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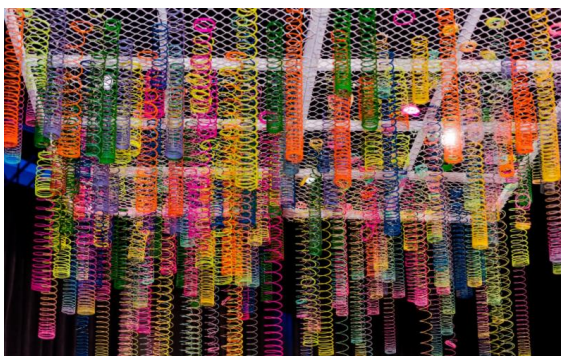
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2019 EEA PHOTOS: Red Carpet & Candid Photos



TFIC LOBBY DAY

Date: April 3rd

April 3rd is the TFIC Lobby Day here in Springfield at the State Capitol. Given the critical state of our infrastructure, we need to make a bold statement by showing up in large numbers! If you haven't yet registered, but are planning to attend, please use this form to register. [HERE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS ([calendar of events here](#))



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Monday, March 25, 2019

9:00-11:00am

Regional Breakfast: O'Hare 21 Updates

Location: Union League Club of Chicago
65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604

Please join the ACEC Illinois Regional Breakfast on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Union League Club of Chicago. The O'Hare Modernization Project; an in-depth presentation by CDA Commissioner, Jamie Rhee.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Noon-1:00pm

Webinar - Manage Training for Tapas: Electronic
Communications & Liability

Cyber & Technology exposures for Engineers (Examples of engineer related cases. What does Cyber Liability afford protection for the firm? How does Social Engineering Fraud and Ransomware fit into the mix?)

Presented by: Nick Maletta - Account Executive, PC, Holmes Murphy & Associates



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Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:45am-4:30pm

ILTollway Design & Construction Practices Workshop

Location: Tinley Park Convention Center

18541 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477

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The Illinois Tollway Design and Construction Practices Workshop encourages interaction and feedback between participants and Illinois Tollway staff. Attendees will review 2019 updates to the standards and manuals as well as review best practices and should come prepared to bring ideas on how the Tollway can improve and innovate.

Attendees should include design and construction engineers that interact with Illinois Tollway projects.

May 14-15, 2019

Location: Palmer House a Hilton Hotel - Chicago, IL

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**A/E/C BRANCH OFFICE OPTIMIZATION
senior executive roundtable**

[Here's the hard truth...branch office underperformance is costing your firm real money in lost profits every single month.](#)

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BY: Ted Garnett, President
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ARE YOU WINNING?

We have all heard a manager or CEO say, "Our employees are our greatest asset!" Okay, I understand the spirit of what they are saying. People are the lifeblood of every company. People make things happen. So, let's examine this concept further. Most companies have a financial audit by an independent, third-party, objective CPA firm every year, just to be sure all the cash and fiscal assets are accounted for properly and to learn some best practices. So, when was the last time your company got an independent, outside, third-party, objective audit of your team – your GREATEST ASSET?

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



JOHN NELSON,
Hanson Professional
Services, Inc.

How long have you been in the Engineering industry?

I've been gainfully employed in the Engineering industry for 34 years. I started working for a small engineering firm

in Springfield, Illinois shortly after graduation from the University of Illinois in 1984. I moved to the Chicago area in 1990 and worked for a firm in the Loop for almost 10 years

When and how did you first get involved with ACEC-IL?

Jim Messmore encouraged me to get involved in ACEC-IL shortly after I joined Hanson in 1999. Jim was on the Board at the time (later served as President), and he suggested that I join the Government Affairs Workshop Committee for which I served a 3 year term starting in 2000.

What's your favorite ACEC-IL activity?

My favorite ACEC-IL activity is the Annual Meeting and Legislative Summit held in Washington DC each year. I have attended each of the last 5 years. I have enjoyed the program and the speakers but I think the most rewarding aspect of the trip is meeting with our Congressional delegation and discussing issues of importance to our organization and industry. We are blessed in Illinois to have Congressional delegation that works well together regardless of party affiliation. They all are committed to doing what is best for Illinois. I think everyone involved in ACEC should take in the experience at least once. The fall conferences are also a lot of fun. Our trips to Hawaii and Colorado Springs were my favorites.

What position(s) have you held within the ACEC-IL organization?

In addition to the Government Affairs Workshop, I served a couple of years on the IDOT District 1 Committee, 8 years on the Illinois Tollway Committee with 3 years as chairman, and the last 2 years I served on the D/W/MBE Committee. I joined the Board as a Director in 2012, served 3 years as Vice President, a year as Secretary/Treasurer, and a year as President-Elect.

What's the number one reason firms should become an ACEC-IL member?

To advocate for our industry and take an active leadership role in our organization. ACEC provides a wonderful opportunity to get involved and support those who represent us in government.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Jane and I have raised 4 children (let's be honest, Jane did most of the raising), and 3 of 4 are now off the payroll...our youngest is in college. I have enjoyed coaching basketball, baseball, and softball; and attending many chorus concerts, musical performances, and soccer games. We are extremely proud parents. As all of our children are now grown, we are getting an opportunity to re-live some of those same experiences again with our 3 grand-daughters. Some of my favorite experiences have been in Boy Scouts including high adventure treks with my son backpacking through Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and canoeing through the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. I also enjoy my weekly golf game with our oldest.

Tell us one fun fact about yourself:

I am Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 597 in Naperville and a counselor for several merit badges including First Aid and Wilderness Survival merit badges. Our youngest son's Boy Scout career culminated with earning his Eagle Scout Award in the summer of 2015...38 years after his proud Dad achieved his Eagle.

WEBINAR SUGGESTIONS:

ACEC-IL is proud to announce we have expanded our educational outreach to include Webinars.

This affords our membership greater flexibility in participation of sessions which aim at enhancing business productivity. If there is a topic that you would like to see presented, please contact us at

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