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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of North Carolina

The latest news & upcoming events for
engineering excellence in
North Carolina

Upcoming Events:

August:

CANCELED - ACEC/NC

Annual Summer

Conference at Grove

Park Inn

8.19.2020 - Transportation

Committee Meeting...

[read more](#)

RESCHEDULED -

ACEC/NC Legislative

Golf Tournament... [read](#)

[more](#)

September:

9.7.2020 - Office closed

for Labor Day

9.21.2020 - ACEC/NC

Legislative Golf

Tournament... [read more](#)

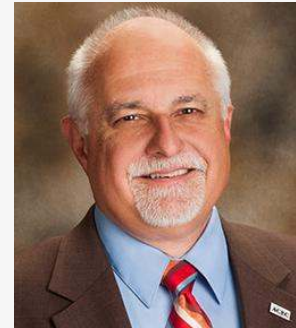
9.28.2020 - ECNC

Education & Advocacy

Fundraising Event...

[learn more](#)

A message from Executive Director James Smith



Dear ACEC/NC Member,
Happy New Year! July begins a new
fiscal year for ACEC of North
Carolina, bringing with it an
abundance of new opportunities for
our organization, members, and industry to grow and thrive
while navigating the challenges we're all facing. While
reflecting on the past fiscal year, I found that a theme of
sorts for the engineering industry (and many other
industries) within North Carolina may be, "The Good, the
Bad and the Ugly"... to read the full letter, [click here.](#)



Get to know the ACEC/NC Communications Plan

The ACEC/NC Board of Directors
approved a Communications Plan to
improve communication vehicles,
content, frequency, reach, and strategy to better engage
and inform member firms in a timely and effective manner
over the coming years. [Click here to read the plan in full.](#)

Important note for upcoming events:

Over that past few
months, the ACEC/NC
staff has been hard at
work identifying new and
creative ways to provide
virtual meetings and

Congratulations to these board members on their new positions!

We are pleased to announce
that [Scott Hinesley](#) will serve as
our new board president and
former board president [Derek](#)



events for our members while in-person gathering limits exist. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you over the coming weeks. And, as soon as the governing authorities deem it is safe to do so, we very much look forward to reconnecting in-person.

We're advocating for the N.C. engineering industry!

To see the most recent legislative updates that could impact you and your firm [click here](#).

Follow us on social media for the latest information!



[Clyburn](#) will serve as the National Director. Also, [Kraig Kern](#) and [Eric Olsen](#) have joined the board as directors. They will both serve a 2-year term. [Click here to learn more about our board](#).



House Passes \$1.5 Trillion Infrastructure Package

The House of Representatives passed its five-year, \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package, the Moving Forward Act. The final vote was largely along party lines, 233-188, with three Republicans voting yes and two Democrats voting no... [click here to read more](#).

Bill concerning NCDOT budget goes into law without Governor Cooper's signature



A bill that sets a temporary floor on gas tax and increases financial safeguards at the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has become law... [click here to read the full article](#).



Coming Soon: Featured Member Spotlights!

ACEC/NC has more than 200 member firms throughout the state. We'd like to help our members get to better know one another – and your key projects – via this new Featured Member Spotlight. Look for our first Spotlight next month, and let us know if you would like your firm to be considered for future Spotlights! Email tbromley@acecnc.org.

ACEC/NC & Member News



ACEC/NC featured in the Engineering Inc.

In this quarter's issue of Engineering Inc., ACEC/NC is the featured member organization! Celebrating 50 years, ACEC/NC continues to build relationships in order to thrive during economic growth and withstand climate challenges. In February 2019, the massive Marc Basnight Bridge, which spans Oregon Inlet connecting Hatteras Island to mainland North Carolina, was opened to traffic... [Click here to read to full article](#).



ECS announces Derek Clyburn, PE as Subsidiary President & Steve Gosselin, PG as Executive VP
Clyburn succeeds Gosselin who will take on the role of Executive VP supporting Derek and the Southeast Management Team in operations, business development, expanding the National and Regional Accounts Program.



DAVENPORT announced Don Bennett, II, PE has joined the Wilmington office

DAVENPORT says Bennett will be an integral part of the team, leading traffic engineering work in the region. During his tenure as the City Traffic Engineer for the City of Wilmington, he prepared and reviewed hundreds of Traffic Impact Analyses (TIAs); developed and reviewed traffic signal plans; and developed and implemented traffic signal system timing.

[Click here to read more ACEC/NC & member news!](#)



The engineering industry in North Carolina has experienced significant impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Click here](#) to view our state resource page that includes the most recent information and updates.

[Click here](#) to view the National resource page that includes the most recent information and updates.

The ACEC/NC Sporting Clay Fundraiser was a success!

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser on July 10! We raised \$1,160 for the ACEC/NC State PAC to support candidates for North Carolina State Office that share the goals and ideals of enhancing the business of engineering. And congratulations to Barry Moose with SEPI who came in 1st place and Monty Hobbs with WSP who came in 2nd.

(Photo: Monty Hobbs (left), Barry Moose (right))



CANCELED: What you need to know regarding the ACEC/NC Summer Conference

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and concern for the health and safety of our members, we have canceled the ACEC/NC Annual Summer Conference scheduled for August 6-8 at the Grove Park Inn.



Things to note:

- If you have registered/paid to attend or are a sponsor, we will issue you a full refund.
- If you have not yet received a room cancellation from Grove Park Inn (your reservation was made outside of the room block), please contact them directly at 800-438-5800. Your room WILL NOT be automatically cancelled if you are not in the ACEC/NC

room block.

- Future Leaders Class of 2020: We will contact you with rescheduled class information. Thank you for your patience!



RESCHEDULED: ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament

Due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and for the safety of our participants, the golf tournament has been rescheduled from August 31 to **September 21**. This event will be a great opportunity to build your relationship with a client or a colleague or to reward your staff for a job well done. To learn more, [click here](#).

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