Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

May 5, 2016
Charlotte Douglas International Airport Development
Charlotte, NC

May 11, 2016
Legislative Day
Raleigh, NC

May 12, 2016
Lunch with the Board
Holiday Inn - Market Street
Wilmington, NC

August 4 - 6, 2016
Summer Conference
Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC

...for more details visit the ACEC/NC website!

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Steel Bridge Workshop
February 17th

On Wednesday, February 17th, the National Steel Bridge Alliance, in association with ACEC/NC, was pleased to bring the Raleigh area bridge design community a full-day seminar on the design and fabrication of steel highway bridges. This event was structured to create a learning environment suitable for new graduates as well as seasoned bridge design professionals. It was intended that each attendee leave having gained a broader understanding of steel bridge design, fabrication and construction. This was a full day of education for our attendees, and we thank all of our expert speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to help make this event a success.

The Bridge Subcommittee is a branch of ACEC/NC’s Transportation Committee.

The Subcommittee has Lunch and Learn Workshop planned for July 6th.

Registration and more details coming soon!

Christopher Garrell,
National Steel Bridge Alliance

ACEC/NC Welcomes Randi Veiberg!

Arriving on March 14th as our new Webmaster and Administrative Assistant is Randi Veiberg. Randi has over 20 years of experience in websites, social media & graphic design. A resident of Raleigh with her family, Randi is a graduate of Central Carolina Community College.

Please join us in welcoming Randi to your ACEC/NC Staff Team!

Let her know what you would like to see on the website! Her hours are M – W 8:00am – 5:00pm.
Joint ACEC/NC and PENC Environmental Committee’s Annual Symposium was a Huge Success!

The Joint ACEC/NC and PENC Environmental Committee’s Annual Symposium was a huge success with high-profile speakers including leaders from NCDEQ, NCDOT Hydraulic Unit, and Duke Energy.

Dodging snow events, the ACEC/NC & PENC joint Environmental Committee hosted its annual Environmental Symposium on Tuesday February 16th at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Secretary Donald van der Vaart and John C. Evans, Chief Deputy Secretary for NCDEQ served as keynote speakers discussing changes within the organization and upcoming regulatory changes. Secretary van der Vaart also addressed a wide range of questions associated with current events such as the coal ash ponds and Jordan Lake clean up.

Mark McIntire with the Duke Energy discussed various forms of alternative energy and environmental challenges faced during implementation. The Head of NCDOT Hydraulics Unit, Dr. David Chang, provided an overview of the hydraulics unit and upcoming initiatives.

To conclude the event, Linda Culpeper with the Division of Waste Management discussed risk based remediation and other regulatory issues concerning solid and hazardous waste.

Thanks to all the speakers, attendees and volunteers who helped make this event a success!

Amit Sachan, PE - Chair, Environmental Committee

Firm Qualifications Based Selection (QBS)

Through the combined efforts of ACEC/NC, PENC, AIA, and CAGC landmark legislation was passed in 2013 and 2014 that modified the state’s QBS statutes. Public Entities can no longer “opt-out” of qualifications based selection and must use QBS for solicitation of professional services on all projects except for a sole-source selection with estimated fees less than $50,000.

HB 857 and HB 1043 closed the opt-out loophole in North Carolina’s Mini-Brooks Act and furthered clarified the requirements for QBS selection. Member firms who believe a public entity has violated these statutes should contact ACEC of North Carolina for assistance.

QBS/ IT’S THE LAW
Positions Available
For more information on these job postings and how to apply, please refer to the jobs board on the ACEC/NC website at www.acecnc.org/jobs.aspx.

Alpha & Omega Group is looking for Office/HR Administrator

Calyx Engineers & Consultants is seeking a Project Accountant

Catlin Engineers and Scientists is seeking a Geotechnical Engineer

Dewberry is seeking Entry level Technician

Dyer Riddle Mills & Precourt is looking for a Traffic Engineer & Roadway Project Manager

Gannett Fleming is seeking a Proposal Manager for Raleigh office

GeoScience & Technology PA, is seeking a Sr. Level Engineer

HDR is Water Resource Engineer in the Charlotte office

Highfill Infrastructure Engineering is looking for Water/Wastewater Engineer & a Junior Water/Wastewater Engineer Jr. Level

KCI is seeking a Sr. Construction Manager in Raleigh

Kleinfelder is seeking a Geotechnical Team Lead & a Project Manager

McAdams is seeking a Civil Engineering Designer

Ramey Kemp & Associates is looking for Roadway Designer/Cadd Tech in Raleigh, transportation/NEPA Planner – Raleigh

Stanford White is seeking a mechanical engineer to serve as Project Team Leader, coordinating all technical aspects of select projects for institutional clients.

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EPAC Lunch with Speaker Moore

Nearly 70 engineering industry leaders gathered to hear NCGA House Speaker Tim Moore address the results of the recently completed long session in the general assembly and what to expect in the upcoming short session in April at the March 23rd E-PAC Luncheon. The Engineer’s PAC of North Carolina (E-PAC) supports candidates running for state office who support and promote issues favorable to business and the engineering community. Watch for future luncheons featuring key legislative leaders from our state. And consider joining your colleagues who are helping to shape the future of North Carolina by supporting your state PAC; E-PAC.

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Legislative Day (with our partners AIA NC, PENC & CAGC)

Legislative Day Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the AIA North Carolina Center for Architecture & Design

14 E. Peace St. Raleigh, NC 27604
10:30 am: Registration at AIA CfAD
11:00 am: Briefing with Legislative Updates
12:00 pm: Lunch at the Lt. Governor’s Mansion (310 N. Blount Street)
2:00 pm: Appointments- Head to Legislative Building for Appointments/Meetings with Legislators
5:30pm Wrap Up Reception with CAGC at the The Busy Bee Cafe

Registration is Open!
Consulting Congress Day a Rousing Success

On April 19th and 20th, ACEC/NC Members motored to Washington, DC, and in conjunction with our state contingent at the ACEC Spring Convention, lobbied the North Carolina delegation in Congress on issues critical to the engineering industry.

With two of the Council’s major legislative priorities—reauthorization of federal airport construction programs and a comprehensive energy package—being debated on the floor of the Senate that week, hundreds of ACEC members converged on Capitol Hill to urge support for the measures. Both bills passed by broad, bipartisan majorities. Council members also thanked lawmakers in the House and Senate for their support of the FAST Act, the five-year $305 billion surface transportation law passed last year, but asked them to create a long-term, sustainable funding source to eventually supplement the Motor Fuels Tax.

ACEC’s “citizen lobbyists” raised concerns over proposed changes to the income threshold for the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that could increase costs both for the industry and state and local government agencies. They were successful in building support for pending legislation in the House and Senate that would delay implementation of the proposed changes pending further economic impact analysis. “With major bills moving in Congress, this was an ideal time to be in Washington,” said ACEC Chairman Peter Strub of TranSystems. "That we helped to pass two major bills in the Senate was particularly satisfying."

The North Carolina delegation participated in briefings from the Governor’s office in Washington and conducted a reception for House members from North Carolina. The visits on Capitol Hill culminated with a joint meeting with our two State Senators, Richard Burr and Tom Tillis.
Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

PAR for the PAC

JULY 18th
Cary, NC

Prestonwood Country Club

SAVE THE DATE
for our
3rd Annual
Par for the
PAC Golf Tournament!

Details and Registration and
Sponsorship Opportunities
Coming Soon!

CALLING WILMINGTON FIRMS!

On May 12th ACEC/NC will host a Lunch with the Board at the Holiday Inn - Market Street. This annual event provides member firms in the Wilmington area with an opportunity to network and ask questions from the Board of Directors.

This is your chance to discuss the latest issues, challenges and opportunities the Board and members are facing.

**Lunch with the Board**
Holiday Inn
5032 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 12th
11:30 am Registration
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Immediately following lunch, members can participate in a briefing by Cliff Pyron, Communications Manager - North Carolina State Ports Authority, at the Port of Wilmington followed by a Tour of the Port. [Sign up now!](#) Space is limited!
**Member Firms in the News**

**Davis • Martin • Powell & Associates**

**Randy McNeill**, Vice President, has been elected Chairman of the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce for 2016. McNeill has served on the Chamber’s board of directors for several years, and has been with Davis • Martin • Powell & Associates of High Point for 38 years and serves on its Board of Directors.

**Dewberry**

Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has hired **Dennis E. Pitts**, and **Larry J. Ragland**, as land planners, Britteny Kelly, PE, as a transportation planning engineer and has hired four new professionals in Raleigh, North Carolina, to enhance the firm's turnkey telecommunications capabilities.

**Brittney Kelly** will support Dewberry's southeast transportation planning and environmental projects. She will be part of the team responsible for providing planning, natural resource assessment, design, and utility coordination services for transportation and site/civil projects across the southeast.

**Jessica Brunton**, senior associate and program manager, possesses more than 17 years of experience, having managed small cell, distributed antenna system (DAS), and macro site build-outs for major cellphone carriers. Brunton also has experience in solar energy project development, engineering, procurement, construction, operations, and maintenance.

**Danielle Cutlip**, senior project manager, possesses nearly 20 years of experience, specializing in wireless site deployment and real estate, including new site, small cells, and DAS project management, site acquisition, zoning, permitting, and regulatory compliance.

**Troy Linna**, project manager, possesses more than 11 years of experience, specializing in installation, construction management, bidding, and scheduling for macro, small cell, and DAS projects. Linna is certified as an iBwave Level I professional and a member of the Carolina Wireless Association.

**Rebecca Risner, PE**, senior project manager, possesses more than 22 years of civil and environmental engineering experience, specializing in zoning, compliance, and environmental assessments for wireless and solar energy sites. Risner has experience performing Phase I environmental site assessments and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and air emissions reporting.

Dewberry has also hired **Bill Grant, PE**, as a senior project manager in the firm’s Charlotte, North Carolina, office. Grant brings 30 years of experience to Dewberry, specializing in wastewater collection, transmission, treatment, and residuals management; water treatment and distribution; stormwater management; and private development.

Dewberry has also been named a **Carolinas Associated General Contractors (CAGC) Pinnacle Partner by Rentenbach Constructors** after the construction company received the Pinnacle Award for Best Project Over $5 Million. Dewberry designed the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems as part of a major infrastructure improvement project at the High Point Regional Health facility in High Point, North Carolina.

**Moffatt & Nichol**

Moffatt & Nichol has announced the addition of Project Manager **Julie Flesch-Pate** to the firm's Raleigh office. She will be part of Moffatt & Nichol's growing Environmental Services Division under the firm's Coast, Water and the Environment Practice. Her skills include leading design teams in planning for and complying with the regulations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Other capabilities include preparing Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, as well as overseeing air quality and noise impact modeling studies. Ms. Flesch-Pate has developed and implemented public involvement plans that address project branding, media relations, and the utilization of citizen resource groups as well as technical working groups.

**RAMEY KEMP & ASSOCIATES**

Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. (RKA) is pleased to announce the opening of a branch office located in the Atrium office building at 7301 Rivers Avenue, Suite 242 in North Charleston, South Carolina. **Rick Reiff, P.E., PTOE** has joined RKA as South Carolina Regional Manager. His primary role includes expanding RKA’s transportation engineering, transportation planning, roadway design, and signal design services in South Carolina. His experience includes serving local governments, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and private sector clients on all types of transportation engineering, planning, and design through hundreds of traffic studies and has been recognized as an expert on a variety of projects ranging in size from single intersection traffic signal warrant studies to long range transportation master planning studies for mega developments.
Mr. Reiff, a Clemson graduate, is a registered professional engineer in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida and is a certified professional traffic operations engineer by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

“Our company’s strategic growth plan has always included expansion into South Carolina and I’m very excited to see this plan coming to fruition. Choosing the Charleston area for our first of several branch offices in South Carolina was not a difficult decision. The people are great, the area is experiencing exceptional growth, and we feel there is a need for the services our firm provides. I couldn’t be more pleased to have Rick joining our firm. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to RKA and we are very excited to have him helping to grow our company in South Carolina.” Montell Irvin, President/CEO of RKA, stated.

Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Schnabel’s Board of Directors has named Walter J. Rabe, PE, President and CEO and announced that after more than 28 years with the firm, Gordon M. Matheson, PhD, PE, PG, President and Chief Executive Officer, retired from the firm in February, 2016. Dr. Matheson, who has served as Schnabel’s President and CEO since 2001, will continue to serve in an advisory role to facilitate Schnabel’s leadership transition until his departure.

Mr. Rabe has been with Schnabel since 2001 and served as Branch Leader for the firm’s Sterling, VA, office until 2012. He has served as Executive Vice-President of Schnabel Engineering Consultants, Inc. and has been very involved with the growth of the firm’s international work, traveling to more than 60 countries in the past 15 years.

“We are very excited to have Walt, a long-time Board Member, step into the CEO role,” said Board Chair, Raymond A. DeStephen. “The Board is confident that Walt is the right person to continue Schnabel’s growth and guide the firm through the coming years.” Said Matheson, “I am proud of the firm Schnabel has become over the past 15 years and as Schnabel moves into this next chapter of its history, I know it will continue its tradition of exceptional client service and industry innovation.”