**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
July 11, 2019
SanDestin Resort
Destin, Florida**

**BOG present:** Andy Craig, Raymond Reaux, Michael Thomassie, Chad Bacas, Sherri LeBas, Andree Cortez, David Dupre, Nathan Junius, Charles Adams, Kent Poyser, Colby Guidry

**BOG with prior engagements:** Brett Bayard, Bob Boagni, Micha Duffy, Lisa Cookmeyer, Michael Songy, Don Arrington

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Kurt Evans, Alison Catarella-Michel, Kevin Crosby, Sergio Girau, Kenny Smith, Jay Wolverton, Mitch Sampler and Daphne Bryant

Mr. Reaux called the meeting to order.

Mr. Reaux reviewed the accomplishments of the 2018-2019 Board of Governors including the hiring of Doreen Brasseaux, President & CEO; successfully engaged a Lake Charles Committee; Committees are active; reviewing and continuing to work on the Strategic Plan; and met the ACEC PAC goal. Mr. Reaux also spoke of his appreciation to Mr. Kurt Evans after serving 9 years on the ACECL Board.

Mr. Reaux announced the 2019-2020 election results and introduced the Executive Committee.

Mr. Reaux passed the gavel to 2019-2020 Chairman Andy Craig. Chairman Craig welcomed all Board Members and introduced all guests.

Mr. Thomassie presented the inspirational message on “trust.”

Chairman Craig asked Mr. Thomassie for roll call. Quorum established.

Chairman Craig called for approval of the agenda with three (3) additional items; contract task force (Doreen Brasseaux), update on National ACEC (Kenny Smith) and update on National ACEC PAC (Sergio Girau). A motion was made by Mr. Reaux and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Craig called for approval of the June 21, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Reaux and seconded by Mr. Bacas. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Cortez presented the June 2019 financials. After review and comments, a motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Ms. LeBas to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Craig introduced committee chair assignments, and advised he is searching for Public Relations and Water Resources committee chair replacements. Chairman Craig also distributed the 2019-2020 Board meeting schedule comprising of 7 meetings. Mr. Craig presented his vision and goals as Chairman to conclude completion of pending Board issues such as the architect/Fire Marshal stamping of plans and to interact with the Ethics Board to clarify the definition of public employee. Ms. LeBas asked Chairman Craig if he would compile a list of pending issues and he concurred. Mr. Reaux gave a short verbal summary of the public employee issue(s) to new board members.

**National Directors Report:**

* Mr. Reaux advised that he is serving on the 2020-2021 ACEC Nominating Committee and the committee will meet in Chicago in the Fall.

**President & CEO Report**:

* Ms. Brasseaux presented the Call for Entries for the ACECL EEA Awards and encouraged all to submit projects
* Project Outlook will be re-branded as the ACECL Fall Conference and in 2020 the Fall Conference will include additional Business Forum tracks, possibly a day and one-half event.
* ACEC Fall Convention in Chicago on October 13-16
* ACECL’s strategic plan summary, prepared by Mr. Kurt Evans, was distributed. Next steps are to ensure we integrate with National’s strategic plan and Chairman Craig advised at the September board meeting the plan will be reviewed with the final update being complete and voted at the December Board Meeting
* ACECL’s need to assign an appointee to the newly formed Public Works Task Force. A motion was made by Mr. Reaux to have Kurt Evans represent ACECL and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported that Larry Bankston with the Baton Rouge Growth Coalition will be the speaker at the August 12 meeting.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Poyser reported that the ACEC Trusts will be present at the August 8 meeting and he will contact the La. Chemical Association for a future speaker.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Guidry reported the next meeting will be held on July 30 hosting Lafayette Parish President candidate Carlee Alm-Labar, inviting AIA members.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Craig reported that Mr. Duffy has not been successful in getting the newly elected Shreveport Mayor.

**Monroe:** No report.

**Lake Charles:** The next Lake Charles luncheon will be held on July 31 hosting Cameron Parish Port Director Clair Marreaux.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Mr. Dupre reported he will meet with the Membership Committee (Chapter Presidents) prior to next meeting on recruitment efforts.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Legislative Committee:**  LCFOR is developing a position paper on 2020 Special Session on Infrastructure.

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**Transportation:** The next Transportation Committee meeting will be conducted via telephone conference on August 20.

**Water Resources:** Ms. Brasseaux reported that John Basilica is putting together a proposal for CPRA on selection processes. Ms. Brasseaux also reported that she advised CPRA that the most recent Mid-Barataria program manager RFQ should had been full QBS (advertised as 20% cost) and requested a meeting to discuss future projects with Rudy Simoneaux. Also continuing to work with the City of New Orleans.

**Facilities:**  No report.

**LES/Lapels:** No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  No report.

**New Business:** Chairman Craig introduced ACEC Vice Chair Kenny Smith and ask Mr. Smith to give an update on ACEC National. Mr. Smith advised that the newly hired President & CEO Linda Darr has been on board for 9 months and is making exciting changes for the organization; new strategic plan is being drafted and should be presented at the Fall Convention in Chicago; refocusing MO services/partnerships with the leadership of Daphne Bryant; survey results noting 85% of current membership is under the age of 45 and therefore must engage future leaders; refocusing a strategic communications specialist in getting the message outside ACEC; and the ACEC Foundation is working on updating QBS research; diversity and inclusion challenges; private client networking; leadership pipeline; and continuing expansion of coalitions, committees and forums.

Mr. Smith introduced Jay Wolverton and ACEC Chairman Mitch Simpler who advised the ACEC strategic plan will be bold and inclusive and will be reviewed annually.

Chairman Craig introduced Sergio Girau who gave an overview of the importance of the ACEC PAC and encouraged all Board Members to contribute to ensure we make our goal again for 2020. Mr. Smith also advised that Clay Shoot events have been successful. Chairman Craig advised the implementation of the state PAC is near completion.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on September 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Center in Baton Rouge, La.

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