



**To:** ACEC Executive Directors  
**From:** Judy Hricak, Engineering Excellence Awards Committee Chair  
**Date:** August 30, 2016  
**Re:** EEA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Next year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACEC’s signature awards event—the Engineering Excellence Awards—known as the “Academy Awards of the engineering industry.” For this milestone, we’ve made a few changes to the EEA competition and the Gala that you should know about and pass on to your members.

First, one of the most popular T.V., movie and comedy stars—Kevin Nealon—will host the EEA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Washington, D.C. during the ACEC Annual Convention. Nealon was a long-time *Saturday Night Live* cast member (1986-1995), known for many hilarious characters including; ‘The Subliminal Man,’ and ‘Hans and Franz,’ and for anchoring SNL’s ‘Weekend Update.’ He made his film debut in the romantic comedy, ‘*Roxanne*,’ with Steve Martin, and has starred in over two dozen movies including ‘*Happy Gilmore*’ and ‘*The Wedding Singer*,’ both with Adam Sandler; ‘*Anger Management*’ with Jack Nicholson; ‘*Daddy Day Care*’ with Eddie Murphy; and most recently, ‘*Blended*,’ with Drew Barrymore.

Second, we have doubled the number of Grand Awards from eight to 16, and increased the number of Honor Awards from 16 to 20.

Third, as state-level EEA competitions begin to take place, please remember to forward as many worthy projects as possible from your state to the national EEA competition so that they can be considered and recognized. The chance for your members to win national honors for engineering excellence will never be greater.

For more information on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary EEA celebration, contact Daisy Nappier at [dnappier@acec.org](mailto:dnappier@acec.org)

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy L. Hricak".

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