From the Executive Director of ACEC/NC:

On April 5, 2017, our joint Recovery Coalition of ACEC/NC, PENC, AIA/NC, and CAGC will hold its annual Legislative Day in Raleigh at the Center for Architectural Design, 14 Peace Street, Raleigh, NC. After briefings and presentations by key legislators from the North Carolina General Assembly, participants will head to the NCGA and lobby for issues critical to the A/E/C industry. Key issues will include long-term Transportation Funding, Construction Workforce Development, Economic Development, and assisting Tier 1 Counties with K-12 School Construction. This is an all-important event and we need you to turn out and help us spread the word at the legislature. Your voice is critical to successfully defending our industry and keeping North Carolina growing!

On April 25, 2017, the ACEC/NC bus departs Raleigh for Washington, DC and our annual Consulting Congress Days on Capitol Hill. You’ll ride to DC in a luxury motor coach with your colleagues, attend a reception on Tuesday evening with members of the North Carolina delegation and “Storm the Hill” on Wednesday morning to lobby for national issues critical to the Business of Engineering. We’ll conclude the day with a joint meeting with Senators Burr and Tillis and then depart for Raleigh. If you have never attended this event, please consider supporting your industry and advocating for our issues. We need you voice to be heard. There is key legislation coming up that will affect your business and your ability to practice your profession. Make your voice heard and join us in Washington!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Executive Director,

James A. Smith, P.E.
Executive Director, ACEC/NC

ACEC/NC Executive Director Jim Smith with Senator Richard Burr and President George W. Bush last October
Committee Meetings

April 11, LEGISLATIVE Committee Meeting: 11:30am - 1:00pm - Raleigh

April 26, B&I Committee Meeting: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM EDT - Raleigh

SAVE THE DATES:
July 27-30, 2017 ACEC/NC Summer Conference: Sunspree Holiday Inn, Wrightsville Beach, NC

more info to come..

...for more details visit WWW.ACECNC.ORG

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Folks,
Below is Dave Raymond’s monthly report for March. If you ever needed reason to support ACEC/PAC with your contributions, see the highlighted summary below.

ACEC has great influence in Washington, and reinforces our need to support pro-business candidates in Congress. Please consider the Spring Sweepstakes (p.6) as a means of support.

Thank you,
Jim

March 1, 2017

Dear Colleagues –

In the wake of the President’s address to a Joint Session of Congress last night in which he reaffirmed his call to rebuild the nation’s infrastructure, ACEC will continue to press for a comprehensive approach to infrastructure investment that includes both public and private investment. As we have long maintained, this should be a bipartisan effort for significant long-term benefits for our nation’s economic security. Earlier yesterday, the President ordered a re-do of the Waters of the U.S. rule, which was music to ACEC ears as we have been advocating such a re-do for more than a year. On an ACEC governance matter, the Nominating Committee is soliciting applications for ACEC’s chair-elect and four vice-chair positions commencing April 2018. I would encourage Member Organization’s (MO) leaders who have been active in ACEC and who are interested in national leadership positions to seriously consider becoming candidates and submit their applications through their state MOs to the national office by April 7, 2017.

~Dave

From the ACEC President’s Monthly Update:

General

• In a major victory for ACEC, President Trump ordered a “do-over” of the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, which would have imposed an expansive regulatory framework preventing critical infrastructure improvements for questionable benefits to water quality; a “do-over” will benefit both development and water quality protection.

• Six new Members of Congress – Representatives Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Drew Ferguson (R-GA), Paul Mitchell (R-MI), Lloyd Smucker (R-PA), Scott Taylor (R-VA), and Bruce Westerman (R-AR) – were at ACEC headquarters in February for orientation visits and discussions on the Council’s agenda; ACEC/PAC also co-hosted a fundraiser for Representative Charlie Dent (R-PA).

• Hosted the FIDIC (international council of engineering associations) Executive Committee meeting at ACEC headquarters to review progress on QBS and other industry issues worldwide.

• Our fast-approaching Annual Convention will address key infrastructure, tax, regulatory, and other business practice issues; 36 Grand and Honor EEA winners will be recognized along with 126 National Recognition Award recipients at the 50th anniversary EEA Gala; click here for Convention registration information – “early bird” discounts end March 24th.

Government Advocacy

• The House cleared ACEC-backed legislation to overturn the proposed “Blacklisting” rule, which would jeopardize government contractors for mere allegations of various labor rule violations; the Council also launched a grassroots Action Alert urging ACEC members to contact their Senators to support the legislation.

• Signed a coalition letter in support of repealing the health insurance tax (HIT) on the fully-insured health plans typically offered by small firms.

• Joined business allies in support of legislation that facilitates association health plans, such as the ACEC Life/Health Trust.

• Joined 40 transportation stakeholder organizations urging Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao to modify a burdensome new rule requiring state DOTs to measure greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and set emission reduction targets as part of a broad performance management framework; the final rule has been delayed for 60 days under a Presidential Executive Order postponing implementation of regulations published in the last days of the Obama Administration.

• Joined with the U.S. Chamber, National Association of Manufacturers, the American Chemistry Council and other organizations in urging President Trump to submit nominations to fill the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s three vacant commissioner positions; this is needed to facilitate the approval of permit applications for major energy infrastructure projects.
ACEC/NC supports Congressman Mark Meadows:

ACEC/NC leadership, including President Stephanie Hachem, President-elect Monty Irvin, Vice President Gary Hartong, and Executive Director Jim Smith attended a gathering of NCGA members and key Raleigh-area business leaders in support of Congressman Mark Meadows (R-8) on the evening of March 6th. NCGA leadership in attendance included House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro-tempore Phil Berger. Congressman Meadows is the Chairman of the influential House Freedom Caucus and spent time with ACEC/NC leadership discussing issues important to the engineering community at the national level. To quote Congressman Meadows, “there will be good things happening on the infrastructure front in Washington in the coming weeks that will benefit the engineering industry.” A big thank to Congressman Meadows for his support of infrastructure funding and growing the economy! #

2017 JOINT LEGISLATIVE DAY WITH ACEC/NC, AIA, PENC & CAGC

Be part of the Design/Construction Community's Joint NC Legislative Day on April 5, 2017 in Raleigh. Join our industry allies from across North Carolina - AIA, CACG & PENC 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 will start out at the AIA NC Center for Architecture & Design with a review of current industry legislation and a briefing on our state's infrastructure needs.

After lunch, you will join fellow ACEC/NC members for an afternoon at the Legislative Complex where you will have an opportunity to engage with members of the General Assembly.

This event is free for all ACEC/NC Members, we just ask that you register in advance.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
10:30 am - Registration: At the Center for Architecture & Design
11:00 am - Briefing: Legislative updates & member briefing on issues
12:00 pm - Lunch: Lunch & Legislator presentations
1:00 pm - Appointments: Head to the Legislative building for appointments with Legislators at the Legislative Complex
5:30 pm - Reception: Reception hosted by CAGC at the Oak & Dagger (*Separate registration and fee required for reception. Register here to attend reception.)

Contact Information:
Email Jessica Mills

Fees/Admission:
The day’s event and lunch is complimentary for our members. Please register as we need an accurate head count. Please note: There is a separate registration and fee to attend the CAGC reception at 5:30. CLICK HERE to register for the reception.

Location:
Morning Events
Center for Architecture & Design
AIA Headquarters
14 E. Peace St
Raleigh, NC 27604

Day at the State House
NC General Assembly
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Reception hosted by CAGC
Oak & Dagger
18 Seaboard Ave #150
Raleigh, NC 27604

Date/Time Information:
Wednesday, April 5th
10:30 am - 5:30 pm
2017-2018 Board of Directors

The following individuals will make up the 2017-2018 Board of Directors, beginning July 2017:

- Stephanie Hachem P.E. National Director
- Monty Irvin P.E. President
- Gary Hartong P.E. President Elect
- Scott Hinesley P.E. Vice President
- Derek Clyburn P.E. Secretary/Treasurer
- Paul Meehan P.E. Completing year 2 of 2
- Matt Daves P.E., CBCP, LEED AP Completing year 2 of 2
- Reginald Scales Completing Derek Clyburn’s year 2 of 2
- Amit Sachan P.E., CFM New 2 year term
- Brian Glidewell P.E. New 2 year term
- Elizabeth Phipps P.E. New 2 year term

Many Triad area ACEC/NC Member Firms were represented at the March 9, 2017 Spring Breakfast with the Board held at the S&ME office in Greensboro.

During this breakfast, these members had the chance to:

- Get an update from the Board of Directors
- Find out how to get connected
- Give feedback on how ACEC/NC can serve them
- Ask questions to the Board of Directors
- Network with their peers

Welcome our Newest Association Members

THE ACEC/NC BOARD has welcomed the following new members:

American Engineering Associates - Southeast, PA
CHARLOTTE
http://american-ea.com/

Sanborn Map Company, ASSOCIATE MEMBER CHARLOTTE
http://www.sanborn.com/
EPAC Update

Rep. Darren Jackson addresses E-PAC Luncheon:

Thirty engineering industry leaders assembled at the City Club Raleigh on Friday, March 24th, to hear House Minority Leader Darren Jackson (D-39) address what’s happening currently at the NC State legislature.

With the cross-over deadline for bill filing fast approaching in April, there will be a flurry of bills introduced over the next few weeks, making for interesting times for legislators and lobbyists. Some key points mentioned by Jackson:

There will be a growing movement for a Transportation Bond later this year or next as part of the Governor’s infrastructure agenda, as well as continued discussions on sustainable long-term infrastructure funding.

A bill to raise or eliminate the transit funding cap has again been introduced, but may hit similar resistance in the Senate as in prior sessions. There are several proposals gathering steam concerning the regulation of Wind Farms.

Finally, if efforts are successful to cap the ability to raise State Income taxes at 5.5% annually, there will be growing pressure to broaden the base of sales taxes, which could lead to pressure to tax all professional services.

As is often the case, there will be other surprises at NCGA over the coming weeks, and we will continue to fight for our industry. Stay tuned…

Consulting Congress Days: April 25-26

Calling all ACEC/NC Members …this is your time to

Make Your Mark on Washington! Join us April 25-26 in Washington, DC for the 2017 Consulting Congress Days (CCD). This is your chance to make an impact on the decisions that directly affect your business. You can reap the rewards of a more business-friendly Congress but we need your help to get results!

>> More Info on the Web!
Members in the News

DEWBERRY SELECTED TO CREATE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR NEW INTERMODAL TRAIN HUB

North Carolina project will generate economic opportunity for eastern North Carolina

FAIRFAX, VA – February 13, 2017 Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has been selected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to develop a transportation and freight master plan for the new Carolina Connector (CCX) intermodal train hub in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. This facility will serve as a major intermodal transportation center for CSX in the southeast.

Dewberry’s efforts will focus on the transportation connections to potential freight nodes across the state and the strategic infrastructure investments that will be crucial to the success of the facility. In addition, the firm will identify key markets for targeted future investment to facilitate continued growth for the benefit of the Eastern North Carolina region and the state.

MONTELL IRVIN, P.E., PTOE ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY’S OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RALEIGH, NC – February 16, 2017 – Montell “Monty” Irvin, P.E., PTOE, President and CEO of Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. (RKA) was recently appointed by the former Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Nicholas Tennyson, to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority’s Operations Committee and was also elected to serve as the Chairman for the Operations Committee.

“I am honored to serve the State of North Carolina and I am looking forward to serving as the Chairman of this Committee and continuing to work with the Turnpike Authority’s staff,” said Montell “Monty” Irvin, P.E., PTOE, President and CEO of RKA.

ARAMY KEMP & ASSOCIATES, INC. WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MR. LUCAS HELMS, P.E., MR. MATTHEW FLEMING, P.E., AND MR. MICHAEL BAILEY, P.E., PTOE

RALEIGH, NC – Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. (RKA) would like to congratulate Mr. Lucas Helms, P.E. and Mr. Matthew Fleming, P.E. on earning their Professional Engineer’s licenses. As well, RKA would like to congratulate Mr. Michael Bailey, P.E., PTOE on becoming a Professional Engineer and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) in 2016.

DEWBERRY ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF KATIE JONES

Wastewater treatment expert promoted to senior associate in the firm’s Raleigh, North Carolina, office

FAIRFAX, VA – March 13, 2017 – Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has announced the promotion of Katie Jones, PE, from associate to senior associate in the firm’s Raleigh, North Carolina, office.

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- The 2017 Capitol Club (members who contribute $5,000 to ACEC/ PAC each year) welcomed John Carrato (IL), Tom Collins (IL), Satch Pecori (IL), Jason Webber (FL) and Jerry Wolverton (GA); they join Anthony Bartolomeo (PA), Milo Riveros (NY), Mitch Simpler (NY), Peter Strub (SC), and Jerry Stump (TN) in this august group who receive various privileges (contact Katherine Bohny or Greg Knapp for additional information).
- ACEC staff provided federal legislative briefings at state meetings in Kentucky and Wisconsin.
- The ACEC Environment and Energy Committee winter meeting in Washington, D.C. featured presentations on regulatory challenges and market opportunities in the energy and water sectors.

Business Resources

- Hosted “Fundamentals of Effective A/E Operations Management,” by instructors Kevin McMahon and Bill Siegel, which focused on the essentials of successful firm business management.
- 23 small firm owners attended the Small Firm Council Winter Seminar, “Defining HR Operations.”
- CAMEE, CASE, COPS, LDC, and DPC all had highly productive winter meetings, where attendees collaborated on development of new practice documents, discussed how new technologies continue to impact infrastructure design and project work, and shared best practices on project management functions.
- The continuing education management system (RCEP) added a new “approved provider” – Daikin North America, bringing the total number of approved providers up to 146.
- The Senior Executives Institute (SEI) Class 22 second session focused on communication styles and protocols, and how personality types and assessments can impact business effectiveness.
- With more than 30 participants, February’s most popular online class, Business Enhancer-Value Creator: A Fresh Take on the Seller-Doer Model, examined how member firms can use strategic plans to build successful relationships with clients.
- March online programs will feature: Smart Buildings, Smart Cities, and the Opportunities for Engineers; Attracting Clients: How to Market Your Firm with Every Conversation; Cyber Risk Increasing for Design Firms; Understanding Firm Value: Looking Beyond the Numbers; The PM’s Survival Guide to Managing Multiple Projects; Connecting Client/Prospect Feedback to Organizational Improvement; Supercharge Your Team to Win the Race for Talent; Brand Now: Refocus Your Brand and Help Your Firm Grow; Strategic Crisis Planning to Protect Your Company’s Assets and Profits; Find the Lost Dollars in Your A&E Firm; register at http://www.acec.org/education/online-classes.

Contact ACEC/NC: 919-781-7934 or info@acecnc.org
QBS Myths Debunked: Did you know…

“Units of local government may now (only in writing) exempt from QBS particular projects with an estimated Professional Fee of less than $50,000.”

Projects with an estimated Professional Fee greater than $50,000 must use QBS.

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