**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
December 12, 2019
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Andy Craig, Raymond Reaux, Sherri LeBas, David Dupre, Nathan Junius, Michael Songy, Colby Guidry, Brett Bayard, Bob Boagni, Micha Duffy, and Chad Bacas

**BOG with prior engagements:** Andree Cortez, Charles Adams, Kent Poyser, Michael Thomassie, Lisa Cookmeyer, and Don Arrington

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Kurt Evans and Brian Moldaner

Chairman Craig called the meeting to order and introduced Brian Moldaner, Vice-President of the New Orleans Chapter.

Mr. Kurt Evans presented the inspirational message.

Chairman Craig asked Ms. Tomeny for roll call. Quorum established.

Chairman Craig called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Reaux and seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Craig called for approval of the September 20, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Reaux and seconded by Ms. LeBas. Motion passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Brasseaux presented the October & November 2019 financials noting some additional revenue with an IRS refund and reimbursement of computer training by the State of Louisiana, Workforce Development. Ms. Brasseaux also advised that there was no 2019 Critical Issues income but ACECL will ask for sponsorships for the 2020 Summit. After review and additional comments, a motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Mr. Duffy to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Craig also announced that the ExComm will meet and distribute Christmas bonuses to staff and acknowledged their dedication and hard work.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** (A. Craig)

* Chairman Craig recommended Raymond Reaux to apply for ACEC 2020 College of Fellows. Mr. Bayard made the motion and seconded by Mr. Songy. Motion passed unanimously.

**National Directors Report:**  (R. Reaux)

* ACEC Fall Conference was held in Chicago on October 13-16. ACEC Board of Directors’ meeting agenda, along with the newly voted Strategic Plan was distributed. Also, ACEC was approved for a grant of $250,000 from the Minuteman Fund to the ACEC Foundation to update and expand the 2009 study on QBS.
* Mr. Reaux sat on the 2020-2022 ACEC Board Nomination Committee wherein they interviewed for the Chair and Vice- Chair positions. Mr. Reaux distributed a listing of the Chair-Elect and four (4) Vice-Chairs that will be placed on the ballot. Mr. Reaux recommended that Mr. Kurt Evans should be encouraged to apply for a Vice-Chair seat in the future.

**President & CEO Report**: (Brassseaux)

* Fall Conference ($15,900) EEA ($3,800) post report of net income. This total exceeds the budget by a total of $11,794. Mr. Reaux expressed his concern with state employees paying for their own EEA ticket due to public employee ethics rules. Ms. Brasseaux will confer with the Board of Ethics prior to the 2020 event.
* The State PAC is registered and has a tax identification and banking account. The initial core contributors will meet in January.
* Firms have expressed some interest in salary studies. Should ACECL purchase the Zewig Group annual salary surveys for distribution at the cost of $500? After discussion, it was not known if the report had copyright privileges and if it could be distributed to member firms.
* Continuing Education: Critical Issues is February 13-14, 2020 and ACECL is offering sponsorships. The ACEC Business of Design Consulting conference will be held in New Orleans on March 4-7, 2020. ACECL’s sponsored educational panel for the Louisiana Transportation Conference will be held on March 3rd at 10:15 a.m. and ACECL will also have an exhibit booth at the March 1-4, 2020 event.
* The New Orleans Chapter’s public works subcommittee is working with City of New Orleans on contract issues with the largest issue being fee curve.
* LCFOR is sending a letter attaching the Road & Bridge Report to all Legislators. The Governor’s Office is open to a Special Session but will need to wait on new legislative leadership appointments.
* Posted interview with Mike Gorbaty (DOTD) – Common 24-102 mistakes.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported Fred Raiford spoke at December 9 meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for February 10.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Moldaner reported that on October 10 the Chapter hosted Dan Borne and December 4 was the Holiday Dinner. Next meeting is January 9.

**Lafayette:**  Ms. Tomeny reported DOTD District Administrator Bill Olivier will be the speaker for January 15.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Duffy reported Ali Mustaphi and Dr. Guice were guests at the December 3 luncheon discussing the EEA Award program and their judging experience.

**Monroe:** No report.

**Lake Charles:** Ms. Tomeny reported that the next Lake Charles luncheon will be held on January 22 hosting Jim Rock, Lake Area Industry Alliance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Mr. Dupre expressed that one’s duty as a board member is to actively recruit members for the organization. A potential recruitment listing of members was distributed a few months ago and Mr. Dupre asked that each Board member identify at least one (1) firm to actively recruit and notify him. (Full report distributed)

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Legislative Committee:**  Report attached. Ms. Brasseaux reported the next committee meeting will be scheduled in March. PAR is reviewing ACECL’s latest Public Employee draft language. (Full report distributed)

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:**  Mr. Boagni reported the Steering Committee will meet tomorrow (12/13) and the Transportation Committee will meet next week. (Full report distributed)

**Water Resources:** Ms. Brasseaux reported she and Nathan Junius attended the Water Institute of the Gulf briefing on December 10, along with a few other member firms. Follow-up meetings are planned. The Institute also stated that they are willing to work with ACECL on QBS. Ms. Brasseaux advised that Justin Ehrenwerth would be willing to do a briefing to ACECL members. (Full report distributed)

**Facilities:**  Ms. Brasseaux reported she met with Mark Moses and he advised FP&C are drafting guidelines for procedural manual which will include not requiring engineers/architects to submit pricing for geotechnical, topographical & surveying services. Also, a Committee meeting will be set to discuss ACECL’s recommendations to FP&C on structure formula for cost of construction fee.

**LES/Lapels:** Mr. Bayard reported that two (2) current LAPEL board members will be rolling off the board (private practice & industry). LES advertised for nominees, which closed on Friday, December 5. Chris Richard received six (6) private practice applicants and Mike Morris received five (5) industry applicants. LES will meet in January and one (1) from each category will be sent to the Governor’s office for appointment consideration.

**AGC/AIA:**  Ms. Brasseaux & Mr. Songy continue to have monthly breakfast meetings with LAGC.

**Unfinished Business:** Mr. Kurt Evans presented the ACECL Strategic Plan 2019 review/update noting progress of goals and strategic actions. After brief discussion, Chairman Craig advised that he and Chairman-Elect Dupre will meet prior to the next Board meeting to discuss action items and assign strategic plan committee chairs.

**New Business:** A motion for final membership for Sustainable Design Solutions was made by Mr. Reaux and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion for preliminary membership for Figg Bridge Engineers and HighTide Consultants was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Reaux. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2020, 9:00 – 12:00 at the Baton Rouge Hilton Capitol Center in conjunction with Critical Issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Mr. Reaux to adjourn the meeting.