

REPORT: 2Mar2016

SUBJECT: Preconstruction Awards Committee Report

The Committee met 2Mar2016 in David Norwood's office.

Next scheduled Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be May 4, 2016 in David Norwood's office.

The committee met on 3Feb2016 briefly and discussed the following;

- 1) The 2015 awards ceremony was well received, but we will bring the ceremony up with the Forum and see if they have any recommendations.
- 2) It was agreed to support the make-up of the committee to basically remain the same for 2016 with the exception of replacing the local government member which is done annually.
- 3) The committee recommended Nathaniel Panther of Chatham County as a replacement for the position of Local Government Representative. Committee Co-chair Jack Seibert will contact him and see if he will agree.
- 4) Committee Co-chair, Jack Seibert, will send a thank you to Tom Garret, of Barrow County for his service as Local Government Representative in 2015.

The committee met on 2Mar2016 and discussed the following;

- 1) Accepted the addition of Nathaniel Panther as the local government member of the committee. Nathaniel was present by phone for the meeting.
- 2) The committee then spent time reviewing suggestions from the Forum members from the 3Feb meeting concerning improvement to the annual Preconstruction Awards Ceremony and program improvements.
- 3) Below are the suggestions from the Forum on 3Feb;

How can the Awards ceremony be improved?:

- 1) Consider adding some new categories such as Planning, Constructability, GDOT MVP employee.
- 2) Projects considered should be closer to ongoing construction so the public is more aware.
- 3) Highlight and publicize the Companies doing the work more.
- 4) Jennifer Head (separate conversation) suggested charging a small fee \$25.00 for those submitting for an award. She actually spent additional \$\$\$\$ this year to add some silver etching to the plaques and absorbed the cost by ACEC. When the group was ask what they thought of being charged a small fee to submit, no one wanted to see a fee added

back for submittals for the awards. Darrel had illuminated what use to be a \$100 fee for submittals.

- 5) Jennifer Head (separate conversation) suggested that all awards should be submitted through ACEC. She believes this will help with a clearer understanding for all submitters and also help in preparing the announcements of the awards and help with getting awardees to attend. She said she has talked to David about this. I lean in this direction also.

How can we improve publicity of the awards and publicity of engineering?:

- 1) Jennifer Head (separate conversation) says ACEC does send out news releases for the Summit and for the Awards Ceremony; however, believes they never excite the news media nor get a response. However, she will keep doing this. Miracles occur!
- 2) Reach out to the local politicians in the area of the projects and get them to contact the News media.
- 3) Use the Atlanta Business Chronical to publicize awards and the Summit.
- 4) Get STEM schools involved.

4)Following discussions on these suggestions the committee will continue to consider these suggestions and investigate how and if these suggestions can be implemented. We will ask the Forum Planning Committee to develop a potential criteria for a possible Planning Award.

5) It was agreed by all that implementation of any changes to awards would wait until the 2017 year.

6) It was also agreed that all awards will be submitted directly to ACEC and then forwarded to the Committee for selection. ACEC, Jennifer Head suggested this and the committee agreed.

Report prepared by Jack Seibert, 3Mar2016

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