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ACEC INDIANA PRESIDENT MARTY WESSLER SHARES GOALS

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14th – Thursday
ACEC Indiana
Environmental
Business Conference
Adams Mark Hotel
Indianapolis Airport
8:30am-3:30pm

November 16 & 17
Engineering Leadership
Program Begins
Pre-registration required

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President

Marty Wessler, P.E.
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Hi! And welcome to a new year with ACEC Indiana and the new Board of Directors. As I mentioned at our Annual Meeting in July, I am extremely excited to represent the membership as President this year. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support, and Past Presidents Greg Henneke and Steve Weintraut for their assistance and leadership these past two years. I hope that I can continue to keep ACEC Indiana on the right path.

Even though we have had a downturn in the transportation industry over the last 12-18 months, we have increased our membership in both regular and associate members. Further, through some new sponsorship opportunities this year, our Associate Members have gained greater exposure within ACEC Indiana.

Carrying on with the priorities we set for our association last year, the three areas that I wish to address in this coming year

include:

Funding Alternatives for Water/Wastewater/Stormwater.

At this time we have a shortage of funding alternatives, and the amount of federal funds for low-interest State Revolving Funds is continuing to spiral downward. The SRF section has allotted \$50 million for drinking water projects and \$150 million for wastewater projects. Numerous communities are not able to receive SRF funds now, and will need to wait for years to receive their funds, or go to other sources of funding that carry higher interest rates. The number of communities seeking funding will continue to increase, as Indiana has over 100 Combined Sewer communities (which represents 14% of the nation's total). **ACEC Indiana should be a leader in leading the discussion with the state legislature on long term funding alternatives.**

Communications with State Agencies.

ACEC Indiana has not had a full committee meeting with INDOT in over a year. With the incredible amount of engineering work that must be accomplished in a short time frame to meet the Major Moves program, we need to effectively communicate the voice of our membership to INDOT. INDOT is a vitally important client to a majority of the ACEC Indiana firms, and we wish to have open

dialogue with them on issues that affect our work. **We will continue to make progress on the committee meetings, and it is my goal that we will have a full committee meeting by 2007.**

Diversity. Several members stepped up for the initial Diversity Task Force last year. Bill Hall of United Consulting Engineers & Architects is leading the charge, and recently ACEC Indiana sponsored a well attended Diversity Networking Fair, with 26 MBE/WBE firms displaying their services. I wish to continue with the efforts the Task Force has implemented and increase the MBE/WBE membership, to provide the State and City administrations across the state with Quality work by Quality firms bearing the ACEC Indiana logo.

Finally, as we all are prone to remind our clients, remember that quality comes with a price. **Our ACEC National PAC needs your support to continue to reach members of Congress with our message.** I encourage each member firm principal to say "YES" to our Political Action Chairman, Phil Beer, and make a personal contribution of \$100 to the ACEC PAC! Mail it to ACEC Indiana.

Here's to a great year!



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