**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 6, 2022

4 - 5 PM

Greensboro in person at Liberty Bar, Virtual elsewhere

**AGENDA:**

1. **Welcome/Good News (All-5min)**
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes (All-5min)** Minutes approved.
3. **Board/Administrative Updates (Open-5min)** N/A
4. **Legislative Update (David-10min)** 
   1. **NC Bills –** For ACEC focus will be on budget and what legislature is willing to do on transportation funding. Is there more federal money that can be allocated. Potentially a registration fee on electric vehicles and true up of registration fee on hybrid vehicles. Transferring general fund revenue from tires, windshield wipers, etc to transportation coffers over time. Delivery fees on uber, door dash, etc and delivery services like amazon, etc. These groups (Amazon, FedEx, etc) were all represented in room when the fees were proposed and proposed their own fee. Other retail stores though that are now delivering (grocery stores, etc) have raised questions on constitutionality of placing fees on delivery. Entire package needs to be passed as one big package, will not have democrat support unless all fees go as one package.
   2. **National Bills/News –** Currently 13 seats; 8 to 5 republican. Predictors thinking new maps would trend 10-4 republican
   3. **NC/US Representative Updates –** 2021 session technically still not adjourned due to redistricting maps, waiting on trials to wrap up, closing arguments today. Should hear results within one week. It is an election year so probably a short session this summer. Currently filing period not open, once maps are set, supreme court will probably set new filing period. (elections already moved to May due to redistricting maps).
5. **PAC Updates Fundraising (Patrick/Brock 10min)** 
   1. **National PAC 2021 Goal Update –** was at 85% of goal; will meet goal
   2. **State PAC 2021 Goal Update –** will have around $25k to donate; Made the following donations: Senator Phil Berger $1k; Representative Brendon Jones $750; Representative Dean Arp $2.5k; Scott Stone for Senate $1.5k; Senator Danny Britt $750; Senator Vickie Sawyer $1k
   3. **ECNC (IE) Update –** For more info, contact Brock
   4. **Events and other PAC Updates**
      1. **Bourbon Tasting –** 1st quarter (virtual)
      2. **Wine Tasting –** summer 2022
      3. Love your PAC event February 10 – Registration fee is not considered a PAC donation. Then there is a suggested donation to the PAC
      4. **Holiday Receptions** - success
      5. **Dean Arp Fundraiser –** success; sponsored by NCSE/PENC
      6. **TopGolf in Charlotte** – March 16
      7. **Building a complete calendar for next year –** Still working on this
      8. **Others?**
6. **Subcommittee Updates (10min)**
   1. **Federal Subcommittee Update (Patrick/Joe) –** Joe emailed out agenda for subcommittee. A lot of advocacy scheduled for March to May. Joe to schedule Meetings January/February /March to identify what subcommittee wants to advocate for. Subcommittee wants feedback as to what is important to ACEC member firms. If you have something of interest, please reach out to Joe Angell or Patrick Waterman. So far about 6-7 people that have expressed strong interest, another 10-12 people that may or may not be able to participate depending on timing/topic.
   2. **Funding Subcommittee Update (Jessica/Brock) –** ARP money being distributed is the focus right now. More updates at next meeting.
   3. **Land Development Subcommittee Development Update (Brock)**
   4. **Transportation Subcommittee Development Update (Brock) –** In the process of being created. Jim Smith, Brock, Davis Diggs and Will Letchworth working on this.
   5. **Environmental Subcommittee –** More info to come!
7. **Legislation Initiatives (Brock-5min)** 
   1. **Electronic Seals –** no update
   2. **Water/Sewer financing –** Critical for development. Municipalities are beginning to see how lack of water/sewer can kill development.
   3. **Other ideas?**
8. **Board Liaisons (5min)** 
   1. **Liaison Updates**
      1. **Board: Iona Thomas** – No Update
      2. **Environmental & Energy:** Ryan Mitchell – Scheduled to meet in February. No other update at this time**.**
      3. **Transportation:** Davis Diggs – Funding shortfall projected in current STIP is biggest issue right now. NCDOT provided a good /honest update on this. STIP is overprogrammed by $8B (after IIJA money). 36 month let list should move forward, funding stable for this list. Anything past 36 months is up in the air right now.
      4. **Business Practices: Patrick Waterman –** No update
      5. **B & I (Econ. Dev.): Walt Gray –** No update
      6. **Senior Leaders Forum: Jim Smith –** No Update
9. **Open Discussion (5min) – Social Districts**
   1. Winston Salem Meet the Board – 1/13
   2. Need more participation in committee
   3. Really need feedback on meetings, interests, how we can get more involvement, etc
10. **Future Meeting** Dates – March 10, 2022 – Raleigh; May 19, 2022 - Wilmington