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ACEC Announces New Volunteer Leaders Leaders Elected to Group's Executive Committee

Washington, DC – The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the voice of America's engineering industry – is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has elected five new members to its Executive Committee, with terms beginning later this year at the ACEC 2020 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

At the Convention, Charlie Gozdziwski, principal emeritus at Hardesty & Hanover in New York City, will take over the role of Board Chair from current ACEC Board Chair Mitch Simpler, managing partner emeritus at Jaros, Baum & Bolles in New York City.

Robin Greenleaf, CEO of Architectural Engineers, Inc., in Boston, will become the new Chair-elect. Greenleaf will assume the office of Board Chair for the 2021-2022 administrative year and will become the first female Board Chair in ACEC history.

"ACEC's strength lies in its membership. The volunteer leaders on the Executive Committee are committed to promoting the business of engineering to policymakers, peers, and the public at large and Charlie Gozdziwski is well-positioned to continue that stellar leadership," said ACEC President/CEO Linda Bauer Darr. "I am also thrilled that Robin Greenleaf will be the first woman to chair our organization in its 112-year history. The honor is overdue and well deserved."

Newly-elected to two-year terms as vice chairs are Edmond Alizadeh, president of Geotechnology, Inc. in St. Louis; Michael Cooper, president/managing principal of Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield, Mich.; Matthew Hirst, president/COO of CRS Consulting Engineers in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Gary Raba, president of Raba Kistner, Inc. in San Antonio.

ACEC/North Carolina Executive Director Jim Smith will serve as the National Association of Engineering Council Executives (NAECE) representative to the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.

"Over my term as Board Chair, we've seen ACEC strike a new direction with the hiring of Linda Bauer Darr as CEO and the adoption of a bold and audacious strategic plan that will position the organization as the premiere voice for the engineering industry. I am looking forward to transitioning the volunteer leadership role to this incredibly well-suited team," said Current ACEC Board Chair Mitch Simpler.

The new officers will join Gozdziwski; John Carrato, president/CEO of Alfred Benesch & Company in Chicago; Keith London, president/CEO of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in Murrieta, Calif.; Kenny Smith, CEO of T. Baker Smith in Houma, La; and ACEC President/CEO Linda Bauer Darr on the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.

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The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of the nation's engineering industry. Founded in 1906, ACEC is a national federation of 52 state and regional organizations representing more than 5,600 engineering firms and 600,000+ engineers, surveyors, architects, and other specialists nationwide. ACEC member firms drive the design of America's infrastructure and built environment.