

ACEC/NC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019

11:30 am

Chair: Jeremy Potter

Vice Chair: Jay Barr

Board Liaison: Scott Hinesley

Attendees: Jeremy Potter, Nick Tennyson (phone), Courtney Gamble (phone), Jim Smith, Josh Massrock, Jeff Douglas, Davis Diggs, Brian Glidewell (phone), Scott Brookhart (phone), Jamie Nieves, Kevin Lugo, Radha Swayampakala (phone), Brock Storrusten, Gary Hartong, Charles Archer (phone), Monty Irvin (phone), Larry Mitchell (phone), Kevin Su

- 1 Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Introductions of the attendees.
 - b. Thank you to RS&H for sponsoring lunch.
- 2 Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from 12/11/2018
 - a. No comments noted.
- 3 Discuss Committee Objectives
 - a. No comments were noted regarding the ongoing discussion of “is the committee meeting its commitment to membership?”
 - b. Vice Chair Opportunity – The committee is looking for a new Vice Chair. A few folks have expressed interest. Please reach out to Jeremy Potter if interested.
- 4 State PAC Fundraising Task Force Update
 - a. Jim and Jeremy are compiling a list of the top PAC fundraising states and corresponding ACEC contacts for those states. The Task Force can use these contacts to see if there are easy fundraising ideas.
- 5 Legislative Update
 - a. NC Bills of Interest
 - i. HB 3 – Deals with restricting eminent domain. Prohibit condemnation of private property except for a public use (not necessarily just a public benefit) and provide for payment of just compensation with right of trial by jury in all condemnation cases.

- ii. Indemnification/Duty-to-Defend – ACEC/NC is drafting bill language strictly for the design community. There will be more to come on this in advance of NC Day at the Legislature.
- iii. Transparent Business
 - 1. This is something all PEFs that do business with government entities need to keep on their radar.
 - 2. Company sells software that is installed on computers used by PEFs that have government contracts. This software tracks what is being done on these computers.
 - 3. This company has been hiring lobbyists all over the country and has hired one in N.C; however, nothing has developed yet that Jim Smith is aware of.
- b. National Level
 - i. Freedom of Information Act
 - 1. A question was raised regarding clarification on exactly what is subject to this – working copies of files, references to files through emails that government employees are cc'd on?
 - 2. Jim Smith said that he would check with David Ferrell in regards to this question.

6 Meetings with NC and US Representatives

- a. January 8th – Fundraiser for Senator Phil Berger and Rep. Tim Moore at Café Luna
 - i. Jim Smith, David Ferrell, and Jeremy Potter attended.
- b. Monty Irvin attended all 4 Caucus Fundraisers before the 2019 Long Session began. These are great events to attend and get face time in front of numerous NCGA members.
 - i. Monty suggested the State PAC consider holding on to some funds to attend these in the future if possible.

7 Recent Events

- a. December 13th – Holiday Reception & Auction
 - i. Successful event and helped reach the National PAC Fundraising goal.
- b. December 20th – ACEC/NCDOT Joint Transportation Conference
 - i. Maxed out attendance.
- c. January 30th – AENC Reception

8 Upcoming Events

- a. Environmental and Energy Education & Networking Event (ACEC/NC and PENC) – February 19th
- b. Tour of PNC Arena (B&I Committee) – February 20th
- c. Breakfast with the Board in Charlotte – March 14th
- d. State PAC Sporting Clay Fundraiser – April 12th

- e. NC Day at the Legislature – May 1st
- f. Consulting Congress Days in D.C. – May 7th and 8th

9 PAC Updates

- a. ACEC PAC Update
 - i. 2018 Goal was exceeded.
 - 1. National PAC – \$1.1M
 - ii. 2019 Goal = \$35,500
- b. ACEC NC PAC
 - i. The Board of Trustees are planning for the April 12th Sporting Clay Fundraiser.
- c. ECNC (IE)
 - i. Will be supporting the Indemnification/Duty to Defend legislation. There will be a fundraising initiative starting in March.

10 ACEC Committee/Forum Liaison Updates

- a. Board (Scott Hinesley) – No update provided.
- b. Environmental & Energy (Ryan Mitchell) – Upcoming networking event.
- c. Transportation (Craig Hyman) – Committee meeting on February 18th.
- d. Business Practices (Jay Barr) – Jim Smith provided the update – May 15th Expo will be in Charlotte.
- e. B & I/Econ. Development (Need Volunteer) – No update provided.
- f. Senior Leaders Forum (No one identified at this time) – Jim Smith provided the update – They are planning for a spring 2019 meeting.

11 Open Discussion

- a. February 21st – MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Roundtable
- b. U.S. Rep Walter Jones (District 3) passed away on February 10th.

12 Attachments (None)

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is anticipated to be at 11:30am on Tuesday, April 9th at the ACEC/NC office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeremy Potter, P.E.



Jay Barr, P.E.