**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
December 13, 2018
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Raymond Reaux, Kurt Evans, David Dupre, Andree Cortez, Michael Songy, Sherri LeBas, Nathan Junius, Brett Bayard, Chad Bacas, Bob Boagni, Micha Duffy, Andy Craig, Michael Thomassie and Lisa Cookmeyer

**BOG with prior engagements:** Craig Campbell, Alison Catarella-Michel and Don Arrington

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux, Dan Mobley and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** N/A

Chairman Reaux added one additional item to the proposed agenda, La. Board of Professional Geoscientists. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Cortez to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reaux called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mobley presented the inspirational message.

Chairman Reaux asked Secretary-Treasurer Cortez for roll call. Quorum established.

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the November 16, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Craig and seconded by Ms. Cortez. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Cortez presented the November 2018 financials. (Attached) After review and comments, a motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Mr. Evans to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux reported:

* Reaux, Evans, Dupre, Cortez, K. Smith and staff met with ACEC President & CEO Linda Darr in New Orleans on November 29 and suggested that ACECL bring to the ACEC Board a possible resolution to advance the idea of Regional Committees within ACEC. Ms. Brasseaux will present to Kenny Smith as he sits on the ACEC strategic plan committee;
* Voters passed the MoveEBR transportation tax;
* Recognition of Mr. Mobley and his ten years of distinguished leadership to ACECL (presentation of farewell gift);
* Concern of La. Board of Professional Geoscientists mission statement wherein it reads “protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in civil projects”. Mr. Mobley reported that the state law is very definitive of duties and Ms. Brasseaux will research law/mission statement and report at next meeting.

**National Directors Report:**  No report.

**President & CEO Report**:

Ms. Brasseaux reported:

* Listening meetings with Board Members and partners, along with travel to Shreveport and Monroe for Chapter Meetings;
* Public Employee: (a) meeting with PAR wherein they assured ACECL that they want to find a solution on the Public Employee issue and will engage attorneys Loeb and Frazier on potential language; (b) meeting with Jefferson Parish President on potential language to be inserted in public contracts; and (c) Mr. Ralph Junius will accompany to meet with Ethics Board Member; and
* Update on establishment of a state PAC.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported December 11th Center for River Studies tour of the river model and on January 14, Ms. Alexandra Carter, OCD, will present on the La. watershed initiative.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Dupre reported 40 attendees at the December 6th Christmas dinner held at Andrea’s Restaurant. Ms. Tomeny reported the next meeting will host Paul Rainwater on January 10.

**Lafayette:** Mr. Bayard reported he is working on a possible joint luncheon with LASCE for January 30, 2019.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Duffy reported Monroe met on November 26, 2018 wherein he and Ms. Brasseaux gave an update on ACEC current projects/issues. Next meeting will be held in the Spring.

**Monroe:** Ms. Brasseaux, reporting for Mr. Arrington, met with Shreveport firm members at the November 27 luncheon wherein she presented an update on ACEC current projects/issues.

**Lake Charles:** Ms. Tomeny reported that the next Lake Charles luncheon is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2019 and expressed concern with LES holding their conference on the same date in Lafayette.

**Alexandria:** No Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Report Attached.

Mr. Dupre reported that he will meet with Ms. Brasseaux and Ms. Tomeny and focus on retention and at-risk firms. At the next Board Meeting it was suggested to break out in geographical groups to review the listing of firm participation and Board members select firms to contact to ask them to engage in ACECL events.

**Continuing Education:**

Critical Issues – Ms. Cortez reported Critical Issues has been rescheduled for February 14-15, 2019 due to Washington Mardi Gras festivities. The program is being finalized by all associations.

Annual Conference - Washington, DC (May 5-8, 2018)

Business Forum - Mr. Evans reported he is working on the 2019 program and will send out a survey to membership seeking speaker topics.

Deep South – Ms. Tomeny reported she and Ms. Brasseaux will be visiting The Lodge at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama as a possible future venue.

EEA Awards Program – No report.

**Public Relations:** Ms. Cortez presented attached committee report. Next meeting to be scheduled in January 2019.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Thomassie presented attached committee report outlining the December 12, 2018 conference call meeting.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:** Mr. Boagni presented committee report outlining the December 6, 2018 conference call meeting. (a) draft of letter to Ed Wedge (attached) on indirect costs and overhead rates was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Songy and seconded by Mr. Dupre to send the proposed letter as written. The Board voted with 9 votes affirmative and 3 against. Motion passed. (b) draft of letter to Ed Wedge (attached) on new course requirements for the traffic engineering analysis was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Ms. LeBas to send the proposed letter as written. Motion passed unanimously; (c) The Transportation Committee recommended Dr. B. Naghavi, Michael Palamone & Robert Boagni to represent ACECL membership to provide Dye Management to study engineering plan submission and performance rating process. After discussion, a motion to accept said recommendation, along with adding an additional Board representative, David Dupre, was made by Ms. LeBas and seconded by Mr. Junius. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ports, Airports, Rail, Multi-modal**Ms. LeBas presented attached committee report and will schedule a Multimodal subcommittee meeting soon.

**Water Resources:** Ms. Cookmeyer presented attached committee report.  Next step: CPRA procurement and process review and NOSWB payment issues.

**Facilities:**No report.

**LES/Lapels:**No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  Mr. Songy reported he will have lunch with Ken Naquin, LAGC.

**General Counsel:** No report.

**National PAC:** No report.

**New Business:**

Mr. Songy and Ms. LeBas reported on fundraising for the Louisiana Coalition to Fix Our Roads (LCFOR) and presented a proposed fundraising letter (attached) to be disbursed to ACECL membership, along with a listing of firms who perform transportation work, along with size of each firm. The Board was encouraged to contribute and, also, select firms to whom they will personally contact for contributions. A motion was made to approve letter for disbursement by Ms. LeBas and seconded by Mr. Songy. Motion passed unanimously.

Next steps: letter will be mailed to members first week of January 2019; Board member will notify Ms. Brasseaux with list of firm members who they will personally contact for contributions; Ms. Brasseaux will prepare a script for said follow-up phone calls to be made approximately two weeks after letter is distributed.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on January 18, 2019 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, the Engineering Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Ms. Cortez to adjourn the meeting.