**American Council of Engineering Companies   
of Louisiana   
Board of Governors’ Meeting  
July 22, 2021  
The SanDestin Resort, Forida**

**BOG present:** David Dupre, Andree Cortez, Chad Bacas, Colby Guidry, Byron Racca, Brett Bayard, Michael Thomassie, Rob Delaune and Nathan Junius

**BOG with prior engagements:** Bob Boagni, Don Arrington, Chad Poche, Sherri LeBas, Butch Babineaux, Lisa Cookmeyer, Brin Ferlito and Brandon Aillet

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux and Janet Tomeny (Zoom)

**Additional Guest(s):** Kevin Crosby (Lazenby & Associates), Gary Raba and Steve Hall

Mr. Dupre called the meeting to order and announced the 2021-2022 ACECL Board election results. Mr. Dupre acknowledged the support he received as Chairman from Board members and staff and passed the Chair’s gavel to 2021-2022 Chair Andree Cortez.

Chair Cortez asked Ms. Tomeny for roll call. Quorum established.

Chair Cortez called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Cortez called for approval of the June 18, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Guidry and seconded by Mr. Bacas. Motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:** (Financials Attached)

Ms. Brasseaux presented the June 2021 financials noting the current total checking/saving account balance of $199,199 which reflects revenue collected for Deep South Convention participants from other states and will ultimately be distributed to other MO’s after reconciliation. FY 2020-21 closed with a $56,200 surplus. After discussion and overview, a motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Junius to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair Report:** (A. Cortez)

* Chair Cortez reported 2021-2022 vision/goals: (1) recruit, hire & transition next ACECL President/CEO; (2) review, revision, and implementation of ACECL Bylaws; (3) work with the newly created Political Advocacy Committee and Chapter Presidents to set goals and implement strategies to reach PAC goals with ease; and (4) messaging to potential members showing value of ACECL/ACEC membership.
* Chair Cortez reported 2021-2022 Committee Chair/Board Liaison assignments.

**National Directors Report:** (D. Dupre)

* Mr. Dupre reported earlier this date ACEC Leadership, Chair Robin Greenleaf, Vice-Chair Gary Raba and ACEC staff Steve Hall and Daphne Bryant met with leadership from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee with update on infrastructure funding, fixing the PPP Loan Credits, update on the ACEC Research Institute and advising a draft of the ACEC 3-year budget will be presented at the Fall Conference.
* ACEC Fall Convention will be in-person at Marco Island, Florida on October 27-30, 2021.

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

* Ms. Brasseaux expressed her appreciation and gratitude to the Board for the 2 ½ years of support as ACECL’s President & CEO and will assist the Search Committee in finding and transitioning the next President & CEO.
* EEA: Call for Entries was released on July 15th with submission deadline of September 30. Winners will be announced at the Fall Conference Awards luncheon.
* Baton Rouge Drainage Issues: ACECL has been engaged with the City of Baton Rouge through HNTB, who is preparing the parish wide drainage model, and CSRS who will be developing the plan. There are moratorium discussions in Ascension, St. Tammany, and Iberville Parishes. Mr. Thomassie noted the City of Central has developed their model using the statewide model and the City Engineer is the keeper of said model and the City of Baton Rouge may consider. After discussions, the ACECL Water Resources will discuss, evaluate, and report what role ACECL should play: object to moratoriums; support moratoriums with standards; what is the minimum standards; ensure ACECL has a seat at the table while standards are created; possible planning of a Water Summit?
* Salary Study Update: The salary study survey will be released on July 30th to members. Those firms participating will receive the survey at no cost. There will be a cost to firms who do not participate.
* DOTD Secretary Roundtable: Scheduled for August 10th and looking for topics.
* Virtual Business Forum: Final Agenda presented with Senator Bill Cassidy kicking off the virtual forum discussing Infrastructure Legislation, followed by three separate sessions, Business Development, Risk Management & Human Resources.
* ACEC Fall Conference will be held on November 18 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. Secretary Wilson has confirmed attendance and looking at water sector speaker(s) possibly DOA, the Water Institute and the SRF/LDEQ revolving loans.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported planning Jamie Seltz and Calvin Hill for the August and September chapter meetings.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Delaune reported Jefferson Parish President Sheng tentatively has committed to the August meeting and St. Tammany Parish President Mike Cooper for September. Also, Mr. Delaune and Vice-President Moldaner are planning an Emerging Leaders reunion forum.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Guidry reported that Chance McNeely spoke at the July 14 Chapter luncheon on the outcomes of the 2021 Legislative Session including a summary of HB2.

**Shreveport:** No report.

**Monroe:** No report.

**Lake Charles:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:**  Ms. Brasseaux advised Eustis Engineering has notified they are dropping membership. ACEC National and Ms. Brasseaux are scheduling a ZOOM call with Eustis to discuss. Mr. Dupre recommended a push to have members signup for Committees.

**Legislative Committee:**  No report.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:**  No report.

**Water Resources:** Report of June 17, 2021, Committee meeting distributed.

**Facilities:**  Ms. Brasseaux reported the new proposed incidental language drafted by the architects is being reviewed by ACEC civil engineers as it is getting in the definition of civil exception of architecture.

**LES/Lapels:**  No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  No report.

**Unfinished Business:** No report.

**New Business:** Mr. Raba and Mr. Hall gave a brief update on ACEC National.

**Special Announcements**: All members are invited to the Louisiana Delegation cocktail reception hosted by Ann Trappey on Friday, July 23rd , 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2021, at the ACECL Conference Room, Engineering Center, Baton Rouge.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Racca to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.