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American Council of Engineering Companies Appoints New Chairman and Board Members

WASHINGTON, DC (April 28, 2020) – The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – on April 25th 2020 appointed Charles Gozdziwski as its 2020-2021 Chairman of the Board.

Joining Gozdziwski on the ACEC Executive Committee are Chair-Elect Robin Greenleaf of Architectural Engineers, Inc. in Boston; Vice-Chair Ed Alizadeh of Geotechnology, Inc. in St. Louis; Vice-Chair Michael Cooper of Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield, Mich.; Treasurer and Vice-Chair Matt Hirst of CRS Consulting Engineers, Inc. in Salt Lake City; and Vice-Chair Gary Raba of Raba Kistner, Inc. in San Antonio. ACEC North Carolina Executive Director Jim Smith will serve as the representative of the National Association of Engineering Council Executives (NAECE).

Gozdziwski is Chairman Emeritus of Hardesty & Hanover, an infrastructure engineering firm based in New York City. During his long and distinguished career, he has been involved in hundreds of bridge and transportation projects across the United States, and particularly in the New York and New Jersey Metropolitan area. An active member of ACEC, he has served on the Executive Committee, chaired the PAC Committee and National Advocacy Committee, co-chaired the Budget Committee, and been a member of the Planning Cabinet and Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the ACEC College of Fellows.

“We are going through one of the most challenging times of our careers,” Gozdziwski said. “But history has shown time and time again that engineers can turn challenge into solutions. Our industry provides essential value to society and our firms are working to design the projects that will help our nation recover from the economic effects of this crisis. We are critical in rebuilding our hope and confidence through rebuilding our infrastructure. We are ready and look forward to leading that recovery.”

Gozdziwski accepted the gavel from Immediate Past Chair Mitch Simpler, who is Managing Partner-Emeritus of Jaros Baum & Bolles, a mechanical and electrical engineering firm based in New York City.

“Under Mitch Simpler’s leadership, the Council made great progress on a number of fronts,” said ACEC President & CEO Linda Bauer Darr. “We prioritized diversity and inclusion, expanded our advocacy efforts, bolstered our national influence, and highlighted the essential work that engineering firms do – which is so critically important right now.”

Outgoing national officers are Stephanie Hachem of Kimley-Horn and Associates Jay Wolverton of Wolverton & Associates Art Barrett of Gannett Fleming Keith Jackson of HNTB Corporation Manish Kothari of Sheladia Associates, Inc., and Michael Smith of ACEC Utah.

“Each one of our outgoing national officers has made a significant contribution to ACEC in a time of change and challenge, and their work will have a lasting impact on the Council,” Darr added. “I look forward to what our new class of leaders will offer to grow our influence in Washington and beyond.”

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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.