

## American Council of Engineering Companies of SC Annual Meeting Saturday • June 14, 2014 • 7:30 AM Hilton Head Marriott Spa & Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC

ACEC-SC Chair Don Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:35 am. He welcomed attendees and recognized ACEC-SC Board of Directors members and the committee chairs present. Also in attendance were: Kent Alexander, Jerry Carter, Derek Clyburn, Rick Fauteux, Joe Greenburg, Larry Hargrove, Tom Jordan, Chuck Joye, M.L. Love, Randy Neuhaus, Kylie Page, Randy Patrick, Peter Strub, Melvin Williams, Joe Jones and Ginger Booker.

<u>Approve June 15, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes</u>: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the June 15, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes as published.

ACEC Update: Randy Neuhaus, ACEC Vice Chair, reported he started with ACEC in 2005 at the state level and moved up to national. He reviewed the ACEC goals: advocacy, infrastructure, energy and tax reform. In the big picture it is about the health, welfare and safety of the public. He said ACEC tries to keep the balance between the republicans and democrats at the national level. He reviewed some of the benefits of being an ACEC member. They are education resources – webinars, ACEC Last Word – Voice of the Engineering Industry which reaches over 56,000 readers and Minute Man Fund grants; the fund has \$2.2 million war chest. He encouraged all to participate at the state and national level. There is value in insurance trust discounts are giving to ACEC members. ACEC Fellow nominations are needed. ACEC is here to serve the engineering community. Neuhaus encouraged everyone to read the ACEC Value Proposition document. See attached.

Chair's Report: Don Freeman thanked the board members for their support. He thanked staff, Joe Greenburg for his work with future leaders, Jerry Carter for national PAC, Melvin Williams for the transportation committee, Derek Clyburn for the state PAC and legislative work, Randy Patrick for scholarships and Caleb Pozsik for engineering excellence. He reported this year the board decided to focus on three goals member, legislative and future leaders. He reported ACEC-SC received a membership award from national. Derek Clyburn and Joe Jones made appointments with some state legislators and had some success with the industrial exemption bill. Joe Greenburg worked hard to make future leaders successful this year. The ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting was very successful. He reported that he and Joe Jones have a meeting soon with the new Secretary of Transportation. The ACEC-SC/SCDOT Partnering Committee is a good vehicle to communicate with the DOT. The Legislative Reception was well attended this year by engineers and legislators. Engineering Excellence Awards was successful the Public Service Award was given to Lt. Governor McConnell and the academic scholarship was awarded to Devante Horne of Clemson at the gala in February. He reported PAC contributions were made in May and ACEC-SC contributed to the NCEES southern zone meeting in Charleston earlier in the year.

<u>Vice Chair's Report</u>: Joe Greenburg thanked board members for their support this year. We had serious times, but we also had fun. The ACEC-SC Planning Retreat was held in March in Greenville. Attendees focused on membership, legislative, future leaders, scholarships and advocacy and some goals were set. For the last three or four years ACEC-SC has been running in the 80-85 firm range for membership. Leo Hoch, ACEC Executive Director, Business Relations and Membership came from Washington to discuss membership. Hoch, Joe Jones and I met with a few potential new members. Getting the word out about ACEC will be important this year. Hosting more social events and networking opportunities for our membership and our future leader's participants and finding ways to increase participation in the scholarship program was discussed. Educating member firms and getting other societies involved to have a more unified voice with the legislature was also discussed.

<u>Financial Report</u>: Tom Jordan, ACEC-SC Secretary/Treasurer reported the ACEC-SC PAC fell short this year. About half of the budgeted amount for the PAC was received. The ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting, Engineering Excellence, Future Leaders the Winter Meeting and the Scholarship Golf Tournament were successful this year.

<u>2014-2015 ACEC-SC Budget</u>: Jordan reported this year's budget has increased \$14,000 for income and expenses from last year. He reported the board has proposed a 1.9% dues increase the cost per index number last year was \$414.44 and will increase to \$422.31 per index number. The scholarship golf tournament was increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000 to create a reserve for the scholarship program. Management fees were increase 1.9%. See full budget below. A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the 2014-2015 ACEC-SC budget as presented.

## **2014-2015 ACEC-SC Budget**

INCOME		<b>EXPENSES CONTINUE</b>	
ACEC-SC Dues	\$144,069.00	Lobbying Fees	\$430.00
ACEC-SC PAC	\$30,000.00	Legislative Activities	\$500.00
ACEC Dues	\$65,000.00	SC PAC Contributions	\$30,000.00
ACEC Minuteman Fund	\$1,900.00	Engineering Excellence Awards	\$16,000.00
Affiliate Dues	\$7,464.00	Winter Meeting	\$13,000.00
Engineering Excellence Awards	\$20,000.00	ACEC-SC/SCDOT Meeting	\$28,000.00
Winter Meeting	\$19,000.00	Board Retreat	\$7,000.00
ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting	\$58,000.00	Spring Golf Tournament	\$15,000.00
Retreat	\$7,000.00	Legislative Reception	\$2,500.00
Golf Tournament Income	\$15,000.00	Future Leaders Program	
Engineering Conference	\$14,000.00	Dues and Subscriptions	\$500.00
		SCCJC Dues	\$2,500.00
Total Income	\$381,433.00	Management Fees	\$161,984.32
EXPENSES		Miscellaneous Operations	\$3,000.00
ACEC Dues	\$65,000.00	Liability Insurance	\$250.00
Minuteman Contribution	\$1,800.00	Public Relations	\$2,800.00
Exec Director NAECE Dues	\$100.00	Contribution to Reserves	\$2,500.00
Travel-Executive Director	\$5,000.00	Bank Charges/Credit Card Fees	\$750.00
Travel-National Director	\$4,000.00	990 Review	\$2,300.00
Travel-Chair	\$2,500.00	Legal and Professional Services	\$3,000.00
Travel-Vice Chair	\$2,500.00	Minute Man Fund Match	\$5,000.00
Membership Committee	\$2,000.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$381,414.32
Transportation Committee	\$500.00		
Environmental Committee	\$500.00		
Committee Activity – Other	\$500.00	NET INCOME	\$18.68

<u>National Director's Report:</u> Larry Hargrove mentioned the ACEC Value Proposition document. This document shows how much value member firms get from their membership to ACEC. He encouraged everyone to try to attend the fall conference in Hawaii, the hotel rooms are inexpensive. He thanked everyone for letting him represent ACEC-SC at the national level. South Carolina is making a big contribution at the national level.

<u>Executive Director's Report</u>: Joe Jones reported the ACEC-SC PAC contribution will be above the line this year and will be mandatory for firms. If firms cannot contribute to the PAC, firms can opt for the contribution to go to the education fund. The relationship with the SCDOT has improved over the years. ACEC-SC hosted a South Carolina night at the convention in Washington, 14 people went to dinner. He thanked everyone for allowing him to be the executive director of ACEC-SC. The 2015 conference is June 11-14 in Myrtle Beach. M.L. Love thanked Ginger

Booker and Jones for putting together the ACEC Fellows meeting that was held at the hotel on Thursday, June 12. See Jones full report attached.

<u>Nominating Committee Report/Election of New Board Members</u>: Carter reviewed the nominating committee report. He reported the ACEC-SC Nominating Committee consists of Jerry Carter (2012-13 Past President), Matt Silveston (2011-12 Past President), and Jim O'Connor (2010-11 Past President). A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the nominating committee report and elect the board as presented by Carter.

Nominated for three-year term expiring 2017: Jeff Burkett, Mead and Hunt, Lexington, SC, Derek Clyburn, PE, ECS CAROLINAS, LLP, Greenville, SC, Rick Fauteux, PE, HDR, Charleston, SC (nominated for term extension up to 2017 to fulfill officer positions).

Nominated for one-year term expiring 2015: Melvin Williams, S&ME, Inc., Charleston, SC (Filling Joe Coffey's Position expiring in 2015).

<u>Returning for two-year term expiring 2016</u>: Kylie Page, PE, Terracon, Charleston, SC, Tom Jordan, PE, Davis & Floyd, Inc., Greenwood, SC.

<u>Returning for term expiring 2015</u>: Kent B. Alexander, PE, Rowe Professional Services Company, Myrtle Beach, SC, Joseph A. Greenburg, PE, Design South Professionals, Inc., Anderson, SC, Robert Thomas Haselden, Jr. PE, URS, Columbia, SC.

<u>Terms expiring</u>: Derek Clyburn, PE, ECS CAROLINAS, LLP, Greenville, SC (Filling Charles Dwyer's position, Don Freeman, PE, Parrish and Partners, LLC, Columbia, SC, Melvin Williams, S&ME, Inc., Charleston, SC (Filling Joe Coffey's Position for 2014).

Officer and Ex-Officio Board Member Nominations: The ACEC-SC Board of Directors elects its officers following the election of new Board members. As such, the Nominating Committee recommends the following for 2014-2015 officers: Chair - Joseph (Joe) A. Greenburg, PE, Design South Professionals, Inc., Anderson, SC, Vice Chair – Tom Jordan, PE, Davis & Floyd, Inc., Greenwood, SC and Secretary/Treasurer – Rick Fauteux, PE, HDR, Charleston, SC. A motion was made seconded and passed to elect the Board Members as presented by the Nominating Committee.

<u>The ACEC-SC Board of Directors will be honored with the following Ex-Officio Board members:</u> **National Director (term expiring 2015)** - Larry Hargrove, PE, Life Cycle Engineering, Inc., Charleston, SC and **Past Chair** - Don Freeman, PE, Parrish and Partners, LLC, Columbia, SC.

Don Freeman convened a board meeting at 8:24 am to elect officer. A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the slate of officers for 2014-2015.

Randy Neuhaus installed the ACEC-SC Officers and Board of Directors. Don Freeman, 2013-2014 Chair passed the gavel to Joe Greenburg 2014-2015 Chair. Joe Greenburg presented Don Freeman the past chair plaque and thanked him for his service to ACEC-SC.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger Booker ACEC-SC Account Executive