

ACEC/NC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

11:30 am

Chair: Jeremy Potter
Vice Chair: Brock Storrusten
Board Liaison: Paul Meehan
Attendees: Jeremy Potter, Brock Storrusten, John Adams, Jim Smith, Jessica Mills, Joe Angell, Jack Cowsert, Courtney Gamble, Walt Gray, Nick Lubinecky (phone), Steve Moore, Daniel Perry, Guy Smith, Kevin Su, Miles Galloway, Bill Gilmore, Ellen Turco (phone), Ryan Mitchell (phone), Nick Tennyson (phone)

- 1 Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Introductions of the Chair, Vice Chair, Board Liaison (not in attendance), and attendees.
 - b. Thank you to ACEC for sponsoring lunch.
- 2 Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 6/11/2019
 - a. No comments noted. Approved.
- 3 Discuss Committee Objectives
 - a. Please review objectives. No comments were noted.
- 4 State PAC Fundraising Task Force Update
 - a. The Task Force has been in hiatus the past couple of months with the focus on the incoming NC PAC Board of Trustees, ACEC/NC Board and Committee members. The Task Force will get together before our next meeting to discuss the feedback from the ACEC State surveys and create a list of the best recommendations to submit to the State PAC Board of Trustees for thoughts and approval. Any ideas that would involve the National PAC would need to go to the ACEC/NC Board. Please submit any ideas to Jeremy.
- 5 Legislative Update
 - a. NC Legislation
 - i. Transportation
 1. The cash balance at NCDOT is an issue and will result in delays to projects and project delivery which is still unknown for each particular project. NCDOT will be supplying the industry with a list of projects to suspend or slow work on.
 2. CEI & Design-Build may be impacted

3. Please review the information sent by Jim Smith for more details including the TBJ Article which was very factual. Note the numbers may change in the information since the discussion is very fluid.
 - ii. The budget bill is top priority right now at NCGA.
 - iii. K-12 Education Bond Act
 1. No discussion. Still being debated between House and Senate.
 - iv. Historic Preservation Act – No discussion. Still in the Senate Rules Committee.
 - v. A bill to repeal the MAP Act is in the Senate Rules Committee. No movement on this.
 - vi. HB 871 - Indemnification/Duty-to-Defend. GS 22B-1 has been revised and enacted into law. Effective August 1, 2019.
 - b. National Level
 - i. No update on infrastructure bill.
 - ii. Fast Act is coming up for reauthorization next year.
 - iii. HB1 Visas – ACEC is a strong supporter of increasing the number of HB 1 Visas to bring in an educated workforce.
- 6 Meetings with NC and US Representatives
 - a. None discussed. They are still in session and with the election coming up, individual meetings will be challenging.
- 7 Recent Events
 - a. Board & Committees Kick-off Meeting – June 12th
 - b. Meet & Greet with Candidate for Lt. Governor Scott Stone – June 12th
 - i. Great turnout about 20. Raised \$3,350 for ACEC-NC PAC to make a donation to Scott Stone.
 - c. Legislative Golf Tournament PAC Fundraiser – Monday, June 17th
 - i. Raised over \$4k for National PAC...record
 - d. Summer Conference – July 25th-27th
 - i. Raised nearly \$13k for National PAC...record
- 8 Upcoming Events
 - a. Environmental & Energy Committee Social – August 14th
 - b. Asheville Member Reception – August 15th
 - c. Southern Transportation Civil Rights Executive Council Symposium – August 19th-22nd.
 - d. NCDOT/ACEC Joint Transportation Conference – October 28th-29th. Capped at 1,200. Will go fast.
 - e. FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulation) Overhead Training on October 28th 8:30-4:30pm. Limited to 30 people and 1-2 from each company.
 - f. Not noted during the meeting but for reference...ACEC Fall Conference in Chicago Oct 13-15th. See next page for rates.

Rates

Early Bird Registration Ends Friday, September 12, 2019

| Full Conference | Early Bird Member/Non-Member | After 9/12 Member/Non-Member |
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| Full Registrant | \$1,195/\$1,450 | \$1,295/\$1,550 |
| Additional Member, Same Firm Learn how to get the discount! | \$1050 | \$1,195 |
| First Time Attendee (Member) Learn how to get the discount! | \$1050 | \$1,295 |
| Emerging Leader Learn how to get the discount! | \$999 | \$999 |
| Legal Counsel Forum Only | \$475 | \$575 |
| Guest | \$149 | \$149 |

9 PAC Updates

- a. ACEC PAC Update
 - i. 2019 Goal = \$35,500
 - ii. Roughly 60%-70% of goal so far which puts us ahead of last year and will reach our goal easily if we have typical donations for the rest of the year.
- b. ACEC NC PAC
 - i. Continue working on additional fundraising ideas via the Task Force.
 - ii. Will coordinate with the Business Practices Committee to schedule a joint event in Charlotte around the Charlotte Holiday celebration on December 5th.
 - iii. Educational Sessions will be in Pinehurst in March.
- c. ECNC (IE) – Companies can contribute directly to this fund. Please encourage your companies to participate.

10 ACEC Committee/Forum Liaison Updates

- a. No updates provided from past liaisons. New Liaisons volunteered during the meeting (except for Paul Meehan who was selected previously) and are shown below.
 - i. Board - Paul Meehan
 - ii. Environmental & Energy – Ryan Mitchell
 - iii. Transportation – John Adams
 - iv. Business Practices – Brock Storrusten

- v. B&I (Econ Dev) – Walt Gray
- vi. Senior Leaders Forum – Jim Smith
- b. Environmental & Energy – No update provided.
- c. Transportation – No update provided outside of earlier discussion on funding concerns.
- d. Business Practices – No update provided.
- e. B & I/Econ. Development – The new Chair is Allison Koss of KCI and the new Vice-Chair is Jonathan Locklear of Locklear, Locklear & Jacobs.
- f. Senior Leaders Forum – There was a roundtable discussion at Summer Conference concerning various issues including workshare lessons learned/best practices.

11 Open Discussion

- a. DOD update
 - i. Marine Corps has \$2.5 billion in Florence recovery funds + \$1.5 billion to spend.
 - ii. All bases in NC are benefiting from government spending and there is too much work for consultants to keep up on workload.
 - iii. Included are buildings but also roadway and utilities along with Airport improvements.
 - iv. Upcoming events
 1. Aug 20th <http://www.ncmbc.us/event/navfac-industry-day-hurricane-florence-recovery/>
 2. Sept 12th SAME Event <https://www.same.org/>
 3. Oct 23rd-24th SE REGION FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT <https://summit.ncmbc.us/>
 4. See other details at Military Business Center website <http://www.ncmbc.us/events/>
- b. New Potential Legislative Efforts
 - i. During the meeting, the following topics were discussed and will be discussed further in the future.
 1. Company Ownership/Business Entities/Office Requirements - BUSINESS ENTITIES: 21 NCAC 56 .0901 OFFICES and NCGS Chapter 55B. Professional Corporation Act.
 2. Design Build Contracting
 3. Electronic Signatures - 21 NCAC 56 .1103 STANDARD CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
 - ii. Looking for more ideas for our next great piece of legislation to help our industry, our business, and our profession.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is anticipated to be at 11:30am on Tuesday, October 8th at the ACEC/NC office, Large Conference Room. The tentative schedule for the remainder of the 2019-2020 year is as follows

- Tuesday, December 10th
- Tuesday, February 11th
- Tuesday, April 14th
- Tuesday, June 9th

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeremy Potter, P.E.



Brock Storrusten, P.E.