

## ACEC OKLAHOMA UPDATE June 12, 2020

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### **Town Hall With Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz**

ACEC OKLAHOMA will be hosting a special "Members Only" Town Hall with Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz.

The "on-line" Town Hall will be held **Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00pm.**

Since we had to cancel the Partnering Conference, Secretary Gatz asked to do a special on-line event to allow him to update the ACEC OKLAHOMA membership on recent activities/initiatives at ODOT/OTA as well as a review of the recent Legislative session.

Here's the link to the Town Hall:

<https://odot.webex.com/odot/onstage/g.phpMTID=e78d87628c1144914eb013ac1357e0d9f>

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED!** However, when you click on the link, you will have to provide your name and email to join.

During the Town Hall, your microphones will be muted. But, there will be a Q&A feature available for you to submit questions.

"See" you on Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00pm!!!!

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## ACEC OKLAHOMA Annual Meeting Recap

The ACEC OKLAHOMA Annual Meeting was held virtually on Monday, June 8th with 36 members joining in on the Zoom event.

Annual reports were presented; the 2020-2021 Operating Budget was approved; and, the 2020-2021 Board of Directors were elected, along with other Council business.

Regarding the budget, due to the pandemic, a "flat" budget was adopted for 2020-21. With that, as previously reported, there was no dues increase for the coming fiscal year, and operating expenses were held either at current levels or reduced where possible.

Those elected to serve on the Board of Directors are:

- **Chairman:** Chad Grinsteiner, White Engineering Associates, Oklahoma City
- **Chairman-Elect:** Hollis Allen, Walter P Moore, Tulsa
- **Vice Chair Membership:** Mike Vahabzadegan, EST, Inc., Oklahoma City
- **Treasurer:** Adam West, Benham Design, LLC, Tulsa
- **Vice Chair Business Practice:** David Neuhauser, CP&Y, Inc., Oklahoma City
- **Vice Chair Education/P.R.:** Doug Glenn, CEC Corporation, Tulsa

## ACEC OKLAHOMA Board Meets Congressman Tom Cole



This past Tuesday, June 9th, your ACEC OKLAHOMA Board spent about 30 minutes on a Zoom call with Congressman Tom Cole and two of his staff members. Steve Hall, Senior Vice President of Advocacy at ACEC national, also joined in on the meeting.

The meeting provide ACEC OKLAHOMA the opportunity to discuss the ACEC national legislative agenda, and to hear first hand from the Congressman regarding Reauthorization of the FAST Act federal highway program; the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization; additional expansion of the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); and, other issues important to the consulting engineering profession.

We plan to try to schedule additional meetings with other members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation over the next few weeks.

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ACEC Research Institute  
Future of Engineering Roundtable

- **ACEC National Director: Brent Schniers, Garver, Tulsa (serving 3rd year of three-year term)**
- **Immediate Past Chairman: Jim Hemphill, Poe and Associates, Tulsa**

**Thanks to everyone who participated in the Annual Meeting!**

**ACEC RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING**  
ROUNDTABLE SERIES

The Impact of Technology on Engineering  
June 18, 2020 | 1:30PM EST  
Complimentary to attend

Uncertainty caused by COVID-19 has inspired much speculation about the impact of technology on engineering, the speed of design, as well as its effect on firm's workforce and culture.

Panelists will explore these issues and more including the interconnectivity of systems, impact of AI, and machine learning, simulations and even technology that facilitates firm culture and collaboration.

Join the conversation.

Confirmed Panelists

 Jose Luis Blanco Partner McKinsey & Company	 Mike Haley VP of Research Autodesk, Inc.	 Chris Luebkeman Director for Strategic Foresight, Office of the President ETH Zurich	 Heather Wehbart-Smith SVP, Technology and Innovation Jacobs	 Moderator: Joseph Bates ACEC Research Institute
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## ACEC Life/Health Trust to Provide \$10 Million Loyalty Credit To Firms In August



If your firm is an active member of the ACEC Life/Health Trust Medical Insurance Program, you see a special "credit" on your August billing.

The ACEC Life/Health Trust just announced that some \$10 Million will be distributed, as a credit, depending on firm size and your specific plan details.

It's ACEC Life/Health Trust's mission to support both the physical and financial health of your firm. So, the Trust grateful to be able to credit a percentage of your premium back to you to help during this difficult time.

Each participating firm will receive an email with the specific credit amount for your firm. In total, ACEC Life/Health Trust is expecting to return approximately \$10 million in premiums to our member firms.

ACEC's newly created Research Institute will host the first in a series of Roundtables on June 18th at 1:30pm.

The first event in the new **The Future of Engineering Roundtable Series** will be: - **Impact of Technology on Engineering.**

The Roundtables are **FREE** to all members. To register, click here: **[MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "r20.rs6.net" claiming to be https://bit.ly/2XTxuUL](https://bit.ly/2XTxuUL)**

## INCOG Kicks-Off Oklahoma C-PACE Clean Energy Program

**INCOG** is developing the Oklahoma C-PACE Program and is requesting your support to get the program off the ground!

Commercial property assessed clean energy, or "C-PACE" financing is a form of long-term, non-recourse debt that facilitates private financing for energy- and resiliency-related upgrades to non-residential properties. C-PACE financing drives private sector investment in local communities, creates energy efficiencies and energy jobs, helps local governments meet efficiency and clean energy standards, and lowers the cost of energy in Oklahoma.

On May 20th, the Governor Stitt approved

## ACEC Free-to-Member Webinars

ACEC is hosting a number of free-to-members webinar in the coming days which we encourage in which we encourage you to participate.

The webinars are:

**The Effects of COVID-19 on National Healthcare**, Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 - 4:30 pm ET.

**Our New Reality: Strategic and Contractual Risk Management**, Thursday, June 18, 3:30 - 4:30 pm ET.

**Engineering Tax Deductions (179D), the CARES Act and Making the Most out of 2020**, Tuesday, June 23, 1:30 - 2:30 pm ET.

**The Post-Pandemic Future of the AEC Industry: Aftershocks & Opportunities**, Thursday, June 25, 1:00-2:30 pm ET.

Also, if you've missed any of ACEC's webinars, most are available to stream. Simply go to the **ACEC Coronavirus Resource Center**, scroll down, and click on "Webinars."

There's a wealth of information available to all ACEC members, and we encourage you to take advantage of this resource.

Senate Bill 1592, which allows counties across Oklahoma to establish a C-PACE financing program. The legislature saw the value in C-PACE and it was one of a handful of bills that were passed in the shortest legislative session in state history! This is a testament to the potential for C-PACE to be a valuable tool and new source of capital to get the economy moving again. You can find a related press release [here](#).

INCOG will be launching a series of online webinars, the first of which will be on June 24th, to raise awareness about the program and elicit feedback for the development of the program. [Click here](#) or on the picture above for more information.

This is an opportunity for you and your firm to have your voice heard in the development of this program.

If you would like more information, contact Adriane Jaynes of INCOG.



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