

## August 2018 Press Release.

August 14, 2018.

Jeffrey N. Lighthiser, PE, of Draper Aden Associates has been elected 2018-2019 President of The American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia (ACEC/VA).

Lighthiser, a Virginia Tech graduate, joined Draper Aden Associates in 1975 as a manual drafter and worked his way up as a project engineer, eventually becoming the CEO in 2010. A key figure in opening Draper Aden's Richmond office in 1985, Lighthiser played an important role as it became the firm's largest office. As CEO of Draper Aden, Lighthiser has doubled the size of the firm. Despite these accomplishments as CEO, Lighthiser maintains that his greatest accomplishment as CEO has been the development of a values-based culture within the firm.

Lighthiser served on ACEC Virginia's Government Affairs, Membership and Education Committees and served in different roles on the Board of Directors. Providing education to engineers in the industry is one of Lighthiser's main goals as president of ACEC/VA.

Joining Lighthiser on the 2018-2019 Board of Directors are:

<b>President-Elect:</b>	Donald F. Booth, Jr., AIA, LEED AP, DJG of Williamsburg
<b>National Director</b>	Robert L. Burkholder, PE, LEED AP, Clark Nexsen of Virginia Beach
<b>Vice President Eastern:</b>	Janet L. Webster, PE, Clark Nexsen of Virginia Beach
<b>Vice President Central:</b>	C. Eric Burke, PE, Moffat & Nichol of Richmond
<b>Vice President Western:</b>	Grant E. Walker, PE, ECS Mid-Atlantic LLC of Roanoke
<b>Vice President at Large:</b>	Julie W. Hartman, PE, Stantec Consulting Services of Richmond
<b>Secretary:</b>	Victor K. Angell, PE, SE, Wiley Wilson of Lynchburg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jared B. Jamison, PE, Mason & Hanger of Richmond

**Booth**, President of DJG Inc of Williamsburg where he's worked for 22 years has been active in ACEC National since the early 2000's. Booth has been both ACEC Virginia and ACEC National's Political Action Committee Champion for raising funds to support engineering friendly legislators. He has served as ACEC Virginia Vice President at Large, chair of the Political Action Committee and is a Vice Chairman of ACEC National's Business Resources and Education Committee.

**Burkholder**, Principal and member of the senior management team at Clark Nexsen, where he's been for 24 years. He served as ACEC/VA's President during the 2017-2018 year and was the Eastern Vice President for several years prior. Burkholder participated

on the education, membership, and executive committees and was a part of ACEC Virginia's first Emerging Leaders Institute in 2006, which has since become a staple of ACEC Virginia.

**Webster**, a Senior Project Manager and Principal at Clark Nexsen in Virginia Beach has been with Clark Nexsen for 10 years. Webster is a past president of the Structural Engineers Association of Virginia (formerly VSEC). She reconnected with ACEC Virginia when she went through the Emerging Leaders Institute in 2012, ACEC Virginia's premier leadership development program.

**Burke**, a Vice President & Business Unit Leader of Moffat & Nichol's Richmond's office has spent the last four years at Moffat & Nichol. He's presently in his 25<sup>th</sup> year working in the transportation industry. Burke was on ACEC South Carolina's Board of Directors from 2010-2013, their Legislative Chair in 2012, part of their Finance Committee in 2013 and participated in ACEC National's Congressional Delegation Fly-in Meetings in 2012 & 2013.

**Walker**, a Senior Vice President at ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Roanoke has been with ECS for 22 years. Walker has been an active ACEC Virginia participant for the last 10 years, having served on the membership committee, and Board of Directors from 2013 to 2015. ACEC Virginia's lobbying efforts with the state and federal government are a main reason he has gotten involved with ACEC Virginia.

**Hartman**, a senior construction project manager based out of Stantec's Richmond office, has been with Stantec for close to four years. She's participated in ACEC West Virginia and joined ACEC Virginia's Transportation Committee in 2016, became the Vice Chair of the Committee in 2017, named the Chair of the committee in 2018 while also serving on ACEC Virginia's Board of Directors.

**Angell**, Senior Vice President Lynchburg's Wiley|Wilson in the firm's business development activities in the Federal Government sector and has been with the firm for 22 years. He's been involved in ACEC National's Federal Agencies & Procurement Advocacy Committee. In addition to participating in ACEC Virginia, Angel has been involved with the Society of American Military Engineers and the Design/Build Institute of America.

**Jamison**, Vice President of Operations at Richmond based Mason & Hanger (former Hankins & Anderson) has been an active participant in ACEC Virginia's Finance and Government Affairs committees. He's served as Treasurer on ACEC Virginia's Board of Directors for the last three years and is in his fifteenth year of working at Mason and Hanger.

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## Winter 2018 Press Release

January 10, 2018

Fairfax engineer Jerry Mrykalo has been named the 2018 Rising Star by ACEC Virginia, the statewide association of professional engineering firms. The award is designed to recognize outstanding firm professionals who significantly contribute to their company's success and exhibit leadership skills that make them future key players in Virginia's engineering profession. The award will be presented by the Next Generation Committee at ACEC Virginia's Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on Thursday, February 1 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

Mrykalo leads the mid-Atlantic Traffic Engineering Group for Dewberry, which is headquartered in Fairfax with more than 40 offices in 17 states. As group leader, Mrykalo supervises eight transportation engineers and acts as the engineer of record for major projects. He has served as engineer of record on more than 35 projects with a combined construction value of more than \$1 billion.

Mrykalo has a track record of sustained success at Dewberry, serving as the engineer of record for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Phase 2), the Intercounty Connector, I-64 Widening and I-66 Widening. He was also the lead traffic engineer and engineer of record for the Route 27/244 Interchange Modification in Arlington which won a DBIA National Award of Merit. Jerry also served as the lead traffic engineer for the I-95 / Telegraph Road interchange of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project (2014 ACEC National Recognition Award project). He has served as lead traffic engineer or engineer of record on 25 Design-Build projects in Virginia, and has design experience in 10 states.

"Jerry exemplifies the qualities of a Rising Star through his commitment to his firm, to the engineering profession and to the community. We are pleased to recognize his achievements with this award," said Nate Dumas, PE, Chairman of ACEC Virginia's Next Generation Committee.

A 2005 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Mrykalo attained several certifications after earning his degree including: Certified Professional Engineer status in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Georgia; receiving the status as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, Traffic Control Design Specialist, VDOT Advanced Work Zone Traffic Control, and VDOT certified Work Zone Traffic Control Training Instructor.

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## **Summer 2017 Article Featured in State Health Commissioners Newsletter**

### **2017 Summer Brown Bag Health Equity Training Series Concludes as a Big Success!**

In support of VDH's strategic plan goals around health equity and population health; the Office of Health Equity (OHE) offered the 2017 Summer Brown Bag Health Equity Training Series which recently concluded offered 16 video screening opportunities and four training sessions during July and August! The trainings geared towards a variety of audiences helped staff understand many of the systemic root factors that impact health; helped to identify interventions and partners that can work together to improve the health and well-being of all the people of Virginia. The Summer Series showcased several video segments and a Ted MD Talk that explored root causes of health disparities and inequities. Following the screenings, VDH staff and community partners participated in panel discussions sharing information about innovative partnerships and projects which support Virginia's Plan for Well-being using a population health focus. The training series topics explored factors that shape our health, such as economics, education, culture, segregation, as to where we live learn, work, play and pray. Augustine Doe and Justin Rinaldi of OHE worked diligently to secure speakers, handled the logistics, and moderated this four-part training series. The series panel members included:

- Anna Riggin, Social Epidemiologist, Office of Health Equity,
  - Scott Andrews-Weckerly, Family Transitional Coach, Richmond Health District,
  - Tiffany Cox, Community Health and Prevention Supervisor, Crater Health District
  - Augustine Doe, Health Equity Specialist, Office of Health Equity
  - Nancy Bell, Population Health Manager, West Piedmont Health District,
  - Janet Wright, School Age Health Specialist, Office of Family Health Services
  - Karen Wells, East End Community Outreach Manager, American Heart Association
  - Sarah Birckhead, Regional Coordinator, Richmond City Health Department
- Special thanks to VDH staff that attended the screenings, training and participated in the discussions! The Office of Health Equity welcomes suggestions for future training topics.
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