**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 19, 2022

4:00-5:00PM

In Person in Wilmington at Flying Machine Brewery

Virtual attendance option

**AGENDA:**

1. **Welcome/Good News & Review/Approve Meeting Minutes (All-5min) –** 
   1. **Great Trail State Coalition –** engaged David Ferrell to be lobbyist to procure funding for trails. Conversations are going very well. ACEC added great trail state fund as part of agenda for legislative day.
   2. **Nic Tennyson visited to Iceland!**
2. **PRESENTATION:** **Making our lives more Digital with e-Recording; Tim Bowes, PLS, Past President NCSS** **(15min) –** 30 counties in NC are e-recording everything; 92 Counties are e-recording some things. 5 are testing it. 8 are not e-recording anything. E-recording is much more convenient for everyone. Surveyor remains in control in plat so it is secure. Register of deeds does not have to worry about storage capacity. Better quality recording. NCDOT has been slow to get on-board. Two acts electronic commerce act one of them that promote this. Tim is doing a great job leading this initiative for our firms.
3. **Board/Administrative Updates (Brock-5min)**
   1. **Open Positions/Org Chart review** – Iona Thomas is the Board liaison; Brock Storrusten staying on a chair. John Weavil is staying on as a vice chair. Patrick Waterman will be rolling off as vice chair to accept his board position. Still looking for one to two more senior vice chairs. Legislative Committee Transportation Subcommittee working on by-laws.
   2. **PAC Board of Trustees** – New addition (Jeremy Potter); revamping by-laws for Chair.
   3. **2023 Strategic Planning**
      1. **Initiative/Focus Areas Discussion** – Survey coming out
      2. **Working on Plan** – Meeting with board and committees on June 9
4. **Legislative Update (Jim/David-10min)** 
   1. **NC Bills** – legislative short session started today. Promoting legislation to move transportation sales tax from general fund to highway fund. Have scheduled June 7 as our legislative day. This is our chance to advocate for over ½ billion dollars to go to highway trust fund and have a direct impact. Please talk to your own legislators to push for this.
   2. **National Bills** – ACEC at national level Focused on PPP fix, IIJA funding distribution/timing. PPP Fix has been included in a bill. September 28 is our planned trip to DC.
   3. **NC/US Representative Updates** – June 7 Legislative Day in Raleigh. September 28 Legislative Day at DC
   4. **Short Session Advocacy** – Sales Tax Transfer
   5. **Great Trails**
5. **PAC Updates Fundraising (Patrick/Brock 10min)** 
   1. **National PAC 2022 Funds Status** – 20%. First big event is golf tournament at Prestonwood end of June. May do bourbon raffle later this year. Wine tasting coming up. Still have time to sign up.
   2. **State PAC 2022 Funds Status** – sporting clay fundraiser raised $1,500. Have $11.5k in account.
   3. **ECNC (IE) Update** – Meeting last week
      1. Messaging, Promotion, Collaboration, Workflow, Accountability, Legislative Initiatives/Input
   4. **Events and other PAC Updates**
      1. **Updates**-Pitch Fore the PAC Charlotte with Board Meeting, Board Mtg/Event Asheville, Clay Shoot, Bourbon Tasting
      2. **Future:** Prestonwood Golf/John Davis Speaking, Top Golf-Raleigh, Virtual Wine Tasting. Drive Shock in Raleigh event October 6
      3. **ACEC Spring Conference in DC week of 5/23**
      4. **ACEC-NC Summer Conference** – Grove Park Inn August 4-6. Room block is open, registration for summer conference opens today
      5. **Legislative Day, June 7th**
6. **Subcommittee Updates (10min)**
   1. **Federal Subcommittee** **(Patrick/Joe) –** a lot of concern with budgets. Everything is over budget right now which does not allow govt to award the projects. Way behind on spending for the year. Trying to be innovative but is a big challenge.
   2. **Funding Subcommittee Update** **(Jessica/Brock) –** Not much has happened since last meeting. Trying to get more folks involved. Will begin working with municipal funding soon
   3. **Transportation Subcommittee** **(Josh/Brock) –** Josh Dalton Chair, John Sloan vice chair. Each member will serve 3-year term. Staggered terms. 2 new members each year.
   4. **Other Subcommittee Updates** **(Brock)**
7. **Legislation Initiatives (N/A)**
8. **Board Liaisons (5min)** 
   1. Revamp next year…Subcommittee Chairs to be liaisons. No comments.
9. **Open Discussion (N/A)**
   1. How could interest rate raises over the next year impact construction? If rates are raised could slow down all markets.
   2. Lack of materials/supplies is slowing construction.
   3. Housing Market very strong still. Had a discussion on the Housing environment in our region.
10. **Future Meeting Dates –** This was the last one for this fiscal year! Next meeting July 14 then remaining year schedule to come.