

COMMITTEES	CHAMPIONS/MEMBERS	JANUARY UPDATES	FEBRUARY UPDATES	MARCH UPDATES
Legislative Agenda				
Governmental Affairs	Alejandro Angel, Dan Marum Andrew Haines, Jason Fort, Chris Bridges, Amerigo Berdeski	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee is meeting weekly (Tues@ 7:30a) to review legislative activity and provide ACEC dispositionCreated process for reaching ACEC disposition based on time sensitivity and a spreadsheet trackerAmerigo attended Jan 6 Mixer, Jan 10 Leader’s Lunch, Jan 16 Kickoff, Jan 23 Freshman Breakfast (Board members also attended some of these events to represent ACEC)Chris/Joy attended AGC Highway Users GroupChris met Dorn at the ACMA (Jan 22-25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris attend the recent SALC meeting and delivered \$10k ACEC contribution for RTA Next pollingACEC supported HB 2200, which officially passed Mar 4 with strong supportedTracker for Executive Orders and Arizona Bills on website for members to followAlejandro attended 3/3 RTA board meeting and provided a summary at the So AZ Principal Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HB2200 has been passed and is waiting for Governor’s signatureOpposing SB1092 (Prohibition to use VMT as alternative to gas tax) and SCR1002 (Photo enforcement ban) if it moves to rule committeeWorking on list of legislators to engage going forward. Consider legislator of the year award?RTA Next Polling briefing March 3rdLetter sent to Rep. Wilmeth thanking for HB220 supportLetter sent to Governor Hobbs requesting HB220 support
PAC (State & National)	Dawn Cartier, Dan Marum, Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minuteman fund request for RTA Next in progress, will request \$50k with \$25k matchIdentifying key legislators to supportCreating a visual tracking to reside in the office to share status and remind folks to donate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Office tracker for National PAC donations is liveNational vs State PAC education is being provided at the principal forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none">List pending from Dorn for potential AZ legislative engagement and PAC donations to pursue in the summer/fallRep. Wilmeth (HB2200) is a discussion for the PAC committee
APDM Legislation	Greg Fly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee met on Jan 13 to prioritize APDM issues based on industry feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First meeting to the larger group and industry was held Feb 20 at AGC. Next meeting is Mar 20.APDM board wants to move the meetings around to prevent perception that this is being pushed by AGC. ACEC office will host for May meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris met with David Martin (AGC) and is now on the invites, will coordinate ACEC host location dates past June. May we are at National ACEC.Greg met with the ACEC-ADOT Partnership task force and ADOT MPG on 4/4 to discuss contract language. Follow up is needed with ACEC on consultants’ position on future DB work in AZ.
Agency Agenda				
Risk Management Committee	Brian Smalkoski, Creighton Dixon, Marsha Miller Long, Jenny Bixby, Felipe Ladron de Guevara, Chris Bridges, Amerigo Berdeski	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held first Risk Committee meeting and now all committee members are part of National’s group as wellCommittee is taking stock of issues we would like to address and prioritizingApproach will be to take one agency at a time with S&W (Creighton) meeting with their counselNext AZ meeting is Feb 13 and National is Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ACEC will approach WIFA as the first organization to discuss contract issues (Creighton has a relationship with their attorney)We will have a session at Roads and Streets for risk issuesCreighton is working on developing a survey of member firms to help us focus our efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corporation transparency act is on holdAn RFP was released by City of Tucson to their on-call firms, in the second round there was a request for cost<ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal guidance thus far has indicated that may be acceptableTo be further reviewed at the next meetingDrafting survey to membership to prioritize committee efforts
COP Partnership	Brian Smalkoski, Pete Hemmingway, Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges, Mark Koester (Stantec), Ed Latimer (Wilson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First COP Partnership meeting scheduled for Mar 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We will develop the charter as part of this first meeting and the focus areas for future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feedback from first meeting is that more City of Phoenix participants are needed. Chris and Eric will meet to talk about plan for Q2 meeting.
ADOT Partnership	Joy Melita, Dawn Cartier, Andrew Haines, Bill Ferris, Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges [C&S = Karen Hobbs (SCI) & Digital Delivery = Allen Hathcock (KH)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Send survey to partnership members for feedback on quarterly meeting performance and 2025 refresh needsWill schedule 2025 quarterly meetings based on resultsKaren Hobbs to send call to firms for pavement preservation info related to specificationsAllen Hathcock sent a call to firms on digital delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Compiled survey results<ul style="list-style-type: none">40% responseSame format generally, with some improvements recommended. Keep quarterly cadence.Several suggested topics to include with discussionsScheduled quarterly meetings (Mar 20, May 29, Aug 21, Nov 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting held Mar 20. Good participation by ADOT and membersFollow on meeting scheduled to establish 2025 task forces and topicsNext meeting is May 29
Maricopa County-Based Liaisons	Amerigo Berdeski, Elijah Williams ADOT – Karen Hobbs Maricopa Co – Elijah Williams Phoenix – Pete Hemmingway Aviation – Ryan Toner East Valley – Suzanne Deitering West Valley – Matthew Reeg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New East Valley Liaison lead is Suzanne Deitering with Point EngineersLiaison held for COP (Aviation Candace Huff) with good representation from COP, including Director Chad Makovsky and Eric Froberg (43 members attended)Liaison held for ADOT (Jon Truck Parking) with good ADOT and FHWA representation (38 members attended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liaison meetings were held for ADOT (Mike DenBleyker), Maricopa County (Steve Wilcox), City of Phoenix (Streets – Brandy Kelso), East Valley (Gilbert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liaison meetings were held for ADOT (Katie Rodriguez – ADOT EP), City of Phoenix (Parks & Rec)

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Southern AZ - Liaison	Alejandro Angel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint liaison meeting/principals’ forum scheduled for Mar 6 at Doubletree Tucson Convention Center (downtown) with Carmine Debonis (Deputy Administrator Pima County) as guest speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approx 30 members attended the Southern AZ liaison, with good discussions about Pima County, RTA Next, and 2025 ACEC activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alejandro and Chris attended meeting on 4/3 to review polling results for RTA NextAdelita Grijalva running for CD7, opens a position on the Pima County BOS and on the RTA BoardMike Barton, Chris and Alejandro presenting at WTS on RTA Next (May 15)
Northern AZ - Liaison	Joy Melita	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint liaison meeting/principals’ forum scheduled for Mar 27. Guest speaker TBD.Joy to help identify a team to support the liaison efforts, using the Southern AZ model. Initial suggestions include Guillermo Cortes and Rick Shroads. Joy will also follow up with Tom Smith of Peak.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working with the City of Flagstaff on dates, may move to April 2 to coincide with Game Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved to potential May 7th, looking for a meeting location and to confirming possible attendees
Cooperative Coalition & Communications Agenda				
Education/Workforce	Nicolai Oliden, Amerigo Berdeski	<p>Future Cities was a success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ACEC (Joy) served as celebrity judgeDozens of member employees participate as judges <p>STEM GameDay at ASU (Feb 4, 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">500+ middle school students attending100+ volunteers signed up this year!!!Many industry partners (WTS, ASCE, APWA, SAME)Great sponsors including Governor, ADOT, MCDOTCreating a video to share back with sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">STEM GameDay at ASU<ul style="list-style-type: none">ACEC hosted STEM Gameday at ASU on Feb 4, 2025500+ middle school students attended the event100+ volunteers toured students around the stadium and taught them different aspects of engineering at stations17 different companies were represented. Industry partners like WTS, ASCE YMF, SAME, ADOT, and MCDOT also played a crucial role with volunteers and funding.Need to start posting Thank You's on LinkedIn for Sponsors, volunteers, and highlight Zach Lambros if possibleSTEM GameDay at UofA<ul style="list-style-type: none">UA is scheduled for 3/25/25over 700 students registeredNeed a LOT more volunteers (minimum of 80, ideally 120)STEM GameDay at NAU<ul style="list-style-type: none">NAU is scheduled for 4/2/25About 100 students registered with about 60 more interested but not committedVolunteer list looks good for nowGreg met with GCU’s Engineering Department, where steps are underway to create a Civil Engineering program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">STEM GameDay at UofA<ul style="list-style-type: none">UA event held 3/25/25640 students attended50 volunteers from around the industry participatedThe local Tucson news covered our event. Mike Olson did a great job in the interview.This video was sent to ACEC National and has received positive attentionSTEM GameDay at NAU<ul style="list-style-type: none">NAU is scheduled for 4/2/25200 students registeredVolunteer list looks goodPost event NAU Engineering Staff indicated they would like to be a sponsor for next year's event at NAU if possible. Will need to work on what that looks like.
LEAP	Elijah Williams, Nicolai Oliden, Amerigo Berdeski	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEAP Class of 2025 started Jan 31, 37 in classNew LEAP Lunch Alumni Event starts Feb 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">40 LEAP alumni attended the Feb 27 meeting. Opportunity to build a distribution list now and expand participation.	
R&S Planning	Amerigo Berdeski	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First committee meeting is Feb 11Presentation portal is live (3 submitted so far)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation proposals currently being submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Theme for this year is Back to the FutureFeedback was provided at the ACEC-ADOT Partnership about rebranding this event
HR/Business Practices	Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges, Tim Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First meeting (Feb 26) will share a webinar to on DBE and Matt Reiffer (National) will facilitate a discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has been a great opportunity for HR folks to gather and talk about issues they are facing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed challenges with Hybrid working for staff, plus concerns about the interpersonal skills that are lacking in the 80%
IT	Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First meeting (Jan 29) will start with networking, best practices, and issue identificationNext meeting is Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Was a great networking and general conversation for the IT folks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed hardware related to Hybrid working staff, and an upcoming webinar hosted by NVIDIA
Private Dev	Pete Hemmingway	None	None	None
Survey	Joy Melita	None	None	None
Water	Lisa Freestone, Jason Fort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lisa/Jason met Jan 26 to start the water discussion. ACEC abstract was accepted so we will start drafting the messages on Monday, too. Conference is mid-April.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris met with AZ Water Association, and they want to partner together going forward. They are looking for a strong partner especially since they cannot lobby as a 501.c.3.Prepping for AZ Water conference. ACEC will have a table.

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Operational Excellence Agenda				
Executive Committee	Joy Melita, Bill Linck, Lisa Freestone, Brian Smalkoski, Greg Haggerty, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Created standardized templates for meeting agendas and minutes, as well as a programming calendarBill and Amerigo coordinating on the original Word doc for the Bylaws. Bill will have a copy of the Word doc with tracked changes available on Boardable prior to the February Board meeting. That way everyone can see the proposed changes, and it can be voted on for approval.Greg attended John Ritoch’s celebration of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalized ACEC staff performance evaluation and goals formIT people are on board. Network security has been established. Will use Boardables for March meeting materials but may use Teams for the meeting.Teams site created for board and staff, all should have accessDistribution list for member principals is updated and now keep in centralized location for future updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluated ACEC support on halted Tucson 22nd St grantDiscussed potential connections between LEAP/Game Day and GCU/Future Cities. Follow up is needed.
Finance Committee	Amerigo Berdeski, Lisa Freestone, Brian Smalkoski, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held first Finance Committee meeting and have a rough plan for the first few monthsWorking on a travel request formReviewing S&W support to ensure alignment with budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RTA Next – Committee agreed and put forth \$10K donation Board vote, was approved and Chris coordinated delivery.2025 Budget Review – Committee will perform more thorough review following Q1 and Q2 when dues will start to be collected and a realistic status can be evaluated.Reserve Account Status – Account has been set up with \$30,000, Amerigo, Bill and Lisa have access.Travel, Expense forms – Chris will work with Amerigo for process, forms required.Sponsorships – Chris and Amerigo will start with “partners” for liaison meetings with the message of “growing strategic partners.” A short list of target donors was established for direct contact, rather than starting with an “all call.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Travel form is complete and moving forward with a monthly Finance Committee review. Adjustments to be made accordingly.Tax preparation upcomingQuarter 1 budget vs actuals analysis will be performed
Communications	Lisa Freestone, Amerigo Berdeski, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on concepts for SOP, too much – too littleBoard members to like and repost – please!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris sent introduction letter to members, providing his background and establishing communicationChris is drafting a communication plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At the ACEC Leadership Orientation, National Communications offered to help with anything related to a plan, guidance, or even hosting the ACEC-AZ website
Membership Committee	Amerigo Berdeski, Bill Linck, Chris Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amerigo provided a PPT on the benefits of ACECBill/Amerigo met Jan 31 to develop goals for committeeMember survey - Bill reached out to Michael Smith from Utah to see if he can provide a copy of the survey they've done. If I don't hear back from him by next week, he'll take a first pass at developing questions.Principal forums prep underway. Dates include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central AZ – Feb 19 (Dorn Policy Group)Southern AZ – Mar 6 (Pima Co)Northern AZ – Mar 27 (Flag or Coconino Co)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amerigo/Bill have a list of potential new firms. Working on a plan to reach out for interest in joining.Member survey will utilize Utah’s as a starting point, to be distributed in March. AZ will follow in spring.Salary survey initiated, which expands topics to include benefitsHeld 2 principal forums<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central AZ – Feb 19; Dorn Policy Group presented. 32 members attended. Meeting summary underway.Southern AZ – Mar 6; Pima Co presented. 29 members attended. Meeting summary underway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The 3 ACEC trusts are willing to do a presentation on the benefits of the trusts as members of ACEC. Future date pending.Moved the Northern AZ to May 7. Amerigo securing location, creating a targeted list and liaison committee, invites to go out week of April 7.

Indicates NEW 2025 Committees