

NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

State Association Name: Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors (IACHES) For year of 2020

Number of Counties: 92

Number of State Assoc. Members: 73 Counties (151 members)

Number NACE Members: 13 Counties (18 members)

State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at: Summer conference held at the Renaissance Indy North Hotel in Carmel, Indiana on dates: June 5-6, 2019

Other significant meeting held during the year: Regular business meeting held on March 7, 2019 in conjunction with LTAP/JTRP's Annual Purdue Road School, Annual winter meeting held in conjunction with the Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference on December 3-4, 2019.

Notable achievements of State Association and/or Individual members:

1. "Rebranded", developed a new logo but also focusing our efforts on improve the benefit (and voice) we provide to members and enhance our reputation with INDOT and state legislators as resources in regards to roads and bridges
2. Revitalized district meetings to discuss highway department issues at a regional level
3. Improved the location and content to our annual summer conference
4. Restructured our dues in hopes to increase participation and open up more educational opportunities for all Highway Departments.
5. Granted \$4,000 in annual scholarships to college students who are related to employees of a member highway department.
6. Were more deliberate in enhancing our relationship with the Association of Indiana Counties by sharing administrative staff.
7. Successfully helped support and testify for legislation to increase the stipend for counties having an engineer on staff.

Important Events in which State Association participated during year:

1. Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference
2. Association of Indiana Counties Legislative Conference
3. Indiana LTAP Annual Bridge Conference

4. Purdue Road School – IACHES assists with the program planning and is provided opportunities to have members present at the annual conference of 3000+ transportation professionals.
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Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year:

State Issues:

- Improving / increasing the voice of county highway officials with state legislators
- Improving / increasing the voices of county highway officials with INDOT
- Supporting legislation on increasing the stipend / subsidy for counties employing a County Engineer
- Supporting additional flexibility for local government's uses of state gas tax revenues
- Supporting legislation on developing a stipend / subsidy for counties employing a highway supervisor who has completed certain educational requirements

National Issues:

- Our state association did not focus much on national issues, as we are still trying to gain our voice at a state level

Ideas/concerns to share with other NACE Members:

- Our annual meeting had to be postponed from June 3-5th to July 29th-30th due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Our hope is to still host NACE Executive Director Kevan Stone to speak at the conference in attempt to increase our membership in NACE.

Report Submitted by: (Name) 

(Title) Boone County Director of Engineering

Date: 04/17/2020

Note: Expand written report if desired; please keep oral report at conference to a minimum.

Thanks, NACE Executive Committee