Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

Consulting Congress Days
April 23-24, 2013
Washington DC

Project Evolution: It’s Grow Time!
Design & Construction Symposium
May 14, 2013
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

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

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MAKE YOUR MARK!
Consulting Congress Days
April 23-24

ACEC/NC is headed to DC to make our mark on Capitol Hill. On April 23rd, we will load up in the motor coach and head to DC to meet with representatives from our state and share with them the issues that matter most to the Engineering industry. It is important that we represent our diversity as an organization, so we need YOU to join us and add your voice.

We will have a networking reception on Tuesday night at DC Coast restaurant. A representative from the Governor’s DC office will join us for an issues briefing.

Wednesday morning, we will head out early to Rayburn House where a number of representatives will visit with us and allow time for Q&A. A number of senators and congressmen have already secured their slots to meet with our group.

Let’s impress upon our legislators that ACEC/NC represents the great diversity of engineering firms in North Carolina. Please send a representative and help us Make Our Mark!

Registration is still open. You must book your own hotel room. Visit the ACEC/NC website today for full details and to register for the event. You must register even if you do not plan to ride the group coach to DC!

REGISTER TODAY!!

Contact ACEC/NC: 919-781-7934 or info@acecnc.org
EPAC Welcomed Republican Conference Leader Ruth Samuelson

On Monday, February 25, over 50 members of ACEC and PENC gathered for the first E-PAC Luncheon of 2013. Our guest speaker was Rep. Ruth Samuelson, Republican Conference Leader at the NC House of Representatives. Rep. Samuelson is a rising star in state politics and discussed many of the issues faced by the current state legislature. Ruth is a self-described “Environmental Republican” and has taken a keen interest in water issues throughout her career. She brought EPAC members up-to-date on potential legislative changes in environmental regulations. We also had the opportunity to brief Ruth about the advantages of the “Certificate of Merit” legislation that we are proposing to decrease the frequency of frivolous lawsuits against engineers.

We are making incredible headway in the General Assembly, and we can have even more impact with your continued support. Our ongoing lobby activity this session is directed towards regulatory reform, infrastructure investment, continued government outsourcing to engineers, tort reform (Certificate of Merit), and appointments of engineers to key boards and commissions.

Future E-PAC Luncheon speakers will be announced in the coming weeks. Be on the look-out for the 2013 membership invoices in the next couple of weeks and return them as possible. Please consider including a slight increase in the your contribution if you see fit in order to help E-PAC continue its vital advocacy work on behalf of the engineering community.

-Henry Liles, EPAC Chair

ACEC/NC Executive Director Update

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some ACEC/NC activities related to the Executive Director position. The ACEC/NC Executive Committee met with the PENC Executive Board to discuss possible collaboration opportunities. Both organizations recognize some benefit to sharing resources; however, ACEC/NC believes it is in our best interest to have an independent Executive Director. As such, ACEC/NC will begin the search for an Executive Director. A search committee has been established to review applications, conduct interviews and ultimately decide on the next ACEC/NC Executive Director.

Secondly, as an interim step, ACEC/NC has agreed with PENC to collaborate on government advocacy/lobbying efforts. Betsy Bailey, Executive Director for PENC, will represent both PENC and ACEC/NC during the current legislative session. We look forward to a common voice in the legislature. If you have legislative suggestions or concerns, please contact our Legislative Committee. Gary Hartong is the Chair, Henry Liles the Board Liaison and Steve Thomas is assisting in the legislative effort. Please relay any suggestions, concerns or recommendations through these individuals.

We appreciate your patience during this time. ACEC/NC continues to put on great programs and services in light of being short staffed. Many volunteers have stepped forward to assist and Erika is doing a wonderful job as the lone ACEC/NC employee at this time. Thank you, Erika!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Do you know an applicable candidate? CLICK HERE to view the complete job description and for information on how to apply.
Committee Spotlight: Buildings & Infrastructure

PROJECT EVOLUTION: IT’S GROW TIME

ACEC/NC Buildings & Infrastructure Committee Invite you to join us on...

May 14, 2013
Jane S. McKimmon Center
8:30 am-3:30 pm
“The Great Collaboration Continues”
A design and construction symposium bringing the private and public sectors together to share ideas and experiences for the built environment.

This full day agenda will include four expert panel conversation sessions with topics from project risk to planning, developing, and funding projects. Our lunch will feature a keynote speaker from Governor McCrory’s office! The symposium will be worth 4.5 PDH credits for PEs. This event is open to all but space is limited so REGISTER TODAY!

For more information and to register for this event, visit the ACEC/NC website.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for this event! Make sure your company get’s the spotlight by securing yours today!

Send your completed CONTRACT to Erika Post at the ACEC/NC office.

In other Committee News...

Jane Brasier, who most recently served as Vice-Chair of ACEC’s Economic Development Committee, has joined Advanced Energy as a Business Development Manager with the transportation initiatives team. They are focused on accelerating the transition to cleaner transportation solutions, and offer consulting, testing and training. Founded in 1980, the company is located on Centennial Campus at NCSU.

Thank you, Jane, for your service to ACEC/NC!

To contact Jane: jbrasier@advancedenergy.org or call: 919-857-9047.

ACEC/PAC- Get Involved in 2013

The purpose of ACEC is: “To promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy and business services.” As a member firm leader, I am sure you appreciate the hard work ACEC does representing our industry’s interests in Washington, DC. ACEC tirelessly advocates for legislation that benefits our firms. The private sector is under increasing attack by “progressive interests” and the battle continues. There is an old saying in politics: “If you aren’t at the table, then you’re on the menu.” ACEC gets us a seat at the table!

How can you help? Support and donate to the ACEC/PAC! Our 2013 Campaign has just commenced and North Carolina’s goal is over $26,000. Last year you all did an amazing job and through your efforts we made our goal for 2012, the first time in many years. But the work goes on, and there are several ways you can be a part of this effort:

• Write a personal check for any amount
• Contribute regularly through On-Line Giving in whatever amount is comfortable
• Purchase a Spring Sweepstakes raffle ticket for a chance to win $10,000 and other prizes.

More Information is available at: www.acec.org/advocacy

Please join me and your colleagues in supporting the ACEC/PAC in 2013!

-Jim Smith, ACEC/NC PAC Champion

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Member Firms in the News

CDM Smith

Douglas B. Saunders has joined CDM Smith’s Raleigh, North Carolina office as a senior transportation engineer. Saunders, a licensed engineer with 30 years of experience, will lead CDM Smith’s transportation design division in the Carolinas and serve as the transportation design-build sub-discipline leader. Saunders’ experience encompasses many phases of transportation design, project/program management, and construction/contract administration, including several alternative delivery projects in North Carolina. He began his career at the North Carolina Department of Transportation Construction Unit. Since then, he has worked in the private sector, managing both federal and state-funded projects, private developments for various firms and his own business. Saunders is a past president of the American Society of Highway Engineers’ Carolina Triangle Section, a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, and an active participant in the American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina, where he serves on the Transportation Committee and Design-Build Sub-Committee.

CLH Design, PA

CLH Design welcomes their newest partners: Renee Pfeifer, Glenn Medlin and Zak Pierce. Renee Pfeifer, PLA, ASLA: “Renee is in charge. She knows how to get the job done with a smile on her face and a sense of purpose, energy and enthusiasm that lets you know that it might be best to just get out of her way,” says Ken Loring, P.E. Partner. Glenn Medlin, LEED AP BD+C: “Glenn cares ... a lot. I don’t know anyone who takes more time to work out the details, to smooth ruffled feathers on a job site or just honestly ask at the end of a project if everyone is happy,” says Christine Hilt, PLA, FASLA, President. Zak Pierce, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP: “Zak is super talented. He’s young, fresh, hip and driven. All the things I used to be...” says Steve Miller, P.E. Vice President.

Dewberry

Dewberry has recently hired Troy Windom, as automation manager in the firm’s Raleigh, North Carolina office. Windom’s duties will include growing Dewberry’s presence in building automation systems (BAS) and integrating them into enterprise-level business systems. Windom has more than 25 years of direct experience with BAS and has managed multiple large scale, multi-task projects, including a complete controls upgrade of the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania. Additionally, Windom has extensive field experience testing and troubleshooting HVAC, fire alarm, and building automation systems. He was responsible for overseeing the installation of a building automation system at the Environmental Protection Agency’s two million-square-foot lab and office space in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. He has been the commissioning authority on over five million square feet of projects.

GHD

GHD is proud to welcome Leslie Jones as Project Manager for their Charlotte office. Leslie has 14 years’ experience, all focused in water and wastewater treatment and infrastructure design. She has extensive experience in design and management of sewer rehabilitation, wastewater collection and treatment, pumping station, reclaimed water and water treatment plants projects from preliminary analysis to construction administration. Leslie serves on the North Carolina AWWA-WEA State Board, where she has chaired several committees. She is also active in ASCE.

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PC

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, P.C. (M/A/B) is pleased to announce the hiring of Donald J. Brown III, AICP as a Senior Associate. Donald has over 15 years of experience in preparing NEPA environmental analyses and documentation, alternatives analysis and transportation planning. He has participated in specialized planning and environmental projects for highways, bridges and transit systems. He is knowledgeable in transportation modeling and has developed specific skills in community impact analysis, writing and editing. He also has experience in long-range transportation planning for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Donald will provide support to M/A/B’s growing environmental planning practice, as well as general transportation planning projects.

McKim & Creed

McKim & Creed, Inc., announces that Jay Gulledge has joined the company’s Raleigh, North Carolina office as information technology director. Gulledge has 12 years experience managing information technology and computer processes for multidisciplinary design firms. He is a graduate of Greenville Technical College with a degree in information technology.

Energy and telecommunications industry veteran Tom Kellogg has joined McKim & Creed as market sector leader for the power industry. Kellogg has more than 30 years experience working with electric utilities and energy providers. In his role with McKim & Creed, he will help lead the company’s efforts to enhance the delivery of solutions that support the electric utility industry. Kellogg has an undergraduate degree in business and accounting and a graduate degree in teleprocessing science from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has also completed the Executive Development Program at Emory University.

Morningstar Law Group

Morningstar Law Group is pleased to announce that Grayson S. Hale, a founding partner of the firm, was named the top business attorney in North Carolina for 2013 by Business North Carolina and as a result, he will be inducted into Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame. Legal Elite is based upon an annual statewide survey of as many as 20,000 North Carolina lawyers who are asked to rank the attorneys throughout the state in specific practice areas who are “best in their fields.” Grayson focuses his business practice on representing engineering and related professional firms in mergers and acquisitions, ownership transition, licensing and general business matters.

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Mulkey Engineers & Consultants

Mulkey Engineers & Consultants is proud to announce the return of our Raleigh utility services group area manager, Brian VanderGoot. Brian has resumed the role, overseeing the delivery of high-quality utilities services for a variety of clients in eastern North Carolina. Brian is back to build on his 12 years of experience at Mulkey leading their utility services operations in the Raleigh area and serving some of our most valued clients, including the North and South Carolina Departments of Transportation, Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Duke University, and University of North Carolina as well as many others. Brian has nearly 15 years of experience providing professional surveying, subsurface utility engineering, utility location, utility coordination, remediation, and utility damage prevention services. Prior to becoming area manager, Brian served as a utility technician as well as project surveyor and party chief within Mulkey’s survey group in the Raleigh office.

RK&K

RK&K is pleased to announce that Richard J. Wyche, PE has joined our Raleigh office. Richard brings a 27-year career of dedication to the local water and wastewater industry, including valued services to over 50 clients. His expertise involves a broad variety of projects, including water supply, treatment, storage and distribution systems; and wastewater collection, treatment, sludge disposal and reuse facilities. Richard joins RK&K as a highly experienced and quality-focused Project Manager with a proven track record of close collaboration with clients to ensure their goals are achieved. With an emphasis on communication, responsiveness, and efficiency, he has led numerous project teams through studies, design, permitting, and construction administration.

RS&H

RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina is pleased to announce that Joel Madden, PE, and Regina Page, PE have joined their team. Mr. Madden has over 16 years experience specializing in detailed storm water design and cost effective land development. He joins RS&H as a Senior Project Manager and Water Resources Leader. Ms. Page has more than 12 years of experience as a Transportation Engineer at NCDOT with an emphasis on traffic engineering and transportation planning projects.

Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Schnabel is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Anthony Grubbs, PE, to Associate. With more than nine years of experience, Mr. Grubbs serves as Schnabel’s Hydrology and Hydraulics/Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team Leader for the Greensboro, North Carolina office. He and his team are vital contributors to projects that include alternatives analyses, inundation studies, Emergency Action Plans, and Operation and Maintenance Manuals. Mr. Grubbs earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Stantec

Lauren Daniel has joined Stantec in Raleigh as a marketing coordinator. Daniel has a five-year background in marketing professional engineering services. She is a 2008 graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and a Public Relations concentration. At Stantec, Daniel is responsible for preparing qualifications packages, proposals, presentation materials, reports, and communications in support of marketing and communications initiatives. She will also coordinate participation in events and conferences as well as facilitate regional sponsorships and advertising activities.

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates

STV is pleased to announce that Scot Sibert, AICP and Eric Root, PE of the Charlotte, NC office have been named Associates of the firm.

Wetherill Engineering

Wetherill Engineering, Inc. is pleased to announce that Jonathan Hefner, PE has joined the firm as a Transportation Engineer. Mr. Hefner has over eight years of experience in roadway and greenway design, traffic control, signing and pavement harking. He specializes in horizontal and vertical geometry, cross section criteria, development of design criteria and plan preparation. His experience includes right of way plans, construction plans and quantities for roadway projects, and trail design for several greenway projects, including NCDOT’s first design-build greenway.

WK Dickson

WK Dickson has been selected as the mid-sized ‘Employer of the Year’ by the Georgia Engineering Alliance, in coordination with the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers. The Employer of the Year award recognizes small, medium and large private firms as well as public sector agencies who have contributed to the engineering industry through the planning, design and implementation of critical projects; through the cultivation of talented professionals; and through the advancement of the profession via community involvement and education.

WK Dickson is also pleased to welcome the newest members of our team - Anna Stout a GIS Analyst in the Raleigh Geomatics Group, and Kathy Garrett an Administrative Assistant in the Wilmington regional office.

The Wooten Company

The Wooten Company is pleased to report that Graham Stone has joined the firm as Marketing Coordinator. Graham has come to Wooten with an array of sales and marketing experience, including several years as an associate with Stone and Company, a communications and business development consultant for the A/E/C industry. His primary responsibilities are coordination of corporate communications and proposal preparation, and he is located at the corporate headquarters in Raleigh, NC. Welcome Graham!