

January 2016

Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

January 14, 2016
 Breakfast with the Board
 Hyatt Place Greensboro
 Greensboro, NC

January 26, 2016
 EPAC Luncheon - Sen. Rabon
 City Club Raleigh
 Raleigh, NC

March 10, 2016
 Breakfast with the Board
 Dilworth Grille
 Charlotte, NC

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ACEC/NC website!

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STV INC. Takes Top Honors at 2016 ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards



STV Incorporated's "I-485 / I-85
 "Turbine" Interchange in Charlotte.

On Thursday, November 5th, ACEC/NC Members and their guests gathered together for the Annual Engineering Excellence Awards. This year's Gala was held at Bay 7 at the American Tobacco Campus in Durham, NC which is run by the Angus Barn. The upstairs lounge area was filled with boards from North Carolina firms that won awards this year.

Excitement filled the air as our guest emcee, Bill Leslie of WRAL, announced the winners of this year's Engineering Excellence Awards. Fifteen projects placed in this year's competition.

Ten firms received "Honors Awards." The recipients of these awards were:

- **Alpha & Omega Group** for "NCDOT Bridge Inspections" across the state
- **CDM Smith** for Briar Creek Sewer System Improvements, Phase II, 1-485 Charlotte Outer Loop (R-2248E) and Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant and Finished Water Transmission Main across the state
- **ECS Carolinas, LLP** for "Craven Street Multi-Modal Improvement in Asheville, NC
- **HDR** for Catawba-Wateree River Basin in North and South Carolina
- **KCI Associates of NC** for Mt. Hope Cemetery GIS Inventory in Raleigh, NC
- **Kimley-Horn** for Fidelity Network Center Campus SW Parking Deck in Research Triangle Park
- **Moffatt & Nichol** for The Giving Delta Project in Lower Mississippi River Delta, Louisiana

Record Crowd attends ACEC/NC & NCDOT Transportation Conference

exploring
 TRANSPORTATION



Sir Walter Raleigh Decorated at the
 Raleigh Convention Center

On Wednesday, October 21st, over 972 attendees & 32 exhibitors gathered for the 2015 ACEC/NC & NCDOT Joint Transportation Conference. The day started out hearing from the Senior Leadership of NCDOT and then moved into 6 concurrent educational break-out sessions.

Speakers attended from all over the United States. Our Keynote speaker was Lieutenant Jason Redman (Ret.) a former U.S. Navy SEAL. He is the founder and spokesperson of the non-profit organization Wounded Wear, and the author of the memoir The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Officer.

A reception for all attendees was held immediately following the day's sessions, allowing opportunity for everyone to network with their peers. This annual conference is a great way for our member firms to find out what is on the cutting edge in transportation and what advancements and projects are on the horizon for us in North Carolina.

The night concluded with door prizes and five happy attendees going home with new iPad Minis! We would like to recognize our Committee Co-chairs **Doug Taylor, Stewart** and **Teresa Hart, NCDOT** and the entire planning committee who work all year to bring this conference to you.

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If you are interested in joining the NCDOT Transportation Planning Committee for the 2016 conference, please contact [Jessica Mills](#)!

Committee Happenings

Buildings & Infrastructure Committee: Join us January 27th at 11:45am at Stewart Engineering, Raleigh, NC.

Economic Development Committee: Join us on January 28th for lunch meeting at ACEC/NC offices 11:30am – 1:30pm at the Bank of America Bldg, 421 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Environmental Committee: Join us on January 27th on 13th Conference Center in ACEC/NC Building at 11:30 - 1:00pm and join us on February 16, McKimmon Center in Raleigh for the Joint ACEC/NC & PENC Educational and networking event 10:30am - 2:30pm (3 PDHs)

Legislative Committee: Join us on February 9th at ACEC/NC offices 11:30am – 1:30pm at the Bank of America Bldg, 421 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Transportation Committee: The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15th from 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. at Stantec’s Raleigh office.



Environmental Education & Networking Event

Please join us for our annual Environmental Education and Networking Event in Raleigh, NC on February 16, 2016 from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. This event is offered by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the Professional Engineers of North Carolina (PENC) and is worth 3 PDHs. This program has been designed to meet the informational and networking needs of the engineering and sciences community by bringing you current relevant information for continuing success in your businesses.

Come prepared with challenging questions; there will be an opportunity for open discussion.

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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 www.acecnc.org/jobs.aspx.

AMEC Foster Wheeler is seeking a Sr. Geotechnical Engineer

Catlin Engineers & Scientists is seeking Geotechnical Engineer

Dewberry is looking for a Sr. Plumbing/Fire Protection Designer

DRMP is seeking a Transportation Planner/Engineer, a Roadway Design Engineer, a Traffic Engineer

Gannett Fleming is seeking a Roadway Design Engineer

GeoScience & Technology is seeking a Project or Sr. Level Engineer

HDR is seeking a Roadway Engineer

Hipp Engineering is looking for a Proposal Coordinator

Mattern & Craig is looking for a highway design/Project Engineer and a Sr. Level Engineer/Manager

Michael Baker is seeking a Sr. Planner

Mulkey Engineers is seeking: Building Structures Project Engineer, Building Structures Project Manager, Land Development Designer, Land Development Project Manager

Simpson Engineering is seeking a Crossing Consolidation & Special Project Support Services

Stewart is seeking Bicycle & Pedestrian Engineer

Summit Design & Engineering Services is looking for Civil Engineer

Senator Dean Arp wins ACEC/NC 2015 Keystone Award

Established in 2012, the Keystone Award seeks to recognize one member of the North Carolina General Assembly who has played such a critical role in our legislative advocacy efforts that without their leadership, key legislation of significant importance to the engineering industry would not have been passed and/or legislation that would have harmed the engineering industry in our state would have reached successful passage. This is the second time Rep. Arp has been presented this prestigious award.

Rep. Arp was presented the award at the 2015 ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on November 5, 2015. The event took place at the American Tobacco Campus in Durham.



Rep. Dean Arp accepts 2015 Keystone Award from ACEC/NC President Bill Hood and Executive Director Jim Smith

ACEC/NC Achieves 2015 ACEC/PAC Goal !



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

As you know, each year ACEC/NC is charged by ACEC, our national office in Washington, DC, to solicit contributions from individuals within our membership for our national political action committee, ACEC/PAC.

Our state's goal for 2015 was \$27,361. After a whirlwind campaign, and a successful Holiday Reception and Auction in early December, we roared past the goal raising \$31,700, a new record! This is the fourth straight year ACEC/North Carolina has hit the target!

ACEC/North Carolina members successfully contributed their fair share to allow ACEC/National to continue their influence on Capitol Hill. The work in Washington remains and ACEC/National and North Carolina will continue to defend the rights of the private consulting engineering community with diligence and determination. Our PAC campaign for 2016 has already started, but for now let us enjoy our success in exceeding the 2015 goal!

Thank you again for your contributions, and please accept our sincere congratulations for your part in this outstanding accomplishment!

Bill Hood, P. E.
President
AMEC Foster Wheeler

Monty Irvin, P. E.
Vice President/PAC Champion
Ramey Kemp Associates

Jim Smith, P. E.
Executive Director
ACEC/NC

The Wooten Company is looking for a Geomatics Practice Manager

Withers & Ravenel is seeking a Division Manager - Storm water, a Staff Engineer (Storm water) and an Environmental Services Department Manager

3e is seeking an Environmental Planner/Scientist & a water resources/steam restoration professional

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

ACEC/NC Member Wins TV!

Congratulations to **Kraig Kern, with WK Dickson** the winner of the ACEC-PAC raffle that was held on Thursday, November 5th at the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala!

The American Council of Engineering Companies PAC (ACEC-PAC) is the only political organization in America that is run by engineers, exists for engineers and helps elect pro-engineering candidates to Congress.

ACEC-PAC is proactively working on your behalf to:

Secure passage of new transportation, water, infrastructure and aviation bills that significantly boost federal funding while expanding QBS; pass legislation to protect the ability of engineering firms to use cash accounting; protect firms from new mandates and higher costs resulting from the new health care law.

For more information on how you can get involved, make a difference and join others in supporting ACEC-PAC, please contact Jim Smith, ACEC/NC Executive Director at jsmith@acecnc.org.

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Three firms were awarded the competition's second-highest honor. The recipients of these "Grand Awards" were:

- **Clark Nexsen** for "Hill Hall renovation & New Student Success Center" in Winston-Salem
- **McKim & Creed** for "Partnership Outreach and Research, to Accelerate Learning (PORTAL) building in UNC Charlotte, NC and for The WaterHub at Emory in Atlanta, GA
- **S&ME** for Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility in Edgecombe County, North Carolina

Those in attendance at the Gala were asked to vote for the "People's Choice Award." This award is for the project that was the most impressive and most deserving of recognition. The award went to S&ME for Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility in Edgecombe County, North Carolina

STV Incorporated received the "Henry A. Stikes Grand Conceptor Award." This honor was given for their project "I-485 /I -85 "Turbine" Interchange in Charlotte.

ACEC/NC annually presents the "Engineering Excellence Awards" to honor and recognize engineering and surveying firms located in North Carolina for projects that demonstrate the highest degree of achievement, value and ingenuity. Congratulations to all our 2016 winners!

Firm Qualifications Based Selection (QBS)

Through the combined efforts of ACEC/NC, PENC, AIA, and CAGC landmark legislation was passed in 2013 and 2014 that modified the state's 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 furthered 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

Are YOU Built Tough? Consulting Congress Days

Let's show them what we're made of in Washington! We know you're built tough - tough enough to be part of the conversation, tough enough to show up and do something instead of waiting. Tough enough for ACEC/NC's Consulting Congress Days (CCD) April 19-20th in Washington D.C.

This is your chance to make an impact on decisions that directly affect your business. You can reap the rewards of a more business-friendly Congress but we need your help to get the results.

As we meet and educate our NC Congressional Delegates on these matters, your participation is vital.

Registration Opening Soon!

Details

We're organizing a private motor coach, leaving from Raleigh on April 19th, so our members can travel together to D.C. After arriving, we'll gather for an issues briefing (where you can ask questions about our goals and learn how to make the biggest impact during our visits), followed by a complimentary casual reception. On the 20th, we'll meet with our Representatives, Senators and their Senior Staff (They come to us!). We'll head back to Raleigh on the motor coach by 2:00pm. Individuals are responsible for making their own accommodations arrangements.

ACEC/NC office is MOVING!

We're Moving!

Beginning **March 1st**, ACEC/NC will be in new, more spacious quarters in the Wells Fargo Center in Raleigh.

Our new location will allow us to better serve you, with close proximity to downtown and the North Carolina General Assembly.

Our new address:
Wells Fargo Capital Center
150 Fayetteville Street
Suite 1340
Raleigh, NC 27601

Watch for more detailed information as we finalize our relocation plans, and for our upcoming Open House!



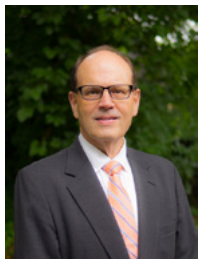
Members In The News

ACEC/NC Members Appointed by Gov. McCrory to State Positions



Monty Irvin, PE, President and CEO of **Ramey Kemp & Associates**, was recently appointed to a seat on the NC Turnpike Authority. The NCTA was created in 2002 by the General Assembly in response to concerns about rapid growth, heavy congestion and dwindling resources.

The Turnpike Authority is authorized to study, plan, develop, construct, operate and maintain up to nine projects. Monty is also a member of the ACEC/NC Board of Directors and is currently Vice President and ACEC/PAC Champion for the organization.



Perry Safran, PE, President and CEO of **Safran Law Firm**, an ACEC/NC Affiliate member, chairs the NC Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.



Stuart Matthis, PE, Vice President of **STV, Inc.** in Charlotte, was also appointed to the North Carolina Works Commission. Stu is one of 24 appointees from the private sector, and will focus on Architectural/Engineering firms in the private sector and their business interests as it relates primarily to job creation. Stu is also a past President of the Board of Directors of ACEC/NC.

ACEC/NC Member Randy Neuhaus Honored as an ACEC Fellow

Randy Neuhaus, PE, President and CEO of **S&ME, Inc.**, was recently awarded the status of ACEC Fellow at the ACEC National Conference in Boston, MA. The College of Fellows is a distinguished class of engineers who have been selected by their peers as deserving recognition for exemplary contributions to the profession. Election to the College of Fellows is administered by the Committee of Fellows, which also coordinates all Fellows activities and programs. Randy is a past President and Member of the Board of Directors of ACEC/NC and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of ACEC.

Congratulations to All!



Member Firms in the News

Davis Martin Powell

Davis Martin Powel welcomes two new employees: **Jessica Iszczyszyn** joins **DMP** as an Engineering Technician. She recently graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering,

Jason Summey joins **DMP** as a Survey Technician. Jason brings with him considerable experience of having worked in the surveying field for over 16 years.

Dewberry

Dewberry recently provided building commissioning for the Center for Design Innovation's (CDI's) new building in the Innovation Quarter of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A multi-campus research center within the statewide University of North Carolina system, the building officially opened with a ceremony on September 23, 2015. All buildings systems were reviewed during construction by Dewberry energy solutions professionals.

McKim & Creed

WaterHub at Emory, an ecological water reclamation treatment facility that is the first system of its kind to be installed in the US, has been named the 2015 WateReuse Innovative Project of the Year by the WateReuse Association.

Moffatt & Nichol

Moffatt & Nichol has added a new Coastal Engineer to its Raleigh, North Carolina office. **Mr. Robert Neal, PE** comes to the firm with more than 18 years of experience specializing in coastal and water resource initiatives.

The firm also welcomes **Mr. Donald Darity, PE**, as a Senior Signal and Transportation Manager. He amides 29 years of extensive traffic signal design and project management experience.

CALLING ALL CHARLOTTE FIRMS!

On March 10th ACEC/NC will host a **Breakfast with the Board** at Dilworth Grille. This well attended event provided member firms in the Charlotte area with an opportunity to network and ask questions to the Board of Directors.

We discuss the latest issues, challenges and opportunities the Board is facing.

Our next **Breakfast with the Board**

Dilworth Neighborhood Grille
911 E. Morehead, Ste. 200
Charlotte, NC 28204

7:30 am Registration
8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting

Please join other local Charlotte area firms to learn about partnering opportunities with other members.

Click [HERE](#) to register!

