

ACEC/NC and PENC Joint Environmental and Energy Committee

Meeting Date & Time: August 19, 2021 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Location: 150 Fayetteville St. Ste 1350, Raleigh, NC 27601 / Zoom Call

Meeting Notes

- Welcome, Introductions
 - Chris Windley, P.E., CJS (ACEC Co-Chair)
 - Leah Young, P.E., KCI, (PENC Co-Chair)
 - Matthew Fogleman – Board Liaison

- Goals for 2021/2022
 - Identify Vice-Chairs for the Environmental Committee
 - Identify Chairs and Vice Chairs for Subcommittees
 - Consolidate Subcommittees
 - Air quality, Environmental Planning and Natural Resources - Environmental
 - Water / Wastewater and Stormwater – One Water
 - Energy
 - Solid and Hazardous Waste

 - Re-engage NC DEQ leadership and host regular meetings (2-3 per year)
 - Co-Chairs of E/E Committee will request help from the Board to reach out to DEQ
 - Leah Young has already reached out to Annette Lucas – Head of DEQ Stormwater
 - Co-Chairs are looking for Subcommittee input for topics to address with DEQ

 - Increase outreach to other regions beyond Raleigh / Charlotte to promote a wider membership
 - Co-Chairs encourage subcommittees to reach out to other members and/or outside the Professional Engineering Field community
 - Co-Chairs have asked ACEC-NC administration to include Future Leaders 2020/2021 classes on E/E meetings and events invites.

 - Host the Environmental /Energy Networking Event in March 2022, if safe to do so.
 - Potentially looking at Asheville/ Wilmington location for presentations / social event (maybe 1 pm – 6:30 pm)
 - Door prizes and trivia at local restaurant to follow is an option being considered

 - Outreach programs to encourage school-age children to get more involved in engineering
 - Local Boy Scout troops – Engineering Merit Badge
 - PENC Engineers Week – Middle School STEM talks (Matthew Fogleman to assist)
 - MATHCounts (PENC / Amit Sachan – Triangle Chapter Chair)
 - Future Cities
 - Co-Chair Chris Windley is looking into BSA Exploring program as option

- Subcommittee Reports: (5 minutes each)
 - Environmental - Katherine Mather (Chair)/ TBD (Vice-Chair)
 - Nikki Thompson (Past-Chair) gave update
 - EPA is currently hosting public meetings for WOTUS
 - Interested attendees have to register
 - July 30th announced schedule for upcoming meetings
 - Looking for feedback on 2015 vs latest version
 - Accepting written recommendations up to Sept 2-3
 - USFWS – has added several T&E species list – Carolina Madtom and Neuse River Waterdog
 - Solid & Hazardous Waste - Sean O’Neal – Catlin (Chair)/ Ed Woloszyn (Interim Vice-Chair)
 - No Report
 - One Water - Will Larsen, PE – The Wooten Company (Chair) / Brian Oswald (Vice-Chair)
 - Merging Groups from Water/Wastewater/Stormwater
 - Stormwater Sharepoint Site for communication
 - Will is going to reach out to stormwater contacts combine with Water/Wastewater
 - Highest potential for funding with State budget in some time
 - Upcoming rounds will provide opportunities for submittals/applications
 - Federal level funding opportunities include:
 - American Recovery Act earmarked for Water/Wastewater, Stormwater, and Broadband
 - Infrastructure Bill
 - Federal funding is starting to trickle down to State Level
 - Energy - Steve Kerlin – Terracon (Chair) / Brandon Finch – McAdams (Vice-Chair)
 - No Report
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Future 2021-2022 Joint Environmental Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows – More information to come
 - 2nd Quarterly Meeting – November 17th, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 - 3rd Quarterly Meeting – February 17th, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 - 4th Quarterly Meeting – May 18th, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 - Tentatively Networking and Educational Event – March 17, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, Location: TBD
 - Looking for Presentations for next three quarterly meetings.
 - Looking for lunch sponsors and location sponsors for next three quarterly meetings.
- Closing Comments
 - Subcommittees are encourage to think about topics for discussion with DEQ



Attendees:

- Leah Young
- Andy Rodak
- Christopher Burkhardt
- Michael Iagnocco
- John Fargher
- Ken Alford
- Todd Kennedy
- Matthew Fogleman
- Nikki Thompson
- Trent Cormier
- Zachary Mega
- Nadia Mata
- Louis Raymond
- Amit Sachan
- Chris Windley
- Jessica Hartong
- Katherine Mather
- Miles Gallaway
- Will Larsen