**Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 8th, 2020

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

~~ACEC Office, 150 Fayetteville Street, Ste. 1340, Raleigh, NC 27601~~ (for now 😊)

Virtual attendance Link to Meeting….

**AGENDA:**

1. **Welcome/Set Up (Brock-10min)** 
   1. Good News
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes (Attached; All-5min)** No discussion.Motion...Jeremy Potter, 2nd Paul Steinman…all approved.
3. **Review Progress on Leg Committee Strategic Plan (Brock-10min)** 
   1. Review plan objectives/goals…collaborating more and more bi-partison diversity. Will review a plan objective and what we have done to move it forward at every meeting in the future.
   2. Sub-committees – Looking for Environmental & Energy Subcommittee leader. Ryan Mitchell will discuss with E&E Committee
   3. Joe Angell – Brock and he will connect about potential Committee
   4. Have traction on the Funding Committee – more to come.
4. **Legislative Update (Jim Smith-20min)** 
   1. NC Bills
      1. State…not in session until January, funding initiative, steering committee Designation 2030,
      2. NC Build Bonds…$700 million approved by Council of State, sale in November.
         1. NCDOT $600-$700 cash balance lately…will be starting some projects now …funding ongoing construction projects, P&D Projects 240-250million, not $500 million but substantial. Project Move Forward list to be issued soon.
   2. National Bills
      1. Continuing the FAST act re-authorization for one year.
      2. Stimulus…various plans are being considered
         1. House $2.2 Trillion included items $400 million for Portland, Seattle, New York, etc.; changed voting laws of the states, eliminated no SS Number identification; mandated 10-day period to count ballots; Federal vs State requirements on election process
         2. Will see something passed after election probably
      3. Please share any updates on bills that anyone is tracking. No updates at this time
   3. NC/US Representative Updates
      1. Meetings/Correspondence from last meeting
         1. State PAC - Board $11,500 focused on leadership and industry friends
         2. Lots of collaboration on determining the donor list
         3. Federal met with – Bishop, Tillis, Budd, Murphy, Price and others
      2. Cal Cunningham discussion…can’t withdraw since voting has started. Not sure where this race ends up on election day.
   4. National Webinar
      1. Poll…Clear Politics combines them all…how a poll is conducted has a large impact on results.
      2. Presidential race will probably dictate how the Senate/House will go.
      3. We are a swing state…if Tom Tillis re-elected…keep Republican control
      4. Don’t know what is going to happen
      5. More democrats voting early…republicans later
      6. Outlook that would benefit us the most? 4 scenarios
         1. Biden wins, Rep Senate – moderate agenda…Biden a dealmaker
         2. Biden wins, Dem Senate – hard left turn in legislation, Corp Tax increase?
         3. Trump wins, Dem Senate – gridlock
         4. Trump wins, Rep Senate – keep agenda…common ground with House?
         5. Infrastructure package will happen either way, bi-partisan issue.
      7. Jim will send presentation (done) to Committee members.
5. **PAC Updates Fundraising (Jim/Partrick-10min)** 
   1. National/State PAC current accounting status
      1. Little over halfway to our goal of $36k. We are No. 6 in goal amount in the Nation and looking to get into the Top 5. Need a hard push in the next 2 months to bridge the gap. Can have an internal raffle in your company. Call Jim/Jessica for details. Need to have done in the next couple of weeks.
      2. Fall Sweepstakes - $200/ticket
      3. National Raffle for NC is coming. Could be 2.
      4. Potential virtual auction in conjunction with the Holiday party.
      5. Summer Sweepstakes
         1. NC was 3rd with 270 tickets sold; MI 275, CA 370 of the 3,103 tickets sold….great job!
         2. Nobody from NC won
         3. Raffles are their No. 1 fundraiser by far.
   2. IE Update? No update…
   3. Fundraising Task Force Update – Jeremy and Brock to connect
   4. New ideas for Fundraising
      1. Online, Virtual Auctions
      2. Please bring any ideas to Jim, Jessica, Brock
   5. Events – Past and Future
      1. 5k for National PAC raised at Prestonwood Golf Event
      2. Top Golf Event in Charlotte in Spring
      3. Moving Drive Shack Event in Raleigh to Spring as well
6. **Legislation Initiatives (Brock-15min)** 
   1. Updates, discuss ideas
      1. No movement on legislative initiatives. Need to put together write ups for each and send to the Committee for consideration. Then will send a survey to the Committee to see which ones rank the highest.
      2. Added one to the list, Electronic Signatures for Professionals
      3. DEQ Electronic Submittals – TCC, REBIC, TREBIC leading with potentially ACEC supporting. Already legislation to do so. Jim will take information to the Board for consideration. Will help all our businesses.
7. **Board Liaisons (Liaisons-10min)** 
   1. Liaison Updates
      1. ***Board:*** Iona Thomas (not present) – Liz Phipps – Board meeting next Thursday. ACEC-NC Conference coming up….NCDOT record attendance, 700 attendees. Oct 21-22. ACEC Fall Conference, Oct 28-30. National Committees will get more information. National conferences have great speakers. Will be breakout sessions for both.
      2. ***Environmental & Energy:*** Ryan Mitchell – not much to update
      3. ***Transportation:*** John Adams (not present) – no updates
      4. ***Business Practices:*** Patrick Waterman – cyber security presentation good. Upcoming further meetings.
      5. ***B & I (Econ. Dev.):*** Walt Gray (not present) – no updates
      6. ***Executive Leaders Forum:*** Jim Smith – meeting after new year
8. **Miscellaneous (5min)**
   1. Holiday Party Discussion – event is still undecided, Future “On-Site” Meeting-see what restrictions are in the future, won’t be until April probably. Regardless, we will continue to do virtual meetings and tie them to the on-site meetings.
9. **Open Discussion (10min)**
   1. Joe Angell – Federal Updates
      1. If Democratic lead, will have impact on DOD funding
      2. Operational forces in NC, if Current DOD budget shifts to amphibious (more Pacific based), we need to become a bigger player if that happens, invest in Ports for example
      3. All Design Build Military projects are now starting…all project packages are awarded
      4. Defense Alliance
         1. Government Relations Mtg 11-24 virtual
         2. Dec or Jan, Jim McClusky, post-election presentation
      5. SM&E Event 11-4
   2. Bond coming up for Charlotte…Vote Yes for the Bond, Transportation, Affordable Housing
   3. Share more local legislation updated as well. It is important to discuss federal, state, and local legislation.
10. **Future Meeting Dates -** Dec 10 (Holiday Party in Charlotte), Feb 11, Apr 8, Jun 10