



## Emerging Professionals Committee

January 16th, 2025  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual  
**MINUTES**

### Attendance:

Andrew Heidtke, ACEC WI  
Brennen Fischer, Ruekert/Mielke  
Brian Genskow, SRF  
Cassie Coopman, Mead & Hunt  
Kal McHugh, JSD  
Jessica Splittgerber, EXP, Chair

Josh Straka, Strand, Board Liaison  
Macen Leonardi, MSA  
Nick Pehler – Jewel  
Shelly Harris, KL Engineering  
Tia McCarthy, CBS Squared

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping
  - a. Request Note Taker – **Brennen Fischer**
  - b. Agenda Overview
  - c. [Conflict of Interest](#) – **No conflicts**
  - d. Review and approve [12.18.24 EP Minutes](#) – **Approved**
2. Diversity & Inclusion Moment – **Andrew Heidtke – MLK Day observation**
3. Committee Representative Updates
  - a. Transportation Steering Committee (TSC) (Brian)
    - i. TSC subcommittees without current representation
    - ii. **Next partnering meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> (Jessica to attend)**
      1. **ACTION: Brian to obtain list/contacts of subcommittees and task groups for additional EP participation.**
  - b. EP Rep. Opportunities: Government Affairs Committee, State Facilities Committee
    - i. **Still looking for EP representatives.**
  - c. Other Committee Updates
    - i. **Water Committee – met on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Most of the meeting was discussing legislative day fact sheet (additional funding request for Environmental Improvement Fund (SDWLP and CWF).**
4. EmPower Virtual Learning Series
  - a. [The Seven Elements of the Perfect Day](#) (45 min) by Erick Rhem  
February 25, 12:00-1:00pm
    - i. **Event is open for registration, stand-alone registration email to be sent early next week.**
    - ii. **Volunteer to kick off, introduce, and conclude (Cassie Coopman)**
  - b. Next Session



- i. Rachel from Mead & Hunt has a presentation ready for a future session. Currently busy but can look to schedule for March/April.
  - c. [Topic & Speaker Idea List](#)
- 5. [Legislative Day](#)
  - a. EP Happy Hour – February 19<sup>th</sup> (Registration info available soon!)
    - i. Nick Pehler, Tia McCarthy, and Brad Domasky will attend and connect with leadership Institute and other EPs
    - ii. Space available at current happy hour location
    - iii. Emerging professional registration rate
- 6. [Transportation Improvement Conference \(TIC\)](#)  
March 4-5, 2025, Wisconsin Dells  
Theme: Engineering the Road Ahead
  - a. EP Session: How to Work a Room (Stand-alone event registration info available soon!)
    - i. Host Speaker at 10:30 AM, 3/4/2024
  - b. Host EP Roundtable with lunch at 11:30 AM, 3/4/2024
    - i. Roundtable discussion to be held in separate room to help facilitate conversation (Jessica and Brad to host)
  - c. Topic & Speaker Ideas
    - i. Speaker introduction and Roundtable volunteers to be some combination of Jessica Splittgerber, Brad Domasky, and Cassie Coopman (if attending)
  - d. Reference Item: [Previous Event History](#)
- 7. Future Meetings
  - a. February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 8. Adjourn

#### Reference Documents

- [EP Committee Structure](#)
- [EP Goals](#)
- [ACEC Wisconsin Strategic Plan](#)
- [Rules of Engagement](#)