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*of North Carolina*

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

### Upcoming Events:

#### October

**10.26.2021**

Business Practices  
Committee Meeting

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#### November

**11.4.2021**

Bridge Workshop

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**11.9.2021**

ACEC/NC B&I  
Symposium

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**11.11.2021**

Engineering Excellence  
Awards Dinner

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**11.16.2021**

Legislative Committee  
Meeting

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**11.17.2021**

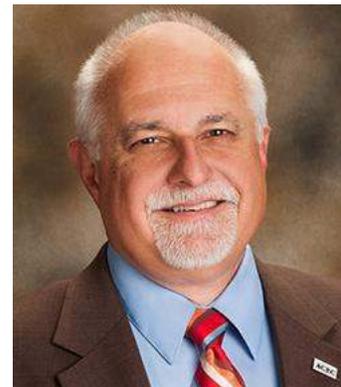
Environmental and Energy  
Committee Meeting

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## A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

With fall here and cooler temperatures hopefully quickly on their way, we are keeping our foot on the gas to end the calendar year strong. We have had some great events over the past ten months, and we still have some can't-miss opportunities to connect with members from across the state.



But before we talk about what's on the horizon, we need to take a quick look back at some of the wonderful recent events.

First, the numbers are in, and you blew through our expectations for national PAC fundraising at the summer conference. \$14,400! This was one of our most significant single fundraising events EVER, and it is all thanks to everyone who contributed. Second, thank you to everyone who joined us in Washington for our DC reception. While it was a bit later than usual, we had a great turnout from ACEC members and the North Carolina Congressional delegation members.

[Click here](#) to read the letter in full.

**11.18.2021**

Transportation Committee  
Meeting

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**11.23.2021**

Business Practices  
Committee Meeting

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**11.25 - 11.26.2021**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
ACEC Offices Closed

**December**

**12.9.2021**

Charlotte Holiday  
Reception

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**12.16.2021**

Raleigh Holiday Reception  
and Auction

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Since 1969, North Carolina engineering firms have entered their most innovative projects and studies in ACEC/NC's annual Engineering Excellence Awards program (EEA) "the Academy Awards of the engineering industry" honoring the year's most outstanding engineering accomplishments.

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the winners of the 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards.

[Click here](#) to register.

## 2022 Future Leaders Program

*Growing today's engineers into tomorrow's engineering leadership*

ACEC/NC is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Future Leaders Program. The program is designed to give participants the opportunity to explore concepts and means by which both personal learning and business performance may be increased. The primary focus is on interactive learning with a select peer group facilitated by both local and national leaders of the business community and A/E professions.

Space is limited! [Click here](#) to submit your nominations by **November 1.**

We hope you'll join us at our upcoming holiday receptions! This will be a time to network with other area members and our ACEC/NC Board of Directors and staff. Don't miss out on the awesome raffle and auction prizes. RSVP today!

[Click here](#) to register for the Charlotte reception.



[Click here](#) to register for the Raleigh reception.



Our trip to Washington, D.C. was a success this year. Several of you joined us as we met with the North Carolina Congressional District to discuss infrastructure funding and other issues that directly affect the engineering industry. Thank you for making this trip memorable!

[Click here](#) for more photos.

## Status Update on Infrastructure Bill Negotiations

Senate approved by unanimous consent the one-month extension of federal surface transportation programs under the FAST Act, and the President signed the bill (**H.R. 5434**) into law. The legislation ends the furlough of thousands of U.S.



DOT employees and enables the continued reimbursement of State DOT expenditures and other important program activities.

Federal-aid highway and transit funding is now set to expire on October 31. That gives Congress a new deadline for finally passing the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([H.R. 3684](#)).

Read the full article [here](#).

## Featured Member Spotlight

This month's Membership Spotlight features the Raleigh based firm, ms consultants, inc. The firm was founded in 1963 and today has locations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, and West Virginia and has a team of more than 300 valued employees. Specializing in engineering, architecture, and planning, ms consultants has expanded its reach from locally based to national projects as well. The firm was ranked as one of the top 500 Design Firms as well as one of the top 300 Architecture Firms.



ms consultants credits its success to their ability to combine local experience with national expertise. The firm prides itself in its ability to adapt to client needs and for being a mid-sized firm that can bridge local client needs with more abundant resources introducing new technologies and services.

To learn more about ms consultants, visit their website at <https://www.msconsultants.com/>

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