

**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors' Meeting
November 18, 2016
Baton Rouge Renaissance Hotel**

BOG present: Bob Schmidt, Ryan Spillers, Raymond Reaux, Andree Cortez, Alison Catarella-Michel, David Leslie, Andy Craig, Lynne Roussel, Kurt Evans, Tony Arikol, Steve Robertson, David Dupre, Craig Campbell, Nathan Junius, Laurence Lambert and Michael Thomassie

BOG with prior engagements: Brad Graff

STAFF: Dan Mobley and Janet Tomeny

Additional Guest(s): Ann Trappey, John Basilica and Ken Naquin

President Schmidt called the meeting to order and approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

President Schmidt called for the approval of the October 14, 2016 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Arikol and seconded by Mr. Campbell that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT (Financials Attached)

Mr. Craig advised that he and Mr. Mobley reviewed the attached financial report with Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham reported on the October 2016 financials noting that current cash on hand of \$235,134. Annual meeting expenses have not been reconciled as we are waiting on the State of Alabama to provide the hotel expenses. Mr. Graham reviewed the Profit & Loss worksheet and the checking account registry. A motion was made by Mr. Spillers and seconded by Ms. Cortez to approve the October 2016 financials. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Mr. Reaux reported that he spoke with Peter Strub and he is willing to come to LA to meet with Waldemar Nelson and Hunt Guillot on February 15th. We will work on setting up meetings.

Continuing Education: Mr. Evans reported that Critical Issues will be held on February 16-17, 2017 and the annual ACEC legislative convention in Washington, D.C. in April. Also, a study tour to Spain is being proposed for 2017. Mr. Mobley advised that a contract has been signed for Deep South Convention 2017 but not thereafter. It was recommended that Mr. Evans, as incoming President, should reach out and start future convention discussions with the other states leadership.

Public Relations:

Mr. Craig reported that the news media was in attendance at Project Outlook and Mr. Lambert reported the newsletter is behind schedule and he will distribute in December.

Legislative Committee: Mr. Evans reported that he spoke to Senator Smith about authoring proposed CM@R legislation in lowering the floor and eliminating the pilot program. Mr Mobley will set up a meeting with LES to discuss our legislative agenda.

Mr. Mobley reported that PAC checks were presented to both Congressman Steve Scalise and Congressman Garrett Graves. A request has been sent for John Kennedy. Also, ACECL hosted a legislative luncheon for those legislators who participated in the New Orleans/Hammond Legislative Roadshow on October 17th.

CLIENT COMMITTEES

Transportation: President Schmidt advised that he and Mr. Mobley testified before the Governor's Infrastructure Funding Task Force. The Driving Louisiana Forward campaign will be implemented to market increased funding for transportation and ACECL will be seeking monetary contributions, possibly in January. After discussion, a goal to raise \$50,000 and requesting a match of \$50,000 from the Minuteman Fund seemed to be reasonable. Mr. Mark Lambert suggested to ensure ACECL has a strong voice in the campaign.

Mr. Mobley asked Ms. Catarella-Michel to give any update on FHWA meeting on traffic engineering. She advised that there was a meeting with FHWA with 12 firms in attendance and was told that DOTD has an investigator on staff and this may be an avenue to move forward. Mr. Mobley advised that Mr. Wedge notified him to contact him to discuss the matter. (Mr. Mobley advised later in meeting that he received an email from Mr. Wedge advising of progress with QCIP)

Mr. Reaux advised that he spoke with Mr. Wedge at Project Outlook advising him that ACECL hasn't received answers to the last procurement questions presented to DOTD. He assured Mr. Reaux that he would get with Mr. Mobley. Mr. Reaux asked Mr. Mobley to resend the questions. President Schmidt stated that Mr. Wedge wants to take the answers to his executive staff before presenting to ACECL.

FP&C: Mr. Mobley reported that Mr. Moses advised him that he recently attended a conference and wants to get with ACECL with some new ideas. He also admitted that he may be violating QBS pertaining to geoenvironmental selections.

Fire Marshal: See LAPELS

CPRA: Mr. Ledet advised that a meeting with CPRA was held on October 26. Mr. Evans, who was in attendance, reported that CPRA expressed the desire to work with ACECL on their Evaluation Criteria. Mr. Reaux advised that CPRA released a Large Scale Marsh Project and Mr. Chatellier is open to dialogue for future advertisements. After discussion, it was recommended to send CPRA's criteria selection process to the CPRA Committee for comments/concerns. Mr. Mark Lambert noted that he spoke with Johnny Bradberry about attending a future Board Meeting.

DEQ: Ms. Cortez advised that she and Mr. Arikol met with Jonathan McFarland on November 3rd. Mr. McFarland advised of grant/loan programs available and Ms. Cortez will forward information.

Department of Health & Hospitals: Mr. Arikol noted that Amanda McLaughlin attended client reception and suggested next year at Project Outlook to have a client roundtable and include DHH.

INDUSTRIAL & FEDERAL AGENCIES COMMITTEES

Corps of Engineers: Nothing to report.

USDA Rural Utilities Services: Nothing to report.

LIAISON COMMITTEES

AIA: Mr. Campbell reported that no new meetings between FP&C and AIA have been held and AIA is ready to get meetings organized again.

LAGC: Nothing to report.

LES: Mr. Schmidt advised he will meet with the LES President prior to next meeting to discuss their request for future convention partnership.

LAPELS: Mr. Reaux advised that Billy Moore reached out for names of applicants to the LAPELS Board in the construction category. Mr. Campbell also advised that he met with LAPELS on the Fire Marshal issues and Mr. Savoie advised that LAPELS has had no luck with the Fire Marshal's Office responding. LAPELS did agree that once the architects new licensing Board's Executive Director is hired that a joint letter be drafted, in hopes that the Fire Marshal will send out, advising of a 6 month grace period. Thereafter, those who are not qualified to stamp plans will be prosecuted. After discussion, it was agreed to have Mr. S. Loeb to draft a letter to send to LAPELS for their use. Also, Mr. Mobley advised he will check on the status of Phase II of the supercomputer software.

ASCE: Nothing to report.

General Counsel Report:

No report.

National Director's Report:

Mr. Arikol advised the ACEC Fall meeting in Colorado was another great event. He noted that National Directors of other MOs are in office more than 1 year and we may want to consider changing our term limit. Mr. Arikol feels this will allow the National Director to have additional time to make relationships with the national staff. Also discussed was the possibility of membership electing the National Director noting qualifications for those on the ballot.

Chapter Presidents' Report:

Baton Rouge: Mr. Thomassie reported that he is working on speakers for 2017. Next meeting will be held in January, 2017.

New Orleans: Mr. Junius reported that the November meeting hosted Jefferson Parish who will have a tax vote on the December 10th ballot. There will be a Christmas Dinner on December 8th and Mr. Junius is working on 2017 speakers.

Lafayette: Mr. Campbell reported that Page Cortez will be the speaker on November 30th.

Shreveport: Mr. Leslie reported that on November 30th Wyatt Sanders will be speaker discussing risk management.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Mobley advised that on December 15th Angele Davis will come back for guidance in implementing the strategic plan.

Mr. Mobley also announced that it appears that St. Tammany Parish has agreed to talk to ACECL about their procurement process. Both David Dupre and Kurt Evans have talked to St. Tammany staff recently. Mr. Dupre advised that he, Mr. Arikol, and Ms. Catarella-Michel would like to form a task force to discuss RFQs and other matters with St. Tammany Parish.

Mr. Mobley asked for Board recommendations for names of persons who may be interested in sitting on the FP&C selection board.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Ledet advised that the PAC Last Chance Raffle is underway and encouraged all to participate as the national PAC is always proactive to our requests and we are short on our 2016 goal. (Raffle forms distributed)

New Business:

President Schmidt asked Mr. Basilica to give an update on the Governor's Task Force on Infrastructure Funding (Task Force). Mr. Basilica, along with Ms. Trappey and Mr. Naquin, advised the Board that DOTD has a new five year transportation plan which has been approved by the Legislature. After the Task Force travelled around the State, meeting with business leaders, the majority in attendance were in agreement to present to the Legislature a plan for additional funding with hopes of getting the necessary 2/3rds vote needed. Meeting participants also questioned why taxes and why not considering P3s and tolls. At the next Task Force meeting, to be held on December 1st, a Resolution will be introduced to recommend a 23 cent sales tax with possibility of indexing (trucking industry not in favor), along with fee increases. The *Driving Louisiana Forward* marketing campaign will be implemented to educate the public and to get needed support to the Legislators. Q&A session continued.

Mr. Junius noted that he is aware of LSPS wanting to have Louisiana regulations adopted granting licensed land surveyors to be the only people able to do construction layouts. He is concerned that contractors may be supporting as well. Mr. Mobley advised he has not heard of this.

President Schmidt advised that Baton Rouge has two Green Light 2 tax items on the December 10th ballot and a marketing campaign has quickly been formed. Mr. L. Lambert advised that the goal is to raise \$150,000 and William Daniel will be making calls for contributions.

Mr. Mobley advised that only 1 (Houma) of the 3 separate entities of Providence companies has requested membership. (28 employees) A motion for final membership approval for Providence Engineering & Design, LLC was made by Ms. Catarella-Michel and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held at the Engineering Center in Baton Rouge on Thursday, December 14th beginning at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be a strategic planning session with Angele Davis followed by a luncheon at Sullivan's.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Campbell. President Schmidt adjourned the meeting without objection.