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<http://www.abcsepa.org/EFCA.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact [Jeff](#) at the Chapter Office.

Important Dates:

[2010 Construction Industry Symposium](#)

January 20, 2010
7:30 a.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
King of Prussia, PA
\$40 per person
\$50 per person
after January 8

[Meet the Facility Manager](#)

February 4, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel

Dear Tammy,

Welcome to Merit News, a weekly newsletter brought to you by ABC SEPA.

Republican Policy Committee Hold Hearing on Bill to Ban PLA's

ABC Members and union officials testified on House Bill 2010 that would prohibit the use of PLA's on state funded construction projects. ABC testimony focused on the fact that PLA's discriminate against qualified Merit Contractors and result in higher construction costs for Pennsylvania taxpayers. Thanks to Bruce Shapiro (Boro Construction) who testified on behalf of SE PA in support of the bill and Vern Reisinger (Donald E. Reisinger), Dave Cooper (Guy Cooper) and Karen Kennedy (Kencor) who traveled to Harrisburg to attend the hearing.

[Click here to listen to testimony from the hearing.](#)



Graterford Prison Case

Commonwealth Court Judge Pellegrini denied a request by ABC Members and other contractors to block construction of the Graterford Prison project using a union-only project labor agreement (PLA). ABC Members and other parties in the case are currently evaluating their options regarding seeking further review of the court's decision.



2010 Construction Industry Symposium

In an effort to broaden our reach, the Chapter is partnering with local associations to promote this year's 2010 Construction Industry Symposium scheduled for January 20, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia. The associations include the Philadelphia AIA, the Construction Financial Managers Association, The Carpenters Company and the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. The Chapter would like to thank these partners for their support. This year's event will feature two innovative speakers: **John Tocci, Tocci Building Corporation**, named one of the Top 25 News Makers by ENR will review the Integrated Project Delivery process. **Michael Clancy, FMI**, a leader in management consulting and investment banking for the construction industry will explore the financial outlook for 2010. Sponsorships are available. Contact [Tammy](#) for more information.

[Click here to register.](#)



Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter

King of Prussia, PA
 \$100 - GC/Sub
 \$250 - Sponsor

Battle on the Delaware

Flyers vs. Devils
 February 8, 2010
 Wachovia Center
 Philadelphia, PA
 \$75 per person
 \$85 per person after Jan. 15

Check out the SEPA website,
www.abcsepa.org, for the
[2009 calendar of events](#)
 where members can register
 online!

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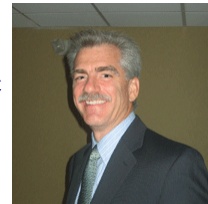
**ACE Mentor Program Seeks Volunteers for
 Souderton Chapter**

A new chapter of the ACE Mentor Program (ACE) is being formed with students out of Souderton High School. ACE is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to inform and motivate students toward careers in architecture, construction and engineering. Students are assigned to a team led by volunteer mentors from firms representing architects, contractors, engineers and owners. A mentors' meeting will be held at the H&K Group in Skippack on November 19. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about ACE or serving as a mentor should contact Kris Wint at H&K at (484) 576-7749. This is a great opportunity to help promote construction with local high school students. ABC has been proud to sponsor a local ACE Chapter in East Norriton for the last two years.



Faces of ABC: Rich Ongirski, Sign Source, LLC

"We joined ABC for the networking opportunities and have come to learn that this organization provides that and so much more. Sign Source, LLC has benefited greatly and I have personally developed because of the relationships that have come out of our joining ABC."



Drexel Co-op Students

Drexel has several outstanding CMGT students available for employment in the next co-op cycle, April through September. The candidates in the program that are sure to be an asset to your organization. You could be instrumental in giving these folks valuable real life experience. For further information, please contact Jim Tsafos at (215) 896 6024 or tsafosjm@drexel.edu.



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