Name: Beth Thornton  
Chapter: Central Ohio  
Leadership Role: Treasurer/Secretary  
Company: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.

Beth currently serves as a project manager and team leader in roadway design group at The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. and has done so since April 2017.

Beth graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1996 with a B.S. in civil engineering. She has worked in the transportation industry throughout her career in both public and private sectors. She has worked for two DOTs (West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, Virginia DOT) and several private engineering firms. She has also owned in West Virginia for five years.

Beth has been happily married to her husband, Jason, for 25 years. They have a daughter, Brooke, who is in her third year at Cleveland State University and planning to become a Physician’s Assistant, and a son, Alexander, who will graduate from Cleveland State University in May with a degree in Computer Science. Alex has been working for the Lerner Institute at the Cleveland Clinic since May of last year.

Beth has been active in ACEC Ohio since she began working in Ohio in 2015. She has moved a couple of times throughout her career and values the relationships and support provided by ACEC. Quickly becoming active in local ACEC chapters has allowed her the opportunity to build a strong network of support in new markets.

Beth is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Central Ohio Chapter and she looks forward to serving the chapter and advocating for the entire industry.

“ACEC does a great job of defending our industry through our government affairs program. This program provides a unified voice for our organization that ensures the success of private engineering companies across the state” Beth states.

Beth particularly enjoys the intelligent interaction among ACEC members. She believes as technology advances, so must the industry, and ACEC provides a gathering place of some very talented engineers to make that happen.