

ACEC/NC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 09, 2018

11:30 am

Chair: Jeremy Potter
Vice Chair: Jay Barr
Board Liaison: Scott Hinesley
Attendees: Jeremy Potter, Jay Barr, John Adams, Nick Tennyson, Courtney Gamble, Jim Smith, Ryan Mitchell, Josh Massrock, Gary Hartong, Scott Hinesley, Phyllis Elikai, Brian Glidewell, Reggie Scales (phone), Fred Burchett, Jessica Mills, Charles Archer (phone)

- 1 Introduction of the Committee
 - a. Introductions of the attendees.
 - b. Thank you to S&ME for sponsoring lunch.
- 2 Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 8/14/2018
 - a. No comments noted.
- 3 Discuss Committee Goals for 2018/2019 and Committee Objectives
 - a. No comments were noted regarding the ongoing discussion of “is the committee meeting its commitment to membership?”
 - b. A Task Force for creating fundraising ideas for the State PAC is being created.
 - i. Three committee members have expressed interest.
 - ii. Fred Burchett asked to be a part of the Task Force.
 - c. Vice Chair Opportunity – The committee is looking for a new Vice Chair starting in the beginning of 2019. Please reach out to Jeremy Potter or Jay Barr if interested.
- 4 Meetings with NC and US Representatives
 - a. NC Representatives
 - i. Rep. Scott Stone Fundraiser, September 5th – Jeremy Potter and Jim Smith Attended.
 - ii. Sen. Bill Rabon and Sen. Kathy Harrington Fundraiser, September 25th – Numerous committee members attended.
 - iii. Rep. John Torbett Fundraiser, October 2nd – Numerous committee members attended.
 - b. US Representatives
 - i. Upcoming Rep. Ted Budd Fundraiser, October 13th in Winston-Salem

5 Legislative Update

a. NC Bills of Interest

- i. The 2019 Legislative Agenda is forthcoming. Jim Smith, Jeremy Potter, Gary Hartong, Scott Hinesley, and Jay Barr will meet later in October to begin discussions of the agenda.
- ii. No input was provided from meeting attendees on specific items to consider including in the agenda.
- iii. Indemnification & Duty to Defend will be considered in the agenda.

b. National Level

- i. The Infrastructure Bill is not going to happen right now.
- ii. Water Bill and FAA Reauthorization have both passed the House. (not sure if it has passed the Senate as the Senate has been backed up)
- iii. 179D Tax Credit – Trying to get those back in.

6 Recent Events

- a. October 2nd – Buildings & Infrastructure Symposium
 - i. John Davis gave a great presentation.

7 Upcoming Events

- a. October 17th – Senator Berger Fundraiser at the Carolina Country Club
- b. October 18th – Rep. Dean Arp Fundraiser in Monroe, NC
- c. November 8th – Engineering Excellence Awards
 - i. Deadline to Register is November 3rd
 - ii. Keystone Award
 1. Senator Kathy Harrington was suggested to be this year's Keystone Award Winner. She has been an advocate for the engineering industry (especially transportation) for many years.
 2. Voted Unanimously to be the Keystone Award Winner.
- d. December 13th - Mid-Year Review with the Board and Holiday Reception/Auction
 - i. Holiday Reception/Auction will be at the same location as last year off of Woman's Club Drive.
 - ii. Please contact Jessica Mills if you can help out with logistics for the Reception/Auction the day of.
- e. December 20th – ACEC/NC NCDOT Joint Transportation Conference (Rescheduled)

8 PAC Updates

- a. ACEC PAC Update
 - i. 2018 Goal = \$34,435
 - ii. Approximately \$17,000 to date

- iii. The National PAC fundraising is behind and firms were challenged to assist with fundraising internally. A raffle idea was suggested and Scott Hinesley will provide the email REI used for their raffle as an example.
- b. ACEC NC PAC
 - i. PAC has made contributions to Rep. Stone, Rep. Torbett, Sen. Rabon, Sen. Harrington. Plan to contribute to Rep. Arp and Sen. Berger.
 - ii. A letter was distributed in late September to the ACEC/NC Member Firm Principle's list asking for contributions.
- c. ECNC (IE) – No Update.

9 ACEC Committee/Forum Liaison Assignments

- a. Board (Scott Hinesley) – Nothing to report.
- b. Environmental & Energy (Ryan Mitchell) – Nothing to report.
- c. Transportation (Craig Hyman) – No update provided.
- d. B & I/Econ. Development (Joseph Angell) – No update provided.
- e. Senior Leaders Forum (No one identified at this time)
- f. Business Practices Forum (Jay Barr) – Spring 2019 Expo planning is underway and the event will be in Charlotte.

10 Open Discussion

- a. Nothing noted.

11 Attachments – N/A

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeremy Potter, P.E.



Jay Barr, P.E.