

March 2010

Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

HR Forum Seminar
March 24, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Stantec Office
Winston-Salem, NC

Grant Writing Workshop
March 30, 2010
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
NC Rural Center
Raleigh, NC

LEO Client Awards & Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Game
April 8, 2010
Dinner & Awards - 5:30 p.m.
Game - 7:30 p.m.
Raleigh, NC

ACEC National Convention & Legislative Summit
April 25 - 28, 2010
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C.

Consulting Congress Day
April 27 & 28, 2010
Washington, D.C.

Federal Forum
May 5, 2010
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Raleigh, NC

Engineering Day at the Legislature
June 8, 2010
8:00 a.m.
Raleigh, NC

Summer Conference
August 6 - 8, 2010
Holiday Inn Sunspree
Wrightsville Beach, NC

...more details to come!

For more information on these or any other ACEC/NC events, [CLICK HERE](#) to be redirected to the events page on the ACEC/NC website.

Now is the Time to Make Our Voices Heard



Have you booked your hotel and travel arrangements for Consulting Congress Day in Washington D.C. yet?

If not, what are you waiting for? The dates, April 27 and 28, 2010 are approaching quickly! Our annual trip to Washington, D.C. is our most important event of the year. We need every voice we can gather to help make an impact at the Federal level. This is your chance to be a part of "Engineering North Carolina's future"!

We have organized a private motor coach for \$105 per person so our members can travel together to D.C. Meals during your stay are complimentary for ACEC/NC Members. You are responsible for making your own arrangements for accommodations. Hotel recommendations are available on our website through the link below. The trip will involve:

April 27th
6:30a.m. Private Motor Coach leaves from Raleigh to D.C.
1:00p.m. Arrive in D.C., check in to hotel
3:30p.m. Issues Briefing
5:30p.m. ACEC/NC Member Networking Dinner

April 28th
8:00a.m. Breakfast and visits with our Representatives, Senators and their Senior Staff
2:00p.m. Private Motor Coach leaves from D.C. to Raleigh

Full details and registration available at: http://acecnc.org/events/event_detail.php?c_recid=153

A Worthy Cause

As a leader for your firm, you have a responsibility to ensure the engineering industry not only survives but thrives through the continuing economic challenges we face. This is especially true in advancing our legislative strength in Washington. ACEC/NC is asking you to support the national ACEC/PAC campaign now more than ever.

ACEC/PAC is different than E-PAC because ACEC/PAC operates at a federal level, whereas E-PAC operates at a state level. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT BOTH! We have been assigned with a specific ACEC/PAC fundraising goal to help ensure our industry is protected and our views are heard directly in Washington. Only with your support will we meet our goal.

To support ACEC/PAC, either email Mike Ray at mike.ray@kci.com, or [CLICK HERE](#) to download an information kit.

Remember: Supporting ACEC/PAC is supporting yourself and your industry. Let's put pro-business politicians in office to help the engineering industry prosper.

Is There an Echo in Here?

It seems that the resounding theme of the March newsletter is "making your voice heard," and appropriately so. It is so important, especially in this time of economic struggle, to show our legislators what is important to the engineering industry as a whole. You can make a difference by helping in the following ways:

1. Contribute to ACEC/PAC. It's easy and it helps YOU! Contact Mike Ray at mike.ray@kci.com
2. Book your hotel and travel arrangements for CCD and come help our voices ring out loud and clear on Capitol Hill.
3. If you'd like to be more involved locally, mark your calendar for Engineering Day on June 8. We'll be down at the Legislature beginning at 8 a.m. Will we see you there?

Positions Available

For more information on these job postings and how to apply, please refer to the jobs board on the ACEC/NC website at <http://acecnc.org/jobs/opportunities.html>

Cavanaugh & Associates, PA has a position open for a **Project Engineer** for their Winston-Salem, NC headquarters.

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Davis-Martin-Powell & Associates has an immediate opening for an **Assistant Construction/Inspection Manager** experienced in land development and water/wastewater.

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Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PC is looking for qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Transportation Planner / Engineer Intern - Undergraduate or graduate students, and recent graduates are encouraged to apply!

Transportation/Roadway Design Engineer

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McKim & Creed has an immediate need for a **Regional Manager** in the Hampton Roads, Virginia area.

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Mulkey Engineers & Consultants is seeking **Transportation Project Engineers** for both their Cary, NC and Charlotte, NC offices.

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RS&H is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

Traffic Engineer for their Charlotte, NC office

NEPA Planner for their Charlotte, NC OR Raleigh, NC office. Charlotte is preferred.

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Stanford White, Inc. is seeking to fill two **Senior Engineer** positions: **Mechanical** and **Electrical**.

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Engineering Day is Coming Soon

Block the day of June 8th on your calendars for our annual Engineering Day so you can participate in one-on-one visits our North Carolina legislators. We'll arm you with the information you need to speak about specific issues and assign you to a team of ACEC/NC and PENC Members. Then, you're off to visit an assigned list of NC Legislators at the General Assembly! The event will be held in Raleigh and start with a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Location and registration information is coming soon for this COMPLIMENTARY event!

Member Firms in the News

Dewberry

Dewberry, a privately held services firm, is proud to announce the promotion of several of the firm's team members:

Joe L. Langston, Jr, PE, LEED AP, manager of municipal and civil engineering in Dewberry's Raleigh, NC office, has been promoted to **Senior Associate**. During his tenure with the firm, Langston served as Project Manager on the NCSU Water Main Improvement project, Wake Forest Water System Improvement project, and the NC State Fair Infrastructure Improvements. An avid sports fan, Langston holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Steven D. Harvey, PE, LEED AP, has been promoted to **Senior Associate**. During his tenure with Dewberry, Harvey has played a significant role in many successful projects delivered to Dewberry's federal government clients. Based in the firm's Raleigh, NC office, Harvey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the West Virginia University, a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland, and a PhD from Mississippi State University. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Military Engineers, North Carolina, and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Manfred H. Radke, PE, LEED AP, manager of Mechanical Engineering in Dewberry's Raleigh office, has been promoted to **Associate**. While with Dewberry, Mr. Radtke has served as Project Manager for the NCSU Cox Hall Sprinkler Additions, various projects for the City of Richmond, and Wake Technical Community College Holding Hall HVAC Renovation. Mr. Radtke holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, and is an avid bowler and golfer.

Solutions-IES

Solutions-IES hired "environmental statesman" **Jimmy Carter**. Jimmy Carter has spent 30 years in the NC environmental industry, including 15 years in senior leadership positions at the NC Department of Natural Resources. In March 2010, he **joined Raleigh-based Solutions-IES**, where he will heighten the firm's extensive regulatory compliance expertise and contribute to its strategic direction.

Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Schnabel Engineering, Inc., Glen Allen, VA, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Raymond DeStephen, PE** as **President of Schnabel Engineering Consultants, Inc.**, and **Mr. Preston Frey** as **President of Schnabel Dam Engineering, Inc.** Mr. DeStephen received his Master of Science degree in geotechnical engineering from Ohio State University, and has served in the engineering profession for 35 years. Mr. DeStephen joined Schnabel in 1975, and was charged with opening the West Chester, PA office in 1985. Mr. DeStephen was promoted to Director of Business Development in 1994, and has served as Executive Vice President since 2002. In addition, he has served on Schnabel's Board of Directors for 20 years.

Mr. Preston Frey joined Schnabel in 1981 in the Richmond, VA office. In 1999, Mr. Frey relocated to manage the Roswell, GA satellite office. The Roswell and Gainesville, GA satellite offices merged in 2002 and Mr. Frey has served as Branch Manager since that time. Mr. Frey has served on the Schnabel Board of Directors since 2005.

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Stearns & Wheeler GHD is seeking to hire an **Energy Project Manager**.

Summit Consulting is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

Construction Materials Testing Technicians for commercial and industrial sites

Highway Construction Inspectors for NCDOT, TDOT, and VDOT highway inspection services

To have your company's open positions included in the next NC Report, email info@acecnc.org

Committee Happenings

Do you want to stay informed with what is going on in our various committees? Are you interested in attending their meetings and events? Just check this section in each newsletter for your committee updates! If you'd like to get more involved and aren't sure how, just contact Tia Jones at the ACEC/NC office!

Economic Development: Through the Economic Development Committee's encouragement, ACEC/NC recently sponsored the NCEDA Conference in Pinehurst, NC.

Environmental: Their next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 4:00 p.m. at the Clark Nexsen office in Raleigh. The meeting will be followed by an outing to the Carolina Hurricanes hockey game.

Federal: Planning is almost complete for the Federal Forum, which will take place on May 5 at NCSU's McKimmon Center. They're teaming up with NC AGC this year, and theme is "Going Beyond ARRA...What's Next?"

Human Resources: Their HR Forum Seminar is coming up on March 24 at the Stantec office in Winston-Salem! Topics covered will be healthcare reform, 401(K), and more! Sign up today through the ACEC/NC website or by emailing Karen Lee at klee@acecnc.org.

Legislative: The Legislative Committee is currently seeking contributions for the National ACEC/PAC. For more information and how to contribute, please contact Mike Ray at mike.ray@kci.com

PR/Marketing: Their next meeting will be on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Stantec office in Raleigh. Stantec is located at 801 Jones Franklin Rd., Ste. 300. Planning is almost complete for the upcoming live event scheduled for May 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

Small Business: The next meeting, which will be focusing on small engineering firms and design-build, will be held on March 25 at the Martin/Alexiou/Bryson office in Raleigh.

State Construction/UNC Systems: Their next meeting will be April 13, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Stantec office in Raleigh.

Transportation: Their next meeting will be May 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Stantec office in Raleigh.

Young NC Students Win Big Award

In a competition involving 39 middle schools from around the United States, a team from Davidson IB Middle School, in Davidson, North Carolina won the grand prize at the 2010 National Engineers Week Future City Competition. Three of the winning students, Luke Churchill, Emily Yue and Ruth Swallow, not only met President Obama, but are now headed to Space Camp! They would like their fellow team members, Thomas Churchill, Nick Wilbur, Stephen Dunn, Hanson Wang and Thomas Thornton to join them, however. ACEC/NC has contributed \$1,000 to this worthy cause, and the team is still trying to raise another \$2,000 to have the other five students join them at Space Camp.

We are so proud of these students from our state and hope they are the future of engineering!

For more information or to contribute to the effort to send all eight winners to Space Camp, please contact Dane Horna at the S&ME Charlotte office at (704) 523-4726 .

LEFT: The three presenters from the winning Davidson IB Middle School team smile behind their project. From left (front row): Emily Yue, Luke Churchill, Ruth Swallow.

Picture from: <http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/davidsonib/>



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Schnabel, an employee-owned company, is an ENR Top 10 geotechnical engineering firm employing over 300 in offices coast to coast. Schnabel, winner of both The Zweig Letter Hot Firm List 2008 and CE News Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For 2008 awards, specializes in geotechnical engineering, geostructural design, dam engineering, tunnel and underground engineering, environmental services, geophysical and geoscience services, construction monitoring, and resident engineering services for both public and private sectors. For more information, visit them at www.schnabel-eng.com.

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, P.C.

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, P.C. (M/A/B) is pleased to announce the hiring of **Paul Winn** as an **Associate** with the firm. Paul is completing his Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will focus on transportation planning projects for M/A/B.

Timothy Tresohlavy, an Associate at M/A/B, recently **received his certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners**. Timothy has been with M/A/B for two years and works on a variety of transportation planning and engineering projects.

WK Dickson

WK Dickson announced the addition of **Paul D. Smith, PE** as the **Aviation Program Manager** in Raleigh. He will be responsible for marketing, project management, and helping to expand the aviation practice in North Carolina and surrounding states. Paul brings over 20 years of experience in aviation and land development projects. He was most recently a partner with a regional civil engineering and land development firm in Raleigh; and the Director of Aviation for a large national firm before that. While serving in the latter position, he served as Project Manager at Fayetteville Regional Airport and Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

In other news, WK Dickson also announced that two more team members joined the ranks as Professional Engineers. **Matt DuBose, PE** and **Crystal Freeburg, PE** have **earned their Professional Engineer (PE) license**. DuBose joined the firm July 2007 and works in the Columbia Aviation Group; and Freeburg started in August 2005 and works in the Charlotte Aviation Group.

Froehling and Robertson, Inc.

Froehling and Robertson, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Bill Edelen, PE** has been named **Vice President for Engineering Services** and charged with the responsibility of enhancing the quality and range of F&R's engineering disciplines. While Bill will have multiple new internal responsibilities, including oversight of F&R's Senior Engineer program and serve as their liaison to ASTM, the main purpose of this position is to ensure that F&R's engineering clients are receiving the most accurate, cost-effective, and professional services possible. To that end, Bill will be a resource to offices and clients throughout the company. Bill has been with F&R for nearly 19 years and has held a variety of positions, most recently serving as the Regional Vice President for the Eastern Carolinas.

Froehling and Robertson, Inc. is also pleased to announce that **Gary Bruce** will be taking over as the **Manager of the company's Charlotte, NC office**. Mr. Bruce has over 15 years of experience performing and overseeing most types of construction materials testing, inspection services - including, but not limited to laboratory and field testing/inspection of soils and concrete - and geotechnical subsurface exploration services. "F&R's Charlotte office is one of our most important branches," said F&R President Samuel Kirby. "I am thrilled to have Gary back with us, and I am looking forward to seeing how he puts his dynamism, creative thinking, and business acumen to work for our clients in this key marketplace."

Summit Consulting - Engineering, Architecture and Surveying, PLLC

It is our pleasure to announce that **Ariana Jeske, E.I.** has joined our firm on March 15, 2010 in the position of **Transportation Designer** in our Civil Engineering Department.

Ariana brings with her experience in key areas of roadway design through exposure to a wide variety of highway projects including both public and private sector jobs. Her areas of experience include hydraulic design, roadway design, technical specification and contract document development, traffic control, pavement markings, parking area development, traffic impact assessments, maintenance design, and construction estimation. She has vast experience with Microstation, GEOPAK, HEC-RAS, InRoads, Synchro, and HCM-2000. In her previous work, she has had extensive experience with drainage design, vertical and horizontal alignment design, pavement marking materials, signing development for detours and permanent roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and development of traffic maintenance plans for construction projects.

Ariana has a BS in Civil Engineering from Michigan University. Affiliated with Chi Epsilon - National Civil Engineering Honor Society; Women's Transportation Seminar; and Institute of Transportation Engineers. Ariana will be based in our home office in Hillsborough, NC.

To submit your company's news or positions available for inclusion in the next NC REPORT, please email your news items to Karen Lee at the ACEC/NC office by **CLICKING HERE**.

Welcome to Our New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Indovance, Inc., of Cary, who are our newest members! Welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



Don't Forget!

Don't delay in booking your hotel reservations for Summer Conference, August 6-8 in Wrightsville Beach!

Room reservations are available now at the discounted rate of \$259 ocean view and \$239 harbor view. Call the Holiday Inn Sunspree at 877-330-5050 and ask for the ACEC/NC rate to reserve your room.

Submit Your Nominations

Time is running out to nominate your clients for the Client LEO awards. Nominations are due by March 25.

To submit your client for this award, go to our website or contact Tia Jones at the ACEC/NC office.

Don't miss this opportunity to let those special clients how important they are to you!



Grant Writing Seminar

ACEC/NC will be hosting a grant writing seminar on March 30. This two-hour live seminar, which will be led by Bill McNeil of the North Carolina Center for Rural Economic Development, one of our state's largest granting agencies, and representatives from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance and the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office, will provide attendees with a roadmap for success in writing proposals for government, foundation and/or corporate grants. Whether you are a beginning grant writer or a seasoned professional, you'll learn how to create better grant proposals and learn critical "dos" and "don'ts" from professionals who have not only written successful grant proposals themselves but are now in the position of reviewing and awarding grants that could fund your client's next big project! Don't miss this important opportunity!

Bill McNeil, AICP has previously served in the federal government as community planner for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Hartford, Connecticut area. He joined the City-County Planning Board in Winston-Salem, helping the city prepare its first Community Development Block Grant strategy, served as High Point's Director of Planning and Development from 1984-1994, and served as the Director of the North Carolina Commerce Department's Division of Community Assistance from 1994-2004, where he generated state policy initiatives.

Since leaving state government in 2004, Bill has helped the NC Rural Center design and carry out new economic development programs for distressed areas, programs to put new jobs into abandoned factories, and efforts to support small towns - especially those damaged by economic and natural disasters.

Bill is a past president of the NC Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA) and a past president of the UNC planning school Alumni Association. He has been active in the civic leadership movement both in High Point and the Piedmont Triad region, and an advocate for smart, sustainable growth.

The event will be held at the NC Rural Economic Development Center from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To register, please visit our website at www.acecnc.org or contact Karen Lee via email to klee@acecnc.org.

For directions to the Rural Center, [CLICK HERE](#).