

## ACEC/NC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

11:30 am

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Chair: Jeremy Potter  
Vice Chair: Jay Barr  
Board Liaison: Brian Glidewell  
Attendees: Jeremy Potter, Jay Barr, John Adams, Nick Tennyson, Brian Glidewell, Jeff Aker, Gareth Avant, Courtney Gamble (phone), Jamie Gregg, Bellandra Foster (phone), Jessica Mills

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- 1 Introduction of the Committee
  - a. Introductions of the attendees.
  - b. Thank you to *REI Engineers* for sponsoring lunch.
- 2 Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 4/10/2018
  - a. No comments noted.
- 3 Discuss Committee Objectives
  - a. No comments were noted regarding the ongoing discussion of “is the committee meeting its commitment to membership?”
- 4 Meetings with NC and US Representatives
  - a. NC Rep. – Nothing recent other than NC Day at the Legislature drop in meetings.
  - b. Consulting Congress Days - April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Met with numerous US Reps on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.
      1. Rep. Holding, Rep. Price, Rep. Rouzer, Rep. Walker, Rep. Hudson, Rep. Meadows
    - ii. Met with Senator Burr and in Burr’s office Wednesday afternoon.
- 5 Legislative Update
  - a. NC Bills of Interest
    - i. HB 1010/SB 758 (Build NC)
      1. This was a main focus of NC Day at the Legislature.
      2. Provide long term funding stability. (\$300M/year for 10 years).
    - ii. HB 590 (Licensing Act for Interior Designers)

1. Would allow interior designers to lead projects beyond their scope of knowledge.
2. There is no licensing board authority.
- iii. HB 866/SB 542 (Statewide bond of \$1.9 Billion for K-12 school construction.)
- iv. Transit Funding
  1. State budget mandated that Federal Funding be secured prior to any commitment of state fund.
  2. Technical Corrections Bill could potentially fix this issue.
- b. National Level
  - i. Nothing specifically noted at the meeting.

## 6 Recent Events

- a. April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Consulting Congress Days in Washington, D.C.
  - i. Improving participation every year on amount of bus riders to/from D.C.
  - ii. Great reception Tuesday evening.
  - iii. Met with Reps. on Wednesday noted under 4b.
- b. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Inaugural State PAC Sporting Clay Fundraiser.
  - i. 45-50 attendees and raised over \$2,000 for the State PAC.
- c. May 7<sup>th</sup> – Business Resources Expo at the McKimmon Center
  - i. Great feedback on the sessions.
  - ii. There was a session on millennials that many people found interesting.
- d. May 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Preconstruction workshop with NCDOT
  - i. NCDOT plans to have this event every year.
  - ii. The technical sessions were good.
  - iii. Potentially having more attendees would be good.
  - iv. Some firms were not invited to attend.
- e. June 6<sup>th</sup> – NC Day at the Legislature
  - i. Significant attendance.
  - ii. Our joint AIA/CAGC/PENC/ACEC presence was noticed among the Legislators.

## 7 Upcoming Events

- a. June 14<sup>th</sup> – Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting with the Board.
- b. June 18<sup>th</sup> – Legislative Golf Tournament at Prestonwood CC.
- c. August 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Summer Conference at Auction
  - i. Room block at the Grove Park is sold out. There is an overflow hotel available.

## 8 PAC Updates

- a. ACEC PAC Update
  - i. 2018 Goal = \$34,435

- ii. \$6,610 to date, which is slightly better than 2017 at this point.
- b. ACEC NC PAC
  - i. Fiscal Year Ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Goal for 2018 was \$10,000.
  - iii. Received approximately \$6,000 for the year.
  - iv. Would like to have a Fall 2018 fundraiser if possible.
- c. ECNC (IE) – No Update.

9 ACEC Committee/Forum Liaison Updates

- a. Board (Brian Glidewell)
  - i. The Board is working on lining up for the new year.
- b. Environmental & Energy (Gary Hartong) – No Update.
- c. Transportation (Terry Winebrenner\_ - No Update.
- d. B & I/Econ. Development (Jay Barr) – No Update.
- e. Senior Leaders Forum (Stephanie Hachem) – No Update.
- f. Business Practices Forum (Phyllis Elikai) – No Update.

10 Open Discussion – No topics noted.

11 Attachments – None.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is anticipated to be at 11:30am on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the ACEC/NC office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeremy Potter, P.E.



Jay Barr, P.E.

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Board Liaison: Scott Hinesley, REI

2018/19 Chair: Jeremy Potter, HDR

Past Chair: Jeremy Potter, HDR

2018/19 Vice Chair: TBD (Temp. Jay Barr, REI)

Past Vice Chair: Jay Barr, REI

**Description:** This committee monitors State and National legislation that may impact the engineering industry. The committee compiles the Council's legislative agenda for approval by the Board of Directors and assists in the lobbying efforts to support that agenda. The committee also promotes and organizes events that focus on furthering the Council's legislative agenda. Support the State PAC/IE and ACEC/PAC in their efforts.

### Goals 2017-2018:

- 1 Review Legislative Agenda at the end of the Long Session and revise if needed for 2018.
- 2 Continue commitment to ensuring the committee is meeting its obligation to the membership and providing value to our members.
- 3 Continue meeting with both NC and US representatives that we have met with in the past in their districts to continue established relationships in addition to reaching out to new NCGA members.
- 4 Member recruitment / after-hours networking events / briefings with representatives
  - a. Recruit Future Leaders graduates to participate (Continue visiting during Legislative Process Class and post NC Day at the Legislature Debrief.)
  - b. Election updates / legislative debrief events.
- 5 Assist with planning and coordinating activities associated with Consulting Congress Days in Washington (CCD) and the NC Day at the Legislature.
- 6 Support ACEC/PAC by:
  - a. Promoting activities,
  - b. Fundraisers (auctions, golf tournament, legislative debrief sessions)
  - c. Encouraging financial support.
- 7 Continue Keystone Award at the EEA banquet.
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### Successes from 2017-2018:

- Ongoing communication with Jim regarding any Legislative Agenda items needing discussion.
- Consistent agenda item for each meeting to allow opportunities for attendees to voice their opinion as to whether the committee is meeting its commitment to membership.
- Committee Meeting attendance has grown to approximately 12-15 per meeting consistently.
- Continued making great strides in meeting with our Legislators in home districts and out of session:
  - Foxx, Rouzer, Walker, Meadows.
  - Rep. Stone, Rep. Arp, Sen. Rabon, Sen. Berger
- Participated in a Future Leaders Kick-off Reception event in January and raised \$300 for the PAC with a raffle.
- Keystone Award presented to former Representative Chris Millis at the EEA banquet in November.

- ACEC/PAC Holiday Auction and Casino Night raised over \$9,000. Total for 2017 was over \$34,000 which exceeded the goal of \$33,463. A few lessons learned to make the next Casino Night even more profitable in terms of PAC fundraising.
- ACEC/PAC golf tournament August 14, 2017 at Prestonwood CC. 62 golfers participated and raised over \$3,600 for ACEC/PAC. Fundraising has increased every year and even raised more with less golfers in 2017.
- CCD and NC Day at the Legislature
  - Good participation for both and formats for both received good comments/input from participants.
  - Committee hosted a debrief with the 2018 Future Leaders Class at Bad Daddy's after NC Day at the Legislature that was well attended.
- Held first ACEC/NC State PAC fundraising event – Sporting Clay at Drake Landing.
  - Raised over \$2,000 for the State PAC.
  - Great feedback from participants and others who would like to participate in the next one.

#### 2017-2018 Challenges:

- Committee member participation increasing, but not all consistent.
- Could still use more participation in out of session events with Representatives.
- Still would like to engage the Future Leaders class members (past and present) in the committee.
- Need to increase participation in CCD, especially the bus riders.
- Increasing PAC fundraising for National and State by engaging new participants.

#### Goals 2018-2019:

- 1 Identify New Vice Chair.
- 2 Review/Revise Legislative Agenda for the 2019 Long Session.
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  - c. Encouraging financial support.
  - d. Engaging new participants for fundraising.
- 8 Continue Keystone Award at the EEA banquet.
- 9 Support the newly formed ACEC State PAC & Independent Expenditure Account (IE).
  - a. Would like to have enough consistent participation in the committee to develop fundraising event task force for the State PAC.