a positive and productive manner, and to ensure that ACEC Indiana continues to improve the strength of all of our firms. Our major goals are as follows:

#### **Business advocacy**

I want to echo former President John Kupke's oft-repeated statement that the number one goal of ACEC is business advocacy, and that we should continue to strive to be recognized as the "voice of the industry" at all levels of government. That is most likely why your firm joined this organization, and the #1 reason this organization exists. I can assure you that our staff, Board, and our committees will work hard to champion issues that benefit all of our firms.

#### **Effective participation in the legislative process**

Our organization has made great strides in this area over the years. Our staff, lobbyists and Government Affairs Committee have been very effective in promoting legislation that benefits our industry, while at the same time defending us from harmful legislation. We must continue to work hard in this area.

I encourage you all to participate in our grass roots program, and contribute to our state and national PACs. The work they do is critical to our firms. It's easy to be a part of the action. Your recent dues statement included a suggested contribution for the State PAC, and if your firm didn't pay that portion, it is not too late; you can write a separate check and send it to ACEC Indiana. Forms are attached for the grass roots

program and national PAC. Fill them out now!

#### **Working with industry partners**

One of ACEC Indiana's strengths is our business relationships with agencies and clients we work with, as well as with our allies in construction, material suppliers and other related industries.

It is vital that we continue to enhance these relationships so we can progress on issues of common interest, such as water-wastewater infrastructure funding, local road and bridge funding, and outreach to minorities.

#### **Continuing Education for Professional Engineers**

This organization has long been working to elevate the profession of engineering. We see continuing education as essential component of that. In 2004-05, one of the major goals of President Steve Weintraut's term was to help the P.E. Board establish proper continuing education requirements. He was a major force in drafting a proposal for this.

Today, we are seeing the fruits of these efforts as the Engineer's Board works towards implementation of rules for Continuing Education for Professional Engineers.

With your help, I will do all I can to reach these goals and have a successful 2008-09

term and beyond. I would ask that each of you become involved so that we can take advantage of our huge collective talents to achieve this. You will not only help this organization, but it is truly the best way to get the most benefit for you and your firm. I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or comments.

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