EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Another exciting and challenging year has come and gone for ACEC of North Carolina. This year marks our 50th Anniversary and we plan major events to celebrate this milestone. We also continued our ongoing evaluation of benefits and services with a goal of increasing value to you and making ACEC/NC an important part of your business.

On the advocacy side, ACEC/NC members received a HUGE benefit with the recent passage of House Bill 871 — FAIR CONTRACTS. This bill will eliminate the ability of owners (public and private) to impose onerous third-party indemnification and duty to defend clauses in architectural and engineering contracts. Working closely with our Bill sponsors, the ACEC/NC-led coalition was instrumental in getting this critical legislation passed. These clauses have been imposed on our industry for decades, and particularly harm our smaller, minority and women-owned businesses. Watch for educational sessions later this year to help you use this legislation in your contract negotiations and eliminate these uninsurable obligations!

We conducted a successful Legislative Day in Raleigh with our industry peers and stormed Washington, DC to promote national initiatives, such as long-term sustainable infrastructure funding, a national energy policy, and continued workforce development to relieve the manpower shortages in the industry. In addition, we achieved our national ACEC/PAC goal for the seventh year, and with your support, continued to advance business friendly initiatives and legislation at both the state and national levels.

We continued building our Independent Expenditure Account (ECNC) and our State PAC (ACEC NC PAC). ECNC, in conjunction with ACEC NC PAC provides us the ability to advance critical legislative issues that impact our membership and support candidates who support our issue positions. These proved extremely helpful in our efforts to pass HB 871, and will continue as we educate our membership. We also set a record this year with the net addition of 30 new member firms to ACEC/NC!
ACEC/NC continues to strengthen its position as the premier voice of the private-sector engineering community in North Carolina. Each of us is here to serve your needs as members and make the ACEC/NC experience as rewarding as it can be. Thank you for your continued membership and support, and we look forward to seeing you at this year’s events.

Best Wishes for a successful and prosperous year!

James A. Smith, P.E.
Executive Director, ACEC/NC
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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ACEC:

Dear Colleagues –

Great to see so many of you at our Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., where we were thrilled to welcome over 1,600 attendees! Donna Brazile and Dana Perino were big hits with the Convention audience, as were the other speakers and panelists. The Engineering Excellence Awards Gala was attended by almost 800 people and we awarded the Grand Conceptor Award to WSP for their Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program in Seattle and celebrated a record-setting sum total of 196 projects. We recognized outgoing chair Manish Kothari and his executive committee members for their impressive service to the Council, and welcomed new chair Mitch Simpler and his ExCom members for 2019-20. Thank you to all who participated in the Capitol Hill visits to help advocate for a robust infrastructure agenda and other pressing issues for engineering. As you know, lawmakers hearing from you firsthand is a critical part of our overall advocacy program.

Sincerely,

Linda
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>> MONTHLY UPDATE & BUSINESS RESOURCES

ENGINEERING INFLUENCE PODCASTS FROM ACEC

>>> The Outlook in Washington with Politico’s Tanya Snyder

>>> ACEC Introduces the Private Industry Brief - The Engineering Industry’s Outlook for 2019

>>> All Episodes
ACEC/NC Member Events

Business Resource Exposition

On May 14-15, attendees joined Business Practices Committee’s at the annual Business Expo where we aimed to pull back the curtain and get to the bottom of what makes an AEC firm positioned for success, internally and externally.

Our Keynote Speaker, Heather Davis, PHR, SHRMCP, Director of Change Management & Employee Experience, shared with us her thoughts on “How to Help Employees Have a Stronger Experience at Work to Reach Their Highest Potential,” and the courses that followed in our sessions were both educational and stimulating for the attendees.

ACEC/NC State PAC Sporting Clay Fundraiser

Once again our members formed teams and shot numerous clay targets at the annual sporting clay event at Drake Landing, Fuquay Varina on April 12, 2019. The rain that morning did not dampen spirits or the festivities as the event raised over $3,000 for our State PAC. Attendance this year topped our inaugural event in 2018 and could lead to a record level next year. Watch for announcements on this and other State PAC events.
2019 Consulting Congress Days

On May 7 and 8, 2019, the ACEC/NC “Magic Bus” transported a group of Citizen Lobbyists to Washington, DC for Consulting Congress days. There they linked up with our delegation at the ACEC National Convention storm Capitol Hill.

The two-day excursion kicked off with a reception for members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation and culminated on Wednesday morning with visits to the offices of each legislator in the House and Senate to advocate for issues important to our industry at the Federal level. These sessions have been instrumental in garnering support for issues such as long-range infrastructure funding and the recently passed Tax Reform Act of 2017 that allowed engineering firms to benefit from the 20% business tax rate reduction.

SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: Federal Issues Papers, July 2019

ACEC/NC partners with NCDEQ and Groundwater Professionals of NC to host first annual PFAS Conference

There has been considerable news and concern recently over PFAS chemicals, also known as “forever chemicals,” a family of potentially thousands of synthetic chemicals that are extremely persistent in the environment and in our bodies. PFAS is short for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. These man-made chemicals are found in consumer products as varied as nonstick cookware, pizza boxes, and stain repellants. They do not break down, so PFAS can accumulate in the environment over time. The Cape Fear River and a compound known as “GenX” are current topics in the news.

On April 23 and 24, 2019 ACEC/NC, NCDEQ, and GWPNC teamed to host the first annual “PFAS/Emerging Contaminants Conference” at the Marriott City Center in Raleigh. Over 200 industry professionals including geologists, environmental scientists, regulators, and engineers in the industry of environmental assessment and remediation heard from experts in academia and industry about the latest news and information on these “forever chemicals” and our environment. Day one focused on Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, known as PFAS

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Welcome our Newest Council Members

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has welcomed the following new members:

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NOVA Engineering & Environmental, Inc.
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Raleigh

Thigpen Engineering & Consulting, PLLC
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thigpenengineering.com
Raleigh

Wantman Group, Inc.
(704) 716-8000
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Charlotte

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
ACEC Leads Effort to Counter ‘Transparency’ Legislation

ENGINEERING, INC, MAY / JUNE 2019—ACEC joined other professional services groups from the technology, cybersecurity and construction industries on an open letter to governors, state lawmakers, state IT leaders and procurement officials that outlined their shared concerns over legislation under consideration in multiple states to impose computer monitoring requirements on contractors doing work for state agencies.

The legislation, which is being pushed by a company called TransparentBusiness, has raised significant privacy and compliance concerns among members of ACEC state organizations, whose members already operate under federal and state regulations and agency policies that govern and manage contract negotiation, oversight and deliverables.

The technology mandated through this legislation would automatically collect data on all work performed by a contractor on a computer, including tracking total keystrokes and mouse event frequency and recording screenshots at least once every three minutes.

Because many services provided by A/E firms go well beyond computer keystrokes, ACEC state chapters have effectively argued that this proposed mandate has little relevance to how the industry operates. The Council has also raised serious cybersecurity concerns over the software mandates covered in the proposed legislation.

ACEC’s efforts were featured in a recent Bloomberg Law article, “States Want to Snoop on Contractors, but Plans Are Stalling,” written by Andrew Wallender and Sara Merken.
2019 ACEC/PAC Legislative Golf Outing

On June 17th, nearly 70 golfers gathered at the Prestonwood Country Club for the annual Legislative Golf Outing to benefit our national ACEC/PAC. The day was warm but the competition even warmer as teams competed for the overall tournament champion and runner-up prizes, presented at a reception immediately following the golf outing. There were also longest drive and closest to the pin awards presented. The event raised nearly $4,000 for our national PAC which supports pro-business federal candidates around the country. North Carolina has met its goal for seven straight years, helping ACEC/PAC achieve Million Dollar status as one of the top PACs in Washington, DC.

1ST PLACE
Will Larson
Miles Galloway
William Johnson
Derrick Smith

2ND PLACE
Scott Hinesley
Chris Gore
Joe Romenick
Blake Godwin

Members in the News

Brock Storrusten
@BrockStorrusten
May 8
Our @ACEC_NC Executive Director @JSmithacecnc having an intimate conversation with @RepDavidEPrice about importance of funding infrastructure for the long term...and the complexity of making it happen. Let’s make this happen! #FixTheFundNow #ACECAnnual2019 @ACEC_National
RFREESE AND NICHOLS EXPANDS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND WATER/ WASTEWATER PLANNING TEAM IN NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH, N.C. – May 23, 2019 – Freese and Nichols, Inc., continues to grow in North Carolina with the addition of Construction Manager MATT CARTWRIGHT, PE, and KRISTEN CARTWRIGHT, PE, a Water/ Wastewater Master Planning Project Engineer.

The Cartwrights, who have joined the Raleigh office, deepen the expertise available to meet the needs of clients throughout the Southeast region.

Matt Cartwright is a Freese and Nichols Associate with more than 16 years of experience and will lead the firm’s construction services team in providing management, inspection, constructability reviews, cost estimating and other services in North Carolina and across the Southeast.

“Matt is a proven leader who provides focus, consistency and high quality,” said Mike Wayts, North Carolina Division Manager for Freese and Nichols.

Matt Cartwright’s expertise covers a wide range of disciplines, including water and sewer lines, pump stations and lift stations, membrane treatment plants, water and wastewater treatment plants, elevated and ground storage tanks, and general site development. He is NACE certified to provide coating inspections as well as inspection training.

He currently is project manager for a team providing on-call services to the City of Durham. He also is assisting with development of a new elevated storage tank for the City of Hickory and with construction of sanitary sewer service at the Moncure Megasite for the City of Sanford.

Kristen Cartwright has provided master planning at Freese and Nichols for more than six years and developed more than 30 water/wastewater/reuse master plans, CIPs, impact fees and water quality studies. She has developed and updated multiple water/wastewater models using steady-state, extended-period simulation (EPS) and dynamic modeling and is proficient in WaterGEMS, InfoWater, SewerGEMS, InfoSewer and InfoWorks ICM. She is active in the American Water Works Association.

She currently is assistant project manager on a water quality study for the City of Sanford and is involved in a hydraulic modeling assessment of the wastewater collection system serving South Durham for the City of Durham Department of Water Management.

Both Cartwrights most recently worked for Freese and Nichols in the Houston area.

“Kristen and Matt will strengthen our North Carolina team not only with their technical expertise but with their dedication to Freese and Nichols’ culture of excellent client service,” North Carolina Account Director Charles Archer said. “They will be instrumental in our continued expansion in the Southeastern U.S.”

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Top Ten Reasons to Join ACEC/North Carolina

1. Mobilizes the collective strength of more than 230 engineering firms representing over 10,500 employees into a powerful political voice for the engineering industry at the North Carolina General Assembly.

2. Promotes legislative, regulatory, and judicial actions of critical importance to the engineering industry, including contracting out and investment in water, transportation, and energy infrastructure.

3. Advances tort reform and professional liability protections to shield engineering firms from frivolous lawsuits; and advances tax and regulatory reforms to benefit the industry. Recently passed legislation to eliminate onerous third-party Indemnification/Duty to Defend contract clauses.

4. Protects and promotes Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) at the state and local levels.

5. Supports pro-industry engineers and pro-business legislators in the General Assembly through our State PAC (ACEC NC PAC) and pro-business initiatives through the industry’s only Independent Expenditure entity (ECNC).

6. Supports legal and legislative actions in North Carolina through the Minuteman Fund to benefit the engineering industry.

7. Strengthens member firm’s bottom lines through business-focused educational programming, publications, committees, and forums.

8. Brings industry leaders and clients together at state-wide conferences and meetings to discuss key issues and partners with other A/E/C industry organizations to promote common goals.

9. Delivers the latest updates and analysis on key issues affecting engineering firms through E-mail Alerts, Bi-monthly NC Reports, and regular Legislative Updates.

10. Provides significant cost savings to member firms through the ACEC Business Insurance Trust, ACEC Life/Health Trust, ACEC Retirement Trust, and other programs.
# Committees and Forums 2019-2020

ACEC/NC Committees and Forums are one of the most important benefits to our members. Each group has a Board nominated Chair and Vice-Chair who are selected each year from the active participants. Your entire staff can be involved. Following are the Committees’ and Forums’ Board Liaisons: (Click the Committee or Forum name to go to the Descriptions our website:.

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## Save the Date Events

### Engineering Excellence Awards

- **Deadline for Entries:** September 13, 2019
- **Judging of Entries:** September 16-27, 2019
- **Awards Ceremony:** November 19, 2019

**Download Submission Form**

### ACEC 2019 FALL CONFERENCE

- **October 13-16, 2019**
- **Sheraton Grand Chicago**
- **#ACEC2019CHICAGO**

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  - 8:00am - 5:00pm  
- **The office is closed on the following holidays:**  
  - New Year’s Day  
  - Memorial Day  
  - Independence Day  
  - Labor Day  
  - Thanksgiving Day  
  - Day after Thanksgiving  
  - Christmas Day  

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