



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of North Carolina*

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

### Upcoming Events:

#### September:

9.25.2020 - Deadline for  
Engineering Excellence  
Awards... [learn more](#)

**CANCELLED** - ECNC  
Education & Advocacy  
Fundraising Event...

[learn more](#)

9.30.2020 - Business  
Practices Committee  
Meeting... [read more](#)

#### October:

10.8.2020 - Legislative  
Committee Meeting...

[read more](#)

10.14.2020 - Building and  
Infrastructure Committee  
Meeting... [read more](#)

10.21-22.2020 - ACEC/NC  
NCDOT Joint  
Transportation

Conference... [read more](#)

10.28-31.2020 - ACEC  
National Fall

Conference... [read more](#)

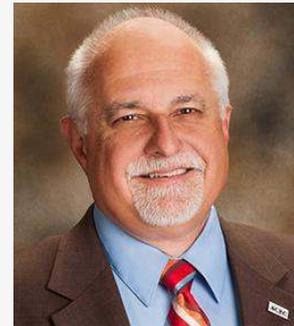
#### November:

11.5.2020 - Environmental  
Committee Meeting...

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11.12.2020 - Engineering

## A message from Executive Director James Smith



Dear ACEC/NC Member,

It's beginning to feel like fall here in North Carolina! At ACEC/NC, that means we're closing out the summer fundraising events and looking ahead to some exciting new events as we begin to approach the end of the calendar year, and, of course, the elections in November.

First, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped to support our PAC's thus far this year. This week, we held a successful legislative golf tournament at the beautiful Prestonwood Golf Course in Cary, NC. We also conducted our very first *virtual* Day of Fundraising on September 14<sup>th</sup> and it was a hit... [click here to read letter in full.](#)



## MEET THE ECNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2020-2021

We're excited to have six distinguished individuals serving on the ECNC Board of Governors during 2020-2021. Board members include: Monty Irvin, P.E., PTOE as Chair, Gary Hartong, P.E. as Treasurer, Stu Matthis, P.E. as an at large member, Derek Clyburn, P.E. as the national director, and Paul Meehan, P.E. as President-Elect.

To learn more about what the board does, [click here.](#)

Excellence Awards...

[read more](#)

11.19.2020 -

Transportation  
Committee Meeting...

[read more](#)

11.26-27.2020 - ACEC/NC

Office is closed for  
Thanksgiving

### 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 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!



We would like to say thank you to Stephen Porterfield of Capital Associates for speaking with the Buildings and Infrastructure Committee about COVID-19 impacts on commercial and industrial real estate in the Triangle area. (Pictured are Scott Hinesley, REI Engineers, Inc. and ACEC/NC President, and Alison Koss, KCI Associates of NC and B & I Chair)

## ACEC & Industry Coalition Call for FAST Act Extension, Supplemental State DOT Funding



ACEC joined an industry coalition of 88 organizations in signing onto letter in support of a one-year extension of the FAST Act transportation programs, which are set to expire on September 30, and supplemental funding for highways and transit agencies to backstop declining revenues. The letter states: "Public agencies continue to face COVID-19 pandemic-induced revenue declines... [click here to read more](#)."

## N.C. A&T's largest gift ever will help educate engineers and scientists



N.C. A&T will receive \$4 million over the next five years to help educate aspiring engineers and scientists — the largest single donation in university history. The gift announced Monday is from **Cree Inc.**, a Durham company that makes semiconductors and LED lighting. "It's a tremendous investment in our university," Chancellor Harold Martin said Monday at a virtual news conference to announce the donation. "We're enthused about the long-term relationship and partnership we've created with Cree as well." [Click here to read more](#).

Featured Member Spotlight:



**HINDE**  
ENGINEERING

Hinde Engineering, Inc.

Hinde Engineering, Inc. (Hinde) is a civil engineering firm that was established in 2004 specializing in utility projects for the public sector with offices in Charlotte and Cary. Hinde has developed a reputation for providing their clients with the highest level of service. We are committed to providing their clients with the most innovative and cost-efficient solutions to utility issues. Superior client communication is just one of the keys to their success. Hinde thrives on six basic principles: commitment, integrity, honesty, ethics, quality, and innovation.

Hinde has a detailed approach to utility coordination from initial client contact through project construction. This process ensures that the client is getting the highest quality of service possible. Hinde staff members have extensive experience in utility construction projects, coordination of utility relocations, utility conflict resolution and contract administration.

Hinde has been awarded the "2018 Outstanding Achievement in Professional Services" by the City of Charlotte and the "2012 Crowns of Enterprise Small Business Enterprise of the Year" by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

To learn more about Hinde Engineering [click here](#).

## ACEC/NC & Member News



Kisinger Campo & Associates jumped 30 places from 179 to 147 in the 2020 Business Observer's Top 500 Companies!



Join WithersRavenel in welcoming Brian Starkey, PLA, ASLA, to WithersRavenel! Brian brings 24 years of experience to his new role as Director of Parks and Recreation. Read more about his background here: <https://bit.ly/3bmbc4w>



Kleinfelder has completed the acquisition of Garcia and Associates (GANDA), adding integral environmental planning and permitting services to our West Division. Read the full press release: <https://bit.ly/31so45v>

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



## The ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament was a success!

On Monday, September 21, teams from across the state participated in the Annual ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament. The tournament is one of the key fundraising events for the ACEC/PAC and this year we raised \$5,200 to support key issues within the engineering industry! Thank you to the 80 players who showed up in support of the PAC, and congratulations

to The Wooten Company team, which came in first place. To see all of the [photos from this event, click here](#). (Pictured are Arvin Maniktala, WSE; Chip Hutchens, WSE; Patrick



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.



Each year the American Council of Engineering Companies conducts its Engineering Excellence Awards competition at the state and national levels. These awards are considered the “Academy Awards of the Engineering Industry.” In North Carolina, we hold our competition in the fall in preparation for the national awards in early 2021. This year ACEC/NC has chosen to hold the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on November 12. To upload an entry or learn more, [click here](#).

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ACEC/NC's mission is to promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy and business services.

