

July 2016

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Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

Bridge Workshops

ACEC/NC & NCDOT Bridge Workshop
 Wednesday Jul 6, 2016



Committee Meetings

DOT Committee Meeting
 Tuesday Jul 12, 2016

B&I Committee Meeting
 Wednesday Jul 27, 2016



Events and Conferences

Golf Tournament Sponsorships
 Monday Jul 18, 2016



ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament
 Monday Jul 18, 2016



Member Event

Transportation Research Board Committee on Resource Conservation and Recovery 2016 Summer Workshop
 Jul 26, 2016 - Friday Jul 29, 2016

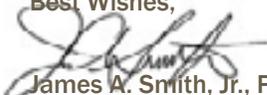
...for more details visit the ACEC/NC website!

The Year in Review

This has been another exciting and challenging year for ACEC of North Carolina. We continued our on-going evaluation of benefits and services with a goal of increasing value to you, including the consolidation of several Committees and Forums, a new and improved location in the Wells Fargo Capitol Center in Raleigh, and the continued upgrading of our website and social media offerings. Many of our major events continue to be improved and expanded, including the joint ACEC/NCDOT Transportation Conference where we welcomed nearly 1,000 participants this past year, the joint Buildings and Infrastructure Symposium with AIA/NC, and the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala.

On the advocacy side the past year has been one of significant achievement in the Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform areas at both the State and Federal levels. We advocated aggressively for new transportation funding streams, stabilization of the Motor Fuels Tax, and support of the NC Connects Bond Referendum for vertical infrastructure, where ACEC/NC's campaign raised nearly \$90,000 towards passage efforts. We conducted a successful Legislative Day in Raleigh with our industry peers and stormed Washington, DC to promote national initiatives, such as long-term energy policy and passage of the FAST ACT. In addition, we achieved our ACEC/PAC goal for the fourth year in a row raising nearly \$32,000 and we continued to advance business friendly initiatives and legislation at the state and national levels. We also welcomed Randi Jean Veiberg as Webmaster/Administrative Assistant to our staff.

ACEC/NC continues to be 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. It has been an honor to serve you as Executive Director this past year and I look forward to the exciting changes that are coming this New Year.

Best Wishes,

 James A. Smith, Jr., PE

Committee Happenings - Get Connected

Legislative Committee:

Legislative Members, Please join us August 9th over lunch for the Legislative Committee Meeting. We hope you can join us or call in!

Conference Number is 1-866-866-2244
 Dial 3809405# when prompted
 Thanks!
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The easiest place to park is the Alexander Parking Deck across Fayetteville Street from the Wells Fargo Capitol Center.

Committee Reports

Join an ACEC/NC Committee or Forum!

It's time again to sign up for a Committee/Forum as we enter the new administrative year on July 1st. Committees are where the critical work of ACEC is accomplished, and the "rubber hits the road."

Join your colleagues and make a difference in our industry! Log in to: www.acecnc.org and sign up today!

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| • Legislative | Brian Glidewell, S&ME, Chair |
| • Environment/Energy | Bill Gilmore, HDR, Chair |
| • Transportation | Josh Dalton, Sungate Design, Chair |
| • Business Practices | Greg Sallee, McAdams, Chair |
| • Buildings and Infrastructure | Ron Rothfuss, S&ME, Chair |
| • Senior Leaders Forum | Valoree Eikinas, CALYX, and Jeff Douglas, HDR, Co-Chairs |

*Stay in Touch!
Sign up for
Committee &
Forum Email Lists*

Membership Directory 2016-2017 Now On-line!

Log-in and check out the membership: www.acecnc.org/list.

ACEC/PAC Update

ACEC/PAC - is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. Supported by engineering professionals from across the country who work for member firms, the sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry. In North Carolina, your ACEC/PAC contribution helps elect and support our Congressional delegation that has helped pass a 6-year transportation funding bill, introduce landmark energy legislation, and fight for FAA reauthorization.

Last year, North Carolina again exceeded its goal by raising nearly \$32,000. This year we hope to again beat the goal and keep North Carolina in the top ten nationwide in ACEC/PAC support. Watch for these events in 2016 and help support the engineering industry's premier industry PAC:

- **Par for the PAC** – Legislative Breakfast with Special Guest Speaker [John Davis](#) followed by our Golf Outing @ Prestonwood Country Club, July 18, 2016
- **Annual Summer Conference and ACEC/PAC Auction** – Grove Park Inn, Asheville, plus the ACEC/NC "Third Annual Brew Tours," August 3-6, 2016



John Davis
of John Davis Consulting



ACEC'S TRUST PROGRAMS: Serving ACEC Members While Saving Them Money

"With a total annual ACEC Insurance savings of \$45,000... I could kick myself for resisting ACEC's repeated requests to join their plans earlier."

-Kenneth P. Herceg, President, Ken Herceg & Associates, Inc.

ACEC's Trust Programs are designed to enhance your membership investment by helping to control your firm's costs. ACEC's Life/Health, Retirement, and Business Insurance Trusts provide the highest quality services, help navigate legal and compliance requirements for each of your benefits packages, and deliver real savings for you to invest back into your company. The ACEC Trusts have created partnerships with reputable administrators and plan providers that offer valuable services with quality and competitive prices. In addition to providing business savings, these programs make for an attractive employee retention program in which individual employees benefit from your ACEC purchasing power.

For additional information on ACEC's Trust programs, contact **Jim Smith at 919-781-7934** and jsmith@acecnc.org, or **Charles Kim at 202-347-7474** and ckim@acec.org.

Available Positions

CALYX Engineers + Consultants is seeking a GIS Specialist for our Cary office. This position will perform a variety of professional GIS services for the planning group as well as other CALYX service lines. The GIS Specialist will create high-end analytical and cartographic map products utilizing various data types and sources. Also, this individual will be performing geospatial analysis for maps and reports. **(919) 836-4800**

CATLIN Engineers and Scientists is seeking experienced Geotechnical Engineers to join our Wilmington and Raleigh, North Carolina offices to support projects involving civil site development, NCDOT bridges and roadways, commercial and industrial development, and various Department of Defense (DoD) projects. **(910) 452-5861**

The Raleigh, NC office of **Dewberry** has an opening for an accomplished mechanical engineer/PE, who will be responsible for providing technical guidance and training/mentoring of our design resources in all areas of work we do associated with mechanical engineering. Experience: 5 years minimum with 8+ years preferred. **(919) 881-9939**

Experienced Transportation Planning Planner/Engineer is needed for **DRMP, Inc's** Charlotte or Cary office. Desired candidate will have experience with Federal NEPA and NCDOT PDEA projects, including concept and feasibility reports, and have an understanding of the Federal NEPA and North Carolina SEPA processes. **(407) 896-0594**

Both **McAdams and A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc.** have posted **multiple new job listings** on our web —



▶ **LOOK ON WWW.ACECNC.ORG WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON THESE JOBS AND OTHERS — GOOD LUCK!**

Event Reports

CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jack Christine, the Deputy Aviation Director for Charlotte Douglas International Airport, who is responsible for all aspects of airport development, operations and facility maintenance for the airport, gave a presentation to the ACEC/NC B&I Committee and other members on May 5th.



2016 JOINT LEGISLATIVE DAY WITH AIA, PENC & CAGC

On May 11, 2016 in Raleigh, our industry allies from across North Carolina - AIA, CAGC & PENC joined together to show our strength during NC Day at the State House. This event gives us the opportunity to unite with our strategic partners and collectively voice our concerns with Legislators face-to-face. The day started out with a review of current construction industry legislation and a briefing on our state's infrastructure needs.



TOUR OF THE WILMINGTON PORT

On May 12, 2016 the Board of Directors of ACEC/NC made its annual trip to Wilmington to meet with Cape Fear area firms and brief them on what has been happening in North Carolina.

After a joint luncheon, Executive Director Jim Smith provided an overview of 2015-2016 and what's in store with the new year with our kick-off slated for July 1st.

At 2 pm, everyone adjourned for the Port of Wilmington and an informative presentation by Communications Manager Cliff Pyron, followed by a Wilmington Trolley Port Tour.

The only thing missing were the brewery stops the last time we rode the trolley!



New Member List

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of ACEC/NC: Welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

OBOE GALAXY
MANAGEMENT LLC
Cary

SHIELB, PLLC
Charlotte

LOCKLEAR, LOCKLEAR
& JACOBS, PLLC
Pembroke

CONNOR GWYN
SCHENCK, PLLC
Raleigh

GENESIS ENGINEERING AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, PLLC
Wake Forest

THINC STRATEGY, LLC
Wilmington

YOU CAN HELP!

Please send us your ads, upcoming events and especially your vounteer/community stories to:

Randi Jean Veiberg
rveiberg@acecnc.org
—we love photos, too!

Article Suggestions for the *NC Report* may be sent to:

Jim Smith
jsmith@acecnc.org

2016 EEA Call for Entries is almost upon us!

The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC) Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) is an annual competition that honors and recognizes engineering and surveying firms for projects which demonstrate the highest degree of achievement, value and ingenuity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ACEC/NC schedule for submittals are as follows:

Deadline for Entries	September 23, 2016
Judging	September 28-October 8, 2016
Awards Ceremony	November 10, 2016

ACEC/NC Grand Winners may also re-submit to ACEC National's EEA Competition.

ACEC *National's* schedule for submittals are as follows:

Deadline for Entries	January 6, 2017
Judging of Submittals	February 10-12, 2017
EEA Gala - Washington, DC	April 25, 2017

JUDGING

Entries are to be judged (by an outside panel of judges) on the basis of overall engineering excellence in each of twelve practice areas, based only on the work performed by the entering firm and scored in accordance with the guidelines listed below. Based on each project's overall score, projects can receive one of the following awards: Honors Award (85 - 90 points), Grand Award (90 - 100 points), or Grand Conceptor (highest points awarded by the judges). Once the judging has been completed, entrants will be notified as to whether or not their project will be honored with an award, but the specific level of the award the project will receive will not be announced until the ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner on November 10, 2016.



Download the PDF Application Form from Our website!

Member Firms in the News

Dewberry

Erin Gallimore has joined Dewberry's Raleigh, North Carolina, office as a staff engineer. She will support the firm's water group, which specializes in treatment and conveyance solutions, process optimization, and permitting support for the municipal, industrial, and power industries. Erin has nearly 10 years of experience in civil and environmental engineering.

Stroud Pence Structural Engineers

Anna Lynch, Principal-in-charge/branch manager of Stroud Pence Structural Engineers was recently listed as a TBJ's 40 under 40 Winner. She lists "Being the structural engineer of record on one of the largest projects that the state of North Carolina has built in the last 10 years. Rising to the position of principal of Stroud Pence Structural Engineers before the age of 30." as one of the accomplishments she's most proud of.

Did You Know? -

DOL Overtime Rule Released, will affect each and every ACEC member firm's policy on Exempt Employees!

The US Department of Labor (DOL) recently released final overtime rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), requiring that employees who earn less than \$913 per week/\$47,476 annually be paid overtime if they work more than 40 hours in a week. The rule goes into effect December 1, 2016. DOL had initially proposed automatic updates to the salary threshold annually, but at ACEC's urging the final rule provides for adjustments every three years. The Council had also expressed strong opposition to modifying the duties test for the executive, administrative, and professional exemptions when the rule was initially proposed, and the final rule does not make any changes in this area.

To view a summary of the final rule, [click here](#).

ACEC-endorsed legislation that requires DOL to delay implementation of its overtime rule has gained strong support in the Senate and the House. Bills in the Senate, authored by Tim Scott (R-SC) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and in the House, authored by Tim Walberg (R-MI) and John Kline (R-MN), would put the new rule on hold and require DOL to conduct a more comprehensive analysis of economic impact.

...and ?

ACEC/North Carolina Membership Benefits brochure is downloadable from this newsletter as well as from the web -- go ahead and offer a prospect a copy - it is a great piece to add to your marketing packets!



*Don't Forget:
You can find everything to know
through the links on your
ACEC/NC Member Profile page...
Need a login?*

Firm Qualifications Based Selection (QBS)

Through the combined efforts of ACEC/NC, PENC, AIA, and CAGC landmark legislation was passed in 2013 and 2-14 that modified the states 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 further 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



Staff Announcements:

Meredith Houston

has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE®) designation from American Society of Association Executives. The CAE certification is the highest professional credential in the association industry.

To be designated as a Certified Association Executive, an applicant must have a minimum of three years' experience with nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 100 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics.

Jessica Mills

is now credentialed as a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP), which is one of the meeting industry's top professional designations.

This distinguished certification, recognized throughout the meeting, convention, and exhibition industry, demonstrates Ms. Mills comprehensive knowledge of meeting management as well as a commitment to the profession. The examination is based on an extensive review of professional qualifications and demonstrates responsibility and accountability for successful meetings. Additionally, each applicant must have completed a minimum of 25 hours of industry specific continuing education or a meeting management internship.

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★★★★★ SAVE THE DATE ★★★★★

"BUILD A BETTER FIRM"

SUMMER CONFERENCE

WHEN: August 4 - 6, 2016
WHERE: Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

REGISTER

Featuring an all-star line up of speakers you won't want to miss!

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Fargo Capitol Center.

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\$12.00 daily maximum



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on the following
holidays:

New Years Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Day