Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

Breakfast with the Board
December 1, 2009
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
WPC, A Terracon Company Office
Charlotte, NC

ACEC/NC Board Meeting with Chairs and Vice Chairs
December 15, 2009
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Stewart Engineering Office
Raleigh, NC

Legislative Committee Meeting
January 14, 2010
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
HDR Office
Raleigh, NC

Breakfast with the Board
January 19, 2010
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Raleigh, NC

Seminar & Networking Event
January 20, 2010
3:30 p.m. - Seminar
5:30 p.m. - Membership Networking Reception
Charlotte, NC

Breakfast with the Board
February 9, 2010
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Wilmington, NC

Breakfast with the Board
March 9, 2010
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Asheville, NC

Seminar & Networking Event
March 9, 2010
3:30 p.m. - Seminar
5:30 p.m. - Membership Networking Reception
Raleigh, NC

Breakfast with the Board
April 6, 2010
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Greenville, NC

LEO Client Awards
April 8, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Raleigh, NC

A Message from ACEC/NC President Bryan Odom

When I first became engaged in ACEC/NC several years ago, I was really excited about the opportunity to participate in the Legislative Committee and learn more about how the political process affected our profession. On a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet our congressional delegation, Henry Stikes, the Executive Director of ACEC/NC at the time, offered some advice that has stuck with me since – “The world is run by those who show up.”

Your engagement in ACEC/NC’s committees and forums is your opportunity to “show up” and have an active role in affecting the issues that impact our profession. This is your opportunity to get direct access to some of the key decision-makers in our state, and to voice your opinion on the issues that are critical to your business.

The rapid changes in communication technology have truly changed what it means to be present, active, and engaged. In keeping with these changes, ACEC/NC will be improving our web portal and digital communication pathways to push more timely information to our members. We must make it easier and more efficient for our members to know what is going on. Easy, rapid access to this information will make it easier for our members to access critical information and know when it’s critical to “show up.”

We will also be improving these digital communication tools to allow our members to communicate more effectively with the ACEC/NC Board of Directors. As you have questions or issues, we need to hear your input in a timely fashion, allowing us to be more responsive to you.

While we collectively face the greatest economic challenge in a generation, ACEC/NC strives to be a more vital and necessary component of your business success than ever. Show up and help to lead our profession forward. The world is run by those who show up – we want your voice to be heard.

McKim & Creed Tops at Engineering Excellence Awards

Wilmington-based McKim & Creed, P.A. received the “Henry A. Stikes Grand Conceptor Award” at the 2010 Engineering Excellence Awards on November 10, 2009. This honor was given for their “Mobile Scanning Projects” which used cutting-edge technology to ultimately create safer conditions for travelers along five sections of highway and three sections of railway after the completion of eight projects.

Seven firms were awarded the competition’s second-highest honor, receiving “Grand Awards.” The recipients of these awards were:

- Michael Baker Engineering, Cary: “Ararat River Restoration, Greenway and Parks Project”;
- Florence & Hutcheson, Raleigh: “Bryan Boulevard Relocation”;
- HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas, Charlotte: “Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project” and “Ultraviolet Storm Water Treatment”;
- Brown and Caldwell, Raleigh: “Lake Townsend Raw Water Intake & Pumping Station” (in two categories);
- ARCADIS, Raleigh: “Mainland Water Treatment Plant Expansion”;
- Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, Raleigh: “WakeMed Apex Healthplex”.

Above: McKim & Creed’s “Mobile Scanning Projects” was the winner of the 2010 “Henry A. Stikes Grand Conceptor Award” at the annual Engineering Excellence Awards on November 10, 2009.
Positions Available

Stearns & Wheler GHD is seeking to hire an Energy Project Manager who can perform energy benchmarking and energy audits of water and wastewater plants. Requires a BS in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering and at least 3 years experience in an energy management role for industrial or municipal facilities. We will train the right candidate in the specific software and procedures related to water and wastewater plants as long as they have the necessary related experience and aptitude. Please contact John Eick at (919) 790-6770 for further information.

Ramey Kemp & Associates has openings for the following positions:

Accounting Associate - Responsibilities include Billing, AR, Collections, Project Setups, Budgets, Costs, Development of Management Information, and other company operational duties. BS in Accounting required. Experience in A/E Industry and Deltek Vision accounting system strongly desired; MUST be ambitious, articulate, and a team player. Please contact John Eick at (919) 790-6770 for further information.

Meet the New Board of Directors!

The ACEC/NC Board of Directors for the 2009 - 2010 year are as follows:

President: Bryan Odom, P.E., WK Dickson
Vice-President: Steven Thomas, P.E., Rummel, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP
Secretary/Treasurer: DeWayne Brown, P.E., Vaughn & Melton, Inc.
National Director: Donald Chandler, P.E., MACTEC

Directors:
Matt Einsmann, P.E., Brown & Caldwell
John R. McAdams, P.E., The John R. McAdams Company
Valoree Eikinas, P.E., Mulkey Engineers & Consultants
Richard Catlin, P.E., CATLIN Engineers & Scientists
Wes Lowder, P.E., S&ME, Inc.
Mike Ray, KCI Technologies, Inc.

Kleinfelder’s Dick Wells Inducted into ACEC Fellows

Dick Wells, former ACEC/NC President, was awarded the ACEC Fellow distinction at the ACEC/National Fall Conference held at the La Quinta Golf Resort in Palm Springs, CA, during October 7th through 10th, 2009.

The award was presented by Timothy Psomas, ACEC/National Chairman, and David Raymond, President & CEO of ACEC/National.

The award is presented to distinguished members in the organization that have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills on behalf of ACEC and the engineering industry on the whole.

Congratulations, Dick, on your achievement!

ABOVE: Kleinfelder’s Dick Wells (center) stands with ACEC Chairman Timothy Psomas (right) and ACEC President/CEO David Raymond after accepting his award.
staff development, business development, and project management including writing proposals for state DOTs, city and county government, and private development projects throughout the southeast. Service offerings will include storm water drainage system design, storm water handling facility design, erosion and sedimentation control designs, storm water permitting and compliance, and environmental permitting and compliance. Experience in Microstation/Geopak and/or Autocad/Civil 3D a plus. The successful candidate will have a BS in civil engineering, registered as a professional engineer (PE) in NC, and a minimum of 10 years of drainage/storm water experience on roadway projects and knowledge of all current drainage design and modeling software. Ideal candidate will have experience managing and marketing hydraulic and storm water projects with NCDOT and other state DOTs, and the private development community. Candidate must demonstrate excellent communication skills and ability to work well in a team environment.

E-mail resumes with cover letter to: hr@rameykemp.com

Karen Lee has joined the staff at ACEC/NC as our new Administrative & Communications Assistant. Karen will be responsible for performing administrative duties, as well as managing all web content and composing articles for the NC Report. Additionally, Karen will help with events, graphic design projects and provide assistance to Kathryn Westcott and Tia Jones with projects as needed.

Prior to joining ACEC/NC, Karen interned at Paragon Commercial Bank from 2007 - 2009. She graduated in May from North Carolina State University, where she received a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources, as well as a minor in Spanish.

Karen can be contacted at the ACEC/NC office via email at klee@acecnc.org or by phone at (919) 781-7934.

Welcome, Karen!

We’re Headed Your Way!

You are invited to breakfast with representatives from the ACEC/NC Board of Directors. Hear the latest issues, challenges and opportunities the Board is facing while networking with other local members. We’ll set aside time specifically for you to learn about partnering opportunities with others in attendance. YOU will set the agenda and be able to discuss what topics and ideas you would like to see ACEC/NC heading toward. Mark your calendars...we are coming to a town near you!

December 1, 2009, Charlotte - Register by November 24!

January 19, 2010 - Raleigh - Registration information coming soon.

February 9, 2010 - Wilmington - Registration information coming soon.

March 9, 2010 - Asheville - Registration information coming soon.

April 6, 2010 - Greenville - Registration information coming soon.

For more information on these or any other ACEC/NC events please contact ACEC/NC Special Events Coordinator & Membership Liaison, Tia Jones, by emailing tjones@acecnc.org or by calling 919-781-7934. Or check out the “Calendar of Events” on the ACEC/NC website at www.acecnc.org.

Coming Soon!

We are actively working toward updating and reconstructing our website. What does that mean for you? A more user-friendly interface, easier accessibility, and more frequent updates, meaning YOU stay more informed! Look for these changes...coming soon!

Suggestions? Contact Karen Lee by CLICKING HERE or by calling 919-781-7934.
New Class of Future Leaders is Selected

ACEC/NC is very pleased to announce the new group of individuals selected to participate in the upcoming Future Leaders program:

Johnny Wood, Dewberry; Mike Baer, Mulkey Engineers & Consultants; Ron Rothfuss, S&ME; Winslow Goins, ECS Carolinas, LLP; Louise Slate, MACTEC; Mike Gardina, WK Dickson; Ryan Hager, WK Dickson; John Grey, The Wooten Company; Gary Hartong, The Wooten Company.

We are also proud to mention our 2009 Future Leaders participants. The following group took part in last year’s Future Leaders program:

Andrea Dvorak-Grantz, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.; Anna Teague, HDR Engineering, Inc.; Brian Eason, H.W. Lochner; Carter Hubbard, WK Dickson; Charlie Davis, The Wooten Company; Jason Kennedy, CLH Design; Joe Doane, Kleinfelder; Joe Robbins, Kleinfelder; John Oglesby, PBS&J; Keith Skinner, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP; Ladson Brearley, AECOM; Marty Stone, The Wooten Company; Matt Wallace, MACTEC; Matthew Daves, United Engineering; Renee Pfeifer, CLH Design; Ryan Akers, The John R. McAdams Company; Scott Sigmon, WK Dickson; Shawn Sullivan, ECS Carolinas; Shiv Iyer, GHD Consultants, Inc.; William Grimes, MACTEC.

The Future Leaders Program, which was developed two years ago by Randy Pool of Stantec and is currently chaired and led by H.W. Lochner’s Stephen Browde, is designed to give participants the opportunity to explore concepts and means by which both personal learning and business performance may be increased, with primary focus on interactive learning with a select peer group facilitated by both local and national leaders of the business community and A/E professions. Participants were each nominated by their respective firm and were required to meet strict selection criteria established by ACEC/NC’s Future Leaders Forum.

For more information about the Future Leaders Program, please contact ACEC/NC Special Events Coordinator & Membership Liaison, Tia Jones, via email by CLICKING HERE or by phone at the ACEC/NC office at 919-781-7934.

Congratulations to the Classes of 2009 and 2010!

Member Firms in the News

Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering

The Triangle Business Journal named Clark Nexsen’s Raleigh office as one of the Best Places to Work in the Triangle for 2009 and The Charlotte Business Journal named Clark Nexsen’s Charlotte office as one of the Best Places to Work in Charlotte for 2009. Winners were chosen based on an employee survey process. Once nominated, a company needed to meet a threshold in employee participation — a percentage that varied based upon the size of the office — to be eligible to be honored. Companies then answered questions related to turn over, employee morale and plans for the future.

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PLLC

Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, PLLC (M/A/B), a Raleigh transportation planning and traffic engineering consulting firm is pleased to announce the hiring of two staff members: Donald (Don) J. Darity, PE and Sravya Suryadevara, EI.

M/A/B has grown to 25 staff members in the past 10 years, and the addition of Don and Sravya helps to further develop the firm’s steadily growing business. Don brings 23 years of traffic engineering experience in traffic signal design, electrical detail design, cable routing design, intersection alignment and roadway widening improvements. Sravya’s three years of experience includes preparing traffic impact analyses, traffic capacity analyses, preliminary roadway designs, roundabout designs, and access investigations.

Solutions-IES

Solutions-IES signed a long-term monitoring contract with U.S. Navy

Building on their recent success, Solutions-IES enthusiastically announces their fourth major Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) contract with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast. Under this contract, Solutions-IES will be providing long-term monitoring at the former Naval Auxiliary Air Station – Bronson Field in Pensacola, Florida.

U.S. Air Force selected Solutions-IES for R&D contract

The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) has contracted Solutions-IES to evaluate environmental and regulatory issues associated with secondary water quality impacts (SWQIs) arising from in situ biological and chemical remediation technologies. In a report due Spring 2010, Solutions-IES will leverage its own remediation experience to work with the regulatory, industrial, Department of Defense and consulting communities to identify, describe and qualify important SWQIs and offer guidance on managing these important but sometimes overlooked aspects of groundwater remediation.

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Solutions-IES to handle lead abatement in Great Smoky Mountains

The National Park Service (NPS) once again places its trust in Solutions-IES. Under this fixed-fee contract, Solutions-IES will handle remediation of soils generated from the restoration of the Elkmont Firing Range at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park located near Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

WK Dickson & Co., Inc.

WK Dickson & Co., Inc. announced that Scott Sigmon, PE, was promoted to Program Manager for the Stormwater Group. Scott celebrated his 10 year anniversary with WK Dickson in 2009 and was rewarded in part by being elevated to this new position which is responsible for the overall success of the Stormwater Group in the Raleigh regional office.

Additionally, despite the challenges of the economy, WK Dickson has been able to continue to grow aggressively. The firm announced the following additions last month:

- Joel L. Moulin, RLA - Senior Project Manager to its Urban Development Group
- Stephen Austin - Community Development Planner & Grant Coordinator
- Kevin Strickland, PE - Project Manager for the Water Resources Group
- Riley Eason, PE - Project Manager for the Airport Group
- Raymond Shipley - Designer for the Airport Group

In other news, WK Dickson was the recipient of the Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Coalition’s Grand Award for sustainable site design on the Deep Point Marina in Southport, NC. This award is the Coalition’s highest honor and comes on the heels of the firm’s receipt of a Grand Award for Engineering Excellence from ACEC/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.