**Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday, August 13th, 2020

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Virtual attendance

**AGENDA:**

1. **Welcome/Introductions (Brock-10min)** 
   1. Introduction of new Vice Chairs
   2. Jeremy Potter’s new role – will be helping on Fundraising side, still will be active. Thanked him for his service over the past few years as Chair. Did a great job!
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes (All-5min)** Patrick moved to approve; Guy, 2nd. Approved.
3. **Review Leg Committee Strategic Plan (Brock-20min)** 
   1. Review plan objectives (see attached document)
   2. Introduction of new sub-committees…Transportation, Environmental & Energy, and Funding have been discussed as new sub-committees. Other possibilities, see attached document.
4. **Legislative Update (Jim Smith/David Ferrell-20min)** 
   1. NC state legislature… will return for a brief 2-day session in early September, then will most likely adjourn until the beginning of the 2021 session in January 2021. There are some members in “Leadership” that are retiring, so there will be changes.
   2. On the fundraising side, ACEC PAC may examine a ”24-hour day of contributing” to assist ACEC PAC’s fundraising efforts in early Sept.
      1. Sept 2-3 short session…contributions cannot be made until after this session - shoot for late Sept for contributions.
      2. Need diverse, bipartisan support for Democrats and Republicans
      3. Interesting time as we all know will lead to a very busy next year’s session. Not much going to happen this year at this point with the election coming up.
      4. Changes coming in NCDOT leadership.
      5. Contribution list will be generated.
      6. At the congressional level, there will be a change in our State House/Senate Seats … probably will go 8-5 Republican from the current 10-3 Republican majority due to re-drawn districts/retirements.
      7. Jim Smith/Derek Clyburn attended fundraising event for Virginia Foxx and has attended several virtual fundraiser.
      8. Example Greg Murphy running to replace George Holding on House Ways and Means Committee – big deal. He has a healthcare focus as he is a MD.
      9. Any statewide race will be a referendum on President Trump.
   3. National Bills - Impasse in Senate on Heroes Act from House, Senate countered with Heals Act. Few executive orders in the meantime to bridge the gap on COVID funding. Best guess is reauthorization of FAST Act by September 30th fiscal year end.
   4. NC/US Representative Updates
      1. Determine new Strategic Alliances
      2. Meetings/Correspondence from last meeting – Jim Smith has met with many including Bishop, Murphy, Foxx, Rouser, etc. Will continue to do so. Nobody else commented. Jim will contact all before end of Sept.
      3. Guy noted he spoke to Tillis, Price, Burr, Murphy as a constituent. Need to move forward on latest COVID relief. Encourage others to contact representatives about this. Ask as a voter in their district, how are you voting on items that may impact me. Cross post any feedback across different social media platforms.
5. **PAC Updates Fundraising (Jim/Brock-10min)** 
   1. National/State PAC current accounting status
      1. Successful Sporting Clay event, raised $1,200
      2. $6k right now…need more
      3. Trying to plan event at Drive Shack in Raleigh SOON
      4. Set up Trustee Meeting ASAP to get virtual fundraising going (Took place 8/19)
      5. National
         1. Golf outing on the 21st – Raffle at Golf Tournament…will continue to do that.
         2. National, buy raffle ticket…$25 raffle ticket…Fall Conference Sweepstakes more expensive at $200/ticket…we get credit for it.
      6. Virtual cocktail and auction through app. For State and National PAC fundraising. Need to do early September
   2. Task Force will remain to discuss new ideas for Fundraising, more for virtual ideas at this point.
   3. Events – Past and Future
      1. See above for Clay outing
      2. Sept 21st for Golf outing – live for National PAC
      3. National ACEC fall conference will be virtual, Oct 28-30.
      4. Our summer conference was cancelled. Next year is scheduled already in Wrightsville Beach. Great event to attend. Afternoons off which helps make this a family event.
   4. State and Federal Goals/Current Status. We are behind on the pace to reach our goals.
6. **Board Liaisons (Brock/Liaisons-10min)** 
   1. Discuss new roles with sub-committees. Went though potential committees
   2. Present Liaison members want to continue? Please let Brock know. Also, if you are interested please let Brock know.
   3. Liaison Updates
      1. **Board:**  Iona Thomas…Went through agenda…focus on Fundraising at this time. High hopes on virtual fundraising. Appreciate energy.
      2. **Environmental & Energy:** Ryan Mitchell…will continue in role. Nothing to report but next meeting is September 10
      3. **Transportation:** John Adams…update next Wed. Lisa Samples is chair…nothing much to report. Will talk about NCDOT personnel…NCDOT board will be mostly new, new CFO…House Bill 77. ACEC/NCDOT conf-Oct 21-22 will be virtual
      4. **Business Practices:** Brock Storrusten – no report
      5. **B & I (Econ. Dev.):** Walt Gray…B&I had meeting earlier this week. Capital Associates coming to give update. Reaching out to get additional speakers. Virtual approach vs. in person tours coming…offer PDH’s. Will continue in this role.
      6. **Executive Leaders (former Senior Leaders Forum):** Jim Smith – not much to report
   4. Joe Angell – Federal Update
      1. Engineering has awarded 4 of 7 design-build packages….3/4 billion dollars awarded with ½ billion left to be awarded. Lack of blue collar workers is still a challenge. Whiting Turner, Mortinsons…contracts awarded to big firms.
      2. NCMBC – Summit at end of Oct is virtual. Working out details.
7. **Open Discussion (15min)**
   1. Will contact Joe Angell about how to incorporate Federal
   2. Please contact Brock, Jim, Jessica, Tammy, or Meredith if you are interested in creating a subcommittee or being a part of one.
   3. Thanks to the ACEC-NC Team for all they do 😊
8. **Future Meeting Dates - Oct 8, Dec 10 (Holiday Party in Charlotte), Feb 11, Apr 8, Jun 10**

Attachment: Legislative Committee: Strategic Plan Document