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Committee Name: Communications Committee

Date: June 2, 2026

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Nick Hoffman / Rachel Headings

Committee Mission: Develop and implement an outreach and communications program informing the engineering community of ACEC Ohio's mission, benefits, and importance in leading the promotion and protection of engineering in the State of Ohio as well as nationally.

Meeting Dates:

- 9/16/25 Committee Meeting
- 12/2/25 Committee Meeting
- 1/13/26 Committee Meeting
- 2/11/26 Marketing Forum Planning Meeting
- 3/3/26 Marketing Forum Planning Meeting
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Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

- Hosted the annual Marketing Forum on 4/28 with record attendance of marketers participating across the State of Ohio. This event, based on intentional grassroots marketing outreach by our committee members, drew almost 70 attendees and featured a client panel (City of Upper Arlington; City of Columbus; OFCC) offering perspectives on social media and general promotions. The event also featured Limelite (Black Tent Productions), with a focus on a practical approach to exploring video production, offering tips for marketers as they seek to elevate their brand awareness through video media. This event was sponsored by and promoted via Ohio SMPS chapters (Northeast Ohio, Cincinnati and Columbus). Successful breakout sessions, peer-to-peer conversations and general advancement of the marketing discussion around AEC made this virtual forum a success.
- The committee spent time reviewing the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards call for entries and proposed adjustments that were implemented to our outreach and promotions for ways to increase participation, including outreach to new members, newsletter promotion, and collecting keynote speaker ideas for the February event.

Future Goals:

- Based on the strategic plan goal to realign committees, the Communications Committee functions have been rolled into the Business Resources and Member Engagement Committees. The Annual Marketing Forum will take place jointly with ACEC National at the ACEC Forums event in Cleveland, Ohio from September 27-29, 2026. An ACEC Ohio Marketing Forum Planning Task Force will plan the next forum.

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Committee Name:

Date: 6/4/26

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Mike Keller/Kevin White

Committee Mission: Represent the interests of ACEC Ohio member companies that provide engineering services for the environmental and energy markets; maintains liaison with the environmental regulatory authorities.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

- The committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 for a spring meeting with the environmental team from ODOT lead by Tim Hill and his team. Agenda items included: updates on FHWA, USFWS, USACE, 404 assignments, section 6(f) de minimis, guidance updates, environmental special provisions, training updates, and section updates. Committee members asked questions to Tim Hill and his team and got great feedback from the team.
- Energy subcommittee is planning an in-person Energy Forum for a half-day on August 25, 2026 at Quest Conference Center. The Forum will feature various industry experts as speakers on topics including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), siting, permitting, regulatory considerations, community engagement/public perception, and energy and power generation trends in Ohio.

Future Goals:

- Re-energizing committee and focusing on the three marketplaces of water and environment.

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Committee Name: Government Affairs

Date: May 27, 2026

Committee Chair / Vice Chair: Andrew Walton, Jacobs (Chair) / Emily Preston, Compass (Vice Chair)

Committee Mission:

Provide direction for the Council's Government Affairs activities; monitors legislation introduced in the Ohio General Assembly and rules and policies promulgated by state administrative agencies; coordinates with other committees to develop the Council's position on legislative and regulatory issues; works with the Council's staff and lobbyist to actively represent the industry's position on legislative and regulatory matters.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

Overview

The ACEC Ohio Government Affairs Committee maintained an active and strategic role throughout the 2025-2026 program year, engaging on key legislative, regulatory, and political issues impacting Ohio's engineering industry.

The GA committee's work aligned with the development of the ACEC Ohio Advocacy Plan, adopted in March 2026 with a focus on four (4) key pillars including: *Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS)*, *Infrastructure Funding*, *Procurement Reform*, and *Workforce Development*.

Key Legislative Priorities

- State Capital Budget development and infrastructure funding advocacy
- Monitoring property tax reform and potential ballot initiatives impacting local funding
- Engagement on data center development and policy impacts
- Evaluation of procurement and contracting legislation impacting engineering services
- Opposition to gas tax reductions or "holidays" that would reduce transportation funding
- Congressional redistricting
- Recreational cannabis & hemp-derived products (HDPs)

Major Legislative Activities

- *Capital Budget* – The committee tracked development of the Ohio Capital Budget and associated reappropriations totaling approximately \$1.9 billion in available funding.
 - HB 730 - Make capital reappropriations for biennium ending June 30, 2028
 - HB 54 - Make appropriations for transportation for FY 2026-27 biennium
 - HB 850 - Temporarily reduce motor fuel tax rates
- *Property Tax Reform* – Multiple legislative measures and a potential ballot initiative to eliminate property taxes in Ohio were closely monitored due to impacts on infrastructure investment.

- HB 186 - Regards school district property taxes, school funding formula
- HB 335 - Regards county budget commissions, property and sales tax, funds
- HB 129 - Limit ability to reallocate certain school property tax millage
- HB 309 - Regards budget commissions, property tax, and certain funds
- HB 124 - Modify process for property tax sales-assessment ratio studies
- *Data Centers* – The committee followed HB 646 and related study efforts examining environmental and infrastructure impacts of rapid data center growth.
 - HB 646 - Create the Data Center Study Commission (*data centers commission*)
 - HB 706 - Impose certain minimum requirements on data center customers (*protect ratepayers*)
- *Procurement & Contracting* – Key legislation reviewed included the following:
 - HB 605 - Codify the Spearin doctrine in public construction contracts (*Spearin doctrine*)
 - HB 361 - Regards building inspections, local regulations, and zoning (*zoning/permits*)
 - SB 262 - Require construction contracts note variation from standard form (*contract transparency*)
- *Other Legislative Activities* – Key legislation reviewed included the following:
 - HB 445 - Regards regional councils of government and metropolitan planning orgs (*MPOs*)
 - HB 246 - Require certain construction industry employers to use E-Verify (*workforce verification*)
 - SB 56 - Revise medical and adult-use marijuana laws and levy marijuana taxes (*cannabis*)

Advocacy and Member Engagement

- Members were actively engaged in providing legislative feedback and participating in advocacy efforts.
- Reviewed performance and recommended extension of contract for Calendar Year 2026 with Government Advantage Group (Kevin Futryk & RJ Mancini).
- Completed and adopted a 3-year ACEC Ohio Advocacy Plan focusing on four (4) key pillars including:
 - Protect and Strengthen Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Across Ohio
 - Secure Long-Term Infrastructure Funding
 - Advance Procurement and Contracting Reform
 - Strengthening the Engineering Workforce Pipeline
- 2026 Regional Legislative fly-ins conducted across all ACEC Ohio chapters:
 - Northwest Ohio Chapter – January 16, 2026, at the Toledo Club
 - Rep. Elgin Rogers (D-District 42)
 - Rep. Michele Grim, MPH, LP.D (D-District 43)
 - Rep. Haraz N. Ghanbari (R-District 75)
 - Northeast Ohio Chapter – January 23, 2026, at The Aviator Cleveland
 - Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-District 14)
 - Rep. Bride Sweeney (D-District 16)
 - Rep. Bill Roemer (R-District 31)
 - Rep. Meredith Craig (R-District 77)

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- 2026 Regional Legislative fly-ins (continued):
 - Central Ohio Chapter – January 30, 2026, at the Scioto Country Club
 - Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-3rd District of Ohio)
 - Rep. Brian Lorenz, AICP (R-District 60)
 - Senator Andrew Brenner (R-District 19)
 - Senator Tim Schaffer (R-District 20)
 - Senator William DeMora (D-District 25)
 - Southwest Ohio Chapter – February 13, 2026, at Brio Italian Grille Liberty Center
 - Senator Shane Wilkin (R-District 17)

Future Goals:

Looking ahead, the GA committee will continue to focus on monitoring, tracking, and advocating for legislation and administrative policies that support the business of engineering and the collective interests of our firms. Issues include infrastructure funding stability, protecting and strengthening QBS, procurement and contracting policy, workforce development priorities, monitoring data center policy, and strengthening grassroots advocacy engagement.

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Committee Name: Member Services

Date: 5/29/26

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Jake Stremmel – Kimley Horn, Rob Hans – Michael Baker International

Committee Members:

Evan Baker – SSOE

Gina Balsamo – Carpenter Marty

Mike Raubenolt – American Structurepoint

Marcia Lampman, Resource International, Inc.

Lynn Miggins – KS Associates

Committee Mission: Responsible for membership retention and growth of ACEC Ohio member firms.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

1. Held a successful New Member Orientation on March 26, 2026, via Zoom. Target audience was new firms plus existing member firm employees who may not be familiar with all ACEC Ohio has to offer.
2. Continue to maintain a list of Target Firms, including the ACEC National Target List of ENR 500 companies. Each committee member picks and contacts a target firm from the “High 5” list.
3. Continued to add new firms to Target List including firms from ACEC Life Health Trust of potential new firm targets
4. Increased affiliate members by 5
5. Increased new members by 6
6. Created document based off internal ‘Talking Points’ document to send to new members
7. Sent ‘thank you’ letters from ACEC Ohio President Beth Easterday to each firm who renewed membership for FY 2025-2026
8. Offer incentive plan to non-transportation firms
9. Revamped membership target list and moved to a Teams Channel

Future Goals:

- Grow committee to 12 active and diverse members
- Support Annual Survey of Member Firms
- Review five years of membership survey results and identify top 5 reasons why firms are members

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Committee Name: Political Action Committee (PAC)

Date: May 27, 2026

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Steve Bergman, The Mannik & Smith Group (Chair); Jake Stremmel, Kimley-Horn (Vice Chair)

Committee Members: Dave Krock (OHM), Paul Gluck (Michael Baker Intl), Marie Keister (Engage), Tom Mosure (ms consultants), Ram Nunna (LJB), Lynn Miggins (KS Associates), and Hassan Zahran (CTL)

Committee Mission: To raise funds from the Membership to support ACEC Ohio's Government Affairs program and activities, and to allocate those funds to Ohio General Assembly and statewide office candidates who are supportive of the engineering industry's business interests.

Summary of 2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

- 38 firms have met their 2026 PAC goals to date, with 18 firms exceeding goals. (7 firms have contributed towards expected goals).
- ACEC Ohio PAC contributions total \$27,929 (50% of annual goal).
- ACEC National \$20,650 (37% of annual goal).
- Contributed to Ramaswamy and Acton campaigns in primary races. Maxed allowable PAC contributions (\$16,615 per candidate per election cycle).
- Events planned for Ramaswamy (June 16th) and Action (June 22nd). Fundraising goals for each candidate have been expressed. Active firm participation in each event is highly encouraged.

2026 Future Goals:

- Ohio General Assembly dinners in Fall (House and Senate Leadership).
- Work towards achieving Gubernatorial fundraising goals.
- Achieve PAC contribution goals of \$55,000 each for Ohio and National.
- Monitor state and federal legislation through Government Affairs Committee.
- Participate in Ohio Congressional and Senatorial National PAC contribution events.

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Committee Name: Scholarship

Date: 6/3/26

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Joe Bolzenius – Mannik Smith Group, Gary Bowen– DLZ

Committee Members:

Mike Gramza – Colliers Engineering

Curt Roupe – Verdantas

Nikhil Khedekar – JMT

Candice Harrison – SSOE Group

Rob Hans – Michael Baker International

Committee Mission: Responsible for the ACEC Ohio Scholarship program

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

1. We contacted all ABET-accredited universities in Ohio regarding this year's scholarship application deadline 1/12/26, which we extended to 1/26/26.
2. The Awards Spring software worked well, and all scholarship committee members were given until 2/1/26 to complete the application evaluations.
3. The scholarship winners are below for each Chapter region
 - a. Northeast – **Shantonu Banerjee**, University of Akron studying mechanical engineering
 - b. Northwest – **Kael Margraf**, Ohio Northern University studying civil engineering
 - c. Central – **Ethan Stofel**, The Ohio State University studying civil engineering
 - d. Southwest – **Dylan Bambauer**, University of Dayton, studying engineering management and mechanical engineering
 - e. CIWP – **Kyle Ziringer**, Columbus State Community College, associate's degree in construction management
4. In total we received 34 scholarship applications.
5. All students were invited to the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards Luncheon on February 19.

Future Goals:

- Create a fundraiser to be able to offer more scholarship dollars for fiscal year 2026-2027

Committee Name: Small Firms Forum

Date: 6/4/2026

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Matt Hasel / Daniel Bender

Committee Mission: Provide a forum for leaders of small engineering companies to network and develop programs and services to help them by addressing their unique needs in areas such as professional liability and risk management, marketing, financial management and human relations.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

In Progress

- Promote membership to ACEC Ohio member companies that meet requirements of “small firms”
- Share best practices and discuss overall business issues in at least two meetings per year amongst committee members
- Educate importance of the PAC program and our organization effectiveness
- Increase committee diversity, focusing on race/ethnicity, gender, location, and area of practice

Completed

- A committee meeting was held 10/29/25 in-person. Juleda Stolz, ODOT, Administrator, Office of Small Business Services joined via Zoom and discussed the DBE program updates. Follow-up discussion topics included:
 - Are DBEs removing that from website & letterhead? SOQs?
 - If not a DBE, are you looking at SBE, if not one already?
 - How are primes handling contracts?
 - Are you getting requests to lower the fee agreement or cancel?
 - Committee discussions occurred on the following member topics:
 - Insurance Requirements
 - Working through issues with Primes, particularly required coverage
 - Director’s and Officer’s Insurance
 - Design Software
 - Open Roads costs and work-arounds
 - When do you hire a dedicated HR person?
 - How are you fending off M&A requests?
 - Are you now considering with the removal of DBE?
 - Hiring – Are sign-on bonuses being offered?

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Committee Name: Transportation

Date: May 29, 2026

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Shane Campbell, GFT / Ed Kagel, American Structurepoint

Committee Mission: Monitor legislation, regulations and other activities related to transportation infrastructure issues, including highways, railroads, aviation, and mass transit. Maintain liaison with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Turnpike Commission and other appropriate transportation agencies for the purpose of representing the interests of ACEC Ohio members. Work with other organizations on issues of mutual interest.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

- Meetings – July 28, 2025, October 2, 2025, November 5, 2025, March 5, 2026, April 27, 2026
- Project Delivery / Plan Quality – Developed a sub-committee to evaluate plan quality. Sub-committee is represented by ODOT, contractors, and consultants. Recurring meetings began in Winter 26. This is the highest priority ongoing initiative.
- Streamlined GQ – Feedback on streamlined one-page GQ (as part of ODOT’s programmatic) has been positive. Template requirements were added to establish consistency with KSPA.
- ODOT’s Program/Funding – ODOT has consistently messaged that their buying power has been impacted by inflation and do not have enough funding to support program needs. More maintenance and task order projects are anticipated in the future.
- ODOT SBE – ODOT reorganized from ODI to “Small Business & External Workforce Development”. SBE program is being administered similar to the DBE program.
- ODOT Invoicing – ODOT’s invoicing requirements were re-communicated and clarified to gain greater consistency from the consultant industry.
- ODOT/ACEC Partnership Meeting – Theme was AI and Technology and had 375 in attendance.

Future

- Advocate for a strong Federal Transportation Bill
- Continue Plan Quality Subcommittee and implement short term measures by the end of the year.

- A committee meeting was held 4/15/26 in-person. Juleda Stolz, ODOT, Administrator, Office of Small Business Services joined in-person and discussed the “ACEC Ohio Small Firms Committee BBC Recommendations Focus Group”. No other topics or follow-up items were discussed as conversations related to BBC’s study were extensive.

Future Goals:

- Continue to convene meetings of representatives of small firms to establish benchmarks, share best practices, and discuss overall business issues.
- Promote Membership to the committee.
- Assist in Strategic Planning process as required.
- Diversify conversations across various types of engineering services that member firms provide.

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Committee Name: Vertical Development

Date: 06/02/2026

Committee Chair: Rick Allen - Bowser-Morner

Committee Vice Chair: Angie Wells – GPD Group

Committee Members Active During Past Year:

Evan Hammersmith – Karpinski Engineering
Ryan Henderson – Heapy Engineering
Sastry Malladi – CTL Engineering
Michael Mazzoli – Intertek PSI
Nick McCullough – The Kleingers Group
Walt Rough – CTL Engineering
Joe Troxell – Michael Baker International
Ian Pfefferle – Korda Engineering
Woody Aboumrad – GeoSci

Committee Activity During 2025-2026

- Committee member company representatives met with the State of Ohio BIM Standards Stakeholder’s Task force to help address issues related to BIM standards and deliverables. This stemmed from an invitation from OFCC in July 2025.
- ACEC/AIA Liaison Committee responded to OFCC proposed changes to standard contract terms via letter October 2025 (see attached).
- Also, contacted Ohio Board of Building Standards about setting up future meeting between committee and a BBS training official about the Special Inspections process in Ohio. The committee wants to discuss what we believe are inconsistencies between BBS training slides for building officials and standards of practice by engineers and special inspectors.
- In November 2025, held first private sector forum of the year. We had two speakers from ACEC National’s Market Intelligence Team, provide expert analysis and commentary on economic conditions, business trends, investments, policy, clients, and technology across various markets.
- In April held a joint forum with ACEC Ohio and ACEC Indiana ACEC Vertical Development Committees. We had a speaker from DesignPro discussing contracts and risk and the remainder of the forum was spent on breakout discussions. Session discussions focused on licensure, recruitment & retention, contract risk in design-build, AI use in engineering firms, professional liability and intellectual property.
- In May, ACEC Ohio provided member comments regarding OFCC proposed revisions to Ohio Administrative Code Section 3318-3, related to Energy Efficiency. These comments were in response to a request from OFCC sent April 13, 2026.

- In partnership with Oswald Group, OFCC, AIA, and AGC, Weston Hurd to propose redlines and comments Article 7 insurance and indemnification ensuring fair insurance requirements. This is part of an ongoing industry partners meeting with OFCC.
- New Draft BIM Standards issued for Comment by State of Ohio. Comments and edits requested by June 30th.

Accomplishments:

- OFCC is now turning to the ACEC Ohio/AIA Liaison Group for feedback on issues other than just contract terms and conditions on OFCC contracts. They are viewing this committee as a resource for technical advice and support relative to other construction and code activities. This is indeed a positive development for our industry.
- Participation on the State of Ohio BIM Standards Stakeholder's Task force.
- Continued liaison with AIA of Ohio.
- Continued liaison with ACEC of Indiana's Vertical Development Committee.
- Held first ACEC Ohio Data Center Forum in February with over 100 attendees.

Future Committee Work Anticipated:

- Continue to work to engage a broader spectrum of firm and consultant types engaging with the committee.
- Continue to work with AIA and OFCC to support open communication channels and resolve challenges that are faced on projects and project delivery selection.
- Continue to study and evaluate special inspection irregularities in Ohio.
- Continue to support the development of BIM standards for the State of Ohio.
- Continue to work with OFCC on second in-person industry Partnering Conference.
- Continue to recruit MEP firms to join both the committee and ACEC Ohio membership.

Items needing Board discussion

- None

October 13, 2025

Craig Weise, Chief of Projects
Ohio Facilities Construction Commission
30 West Spring Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Craig:

On behalf of the ACEC Ohio, AIA Ohio and our member firms, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to OFCC's standard contract documents. ACEC Ohio and AIA values our long-standing partnership with the Commission and would like to bring forward three areas of concern with the proposed new contracts.

1. Insurance Requirements (Articles 7 and 10)

Concern: The proposed insurance coverage levels and types appear overly burdensome and, in some cases, ambiguous. The current language may increase costs for firms unnecessarily and limit participation by smaller consultants. Additionally, the lack of flexibility to tailor insurance requirements based on project type or risk level may create compliance challenges.

Reason for Concern: Uniform and elevated coverage requirements can exclude qualified firms from smaller projects and do not align with industry standards for professional services. Ambiguities between professional liability and general liability coverage also create uncertainty in risk allocation.

Suggested Outcome: We appreciate that OFCC suspended changes to Article 7 of the A/E Agreement until collaborative discussions on Article 10 (Design-Build) insurance language are completed, to ensure consistency and appropriate risk alignment. Insurance provisions should allow for scalable coverage based on project size and complexity.

2. Indemnification Clause (Section 7.5.2)

Concern: The proposed indemnification language appears to extend liability beyond what is permitted under Ohio Revised Code §153.81, creating legal exposure for A/E firms.

Reason for Concern: As currently written, the clause may require firms to indemnify the State for claims arising from the State's own negligence, conflicting with statutory limits and potentially voiding insurance coverage. This creates unnecessary risk and the potential for costly litigation.

Suggested Outcome: We recommend revising Section 7.5.2 to align with the statutory framework in ORC §153.81. The clause should limit indemnification to damages caused by the A/E's negligence related only to third party personal injury or property damage and include balanced language reflecting mutual responsibility.

Suggested Indemnity Language: 7.5.2 Professional Liability. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law and with respect to professional liability claims, A/E shall indemnify and hold harmless

the State, Contracting Authority, Owner, and their respective officers, officials, and employees from and against all damages, losses (including but not limited to all reasonable fees and charge of attorneys and other professionals, and all court, arbitration, or other dispute resolution costs awarded under applicable law) to the extent caused by (1) the failure of the A/E or a Person for whom the A/E is legally liable to comply with the standard of care under Section 1.9, (2) negligent infringement of patent rights or copyrights by the A/E or a Person for whom the A/E may be liable. Further, in no event shall provisions of this Article 7.5 be enforceable beyond the provisions set forth in the laws of the State of Ohio, including Section 153.81 of the Ohio Revised Code (Indemnity Provisions in Public Works Design Contracts).

3. “Time Is of the Essence” Provision (Section 12.9)

Concern: The proposed strict enforcement of “time is of the essence” provisions does not adequately account for circumstances beyond the consultant’s control, including owner revisions, delayed plan review by Authority Having Jurisdiction, or delays by other parties, including, but not limited to Owner’s Consultants.

Reason for Concern: Without built-in flexibility or defined extension mechanisms, this clause could unfairly penalize design professionals and strain project relationships.

Suggested Outcome: We recommend that the provision be deleted in its entirety or revised to allow reasonable extensions for causes beyond the consultant’s control and to ensure the provision remains consistent with standard insurable terms.

We respectfully request that OFCC consider these recommendations and continue open dialogue with industry stakeholders before implementing the proposed revisions. We remain committed to working collaboratively to create sound contract documents that support the mutual interests of the State and its design partners.

Sincerely,



Beth Easterday
President ACEC Ohio



Eric Pros
President, AIA Ohio

cc: Joy Bledsoe, Executive Director

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Committee Name: Workforce Development Committee

Date: 6/3/2026

Committee Chair/Vice Chair: Brendan Lieske/Cindy Yerkey

Committee Mission: With worker expectations changing, education costs increasing, and technology demands ever increasing, the Engineering industry must establish clear lines of communication with its educational training partners about the impacts of demographics, technology, and firm business models on workforce needs. This committee will foster and support the development of future professionals in Ohio's built environment.

Summary of 2025-2026 Committee Activities/Accomplishments:

In Progress:

- OTEC Abstract Submitted
- Developing student activity kits for members to volunteer at schools for E-"week" 2027 (Goal 4 from our Work Plan). Initiated partnership with ACE Mentors.

Completed:

- Reviewed Ohio Workforce Landscape (Goal 1 from our Work Plan)
 - Includes data from Ohio's Department of Higher Education
- Developed and launched job board with Naylor
- Met with ACEC Indiana to discuss Best Practices
- Developed Postsecondary Spreadsheet (understanding our baseline)
- Retained Centered Strategies Consulting
- Engaged Naylor to develop a job board on ACEC Ohio's website for posting career, co-op, and STEM outreach volunteer opportunities.
- Developed our 2025-2026 Work Plan (attached for reference)

Future Goals:

- Goal 2: Strengthen Strategic Engagement with Education and Workforce Partners
- Goal 3: Expand Internship and Career Pathways
- Goal 4: Strengthen K-12 Engagement and Promote STEM Awareness
- Goal 5: Increase Volunteer and Member Involvement
- ACEC Ohio Panel Discussion Events (University panel discussion, STEM programs)
- SOCHE Internship Portal Coordination
- Finalize and execute Workforce Development social media campaign.

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Date: 6/1/26

Chapter: Central

Chapter Chair: Eric Koch

Future Chapter meetings: The Chapter will resume meetings in September.

Past Chapter meetings:

September 24 — Young Professionals Event w/Ohio Contractors Association

November 21 — ODOT DDD/CPA Panel w/Districts 5, 6, 9, & 10

January 17 — State legislator Fly-In, **Legislators in attendance:** Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, Representative Bryan Lorenz, Senator Andrew Brenner, Senator Tim Schaffer, Senator William DeMora

February 25 — Central Ohio E-Week Luncheon

May 16 — Water/wastewater Panel

- John Newsome Administrator of the Division of Water for the City of Columbus
- Robert Priestas Administrator of Columbus Water & Power

Items needing Board Discussion

- None

Items needing Board Approval

- None

Additional Comments

- Chapter leadership will be selecting a candidate for the secretary position in the coming weeks.

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Date: 6/1/26

Chapter: Northeast

Chapter Chair: Nabil Farah

Future Chapter meetings: The Chapter will resume meetings in September.

Past Chapter meetings:

October 7 — Downtown Water Development w/Scott Skinner, Executive Director, North Coast Waterfront Development Corporation

December 12 — Cleveland Hopkins Airport Updates w/Dennis Kramer

January 17 — State legislator Fly-In, **Legislators in attendance:** Representative Sean Brennan, Representative Bride Sweeney, Representative Bill Roemer, Representative Meredith Craig

April 8 — Team NEO, Christine Nelson Projects and Sites Lead, Team NEO

Items needing Board Discussion

- None

Items needing Board Approval

- None

Additional Comments

- None

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Date: 6/1/26

Chapter: Northwest

Chapter Chair: Mike Gramza

Future Chapter meetings: The Chapter will resume meetings in September.

Past Chapter meetings:

October 17 — Toledo Museum of Art Updates & Tour

December 3 — Gordie Howe International Bridge Project

January 16 — State legislator Fly-In, **Legislators in attendance:** Representative Elgin Rogers, Representative Michele Grim, Representative Haraz Ghanbari

February 26 — Northwest Ohio E-Week Banquet

April 7 — ODOT DDD/CPA Panel Discussion with D1, D2, and D3

Items needing Board Discussion

- None

Items needing Board Approval

- None

Additional Comments

- None

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Date: 6/1/26

Chapter: Southwest

Chapter Chair: Ram Nunna

Future Chapter meetings: The Chapter will resume meetings in September.

Past Chapter meetings:

October 8 — The Belle of Cincinnati Event w/ASHE, WTS, OCA

November 19 — Young Professional Event

January 26 — State legislator Fly-In, **Legislators in attendance:** Senator Shane Wilkin

March 25 — ODOT DDD/CPA Panel & Brent Spence Bridge Update w/Districts 7,8,9 and KYTC D6

May 27 — County Engineer Panel

- Andy Shahan, Montgomery County Engineer
- Eric Beck, Hamilton County Engineer
- Kurt Weber, Warren County Engineer
- Jeremy Evans, Clermont County Engineer
- Greg Wilken, Butler County Engineer
- Dale Schwieterman, Chief Deputy Engineer, Butler County
- Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer

Items needing Board Discussion

- None

Items needing Board Approval

- None

Additional Comments

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