**American Council of Engineering Companies**

**of Louisiana**

**Board of Governors’ Meeting**

**July 26, 2018**

**The SanDestin Resort**

**Destin, Florida**

**BOG present:** Kurt Evans, Raymond Reaux, David Dupre, Andree Cortez, Andy Craig, Craig Campbell Michael Songy, Alison Catarella-Michel, Michael Thomassie, Sherri LeBas, Don Arrington, and Chad Bacas

**BOG with prior engagements:** Lisa Cookmeyer, Bob Boagni, Nathan Junius, Micha Duffy, Brett Bayard

**STAFF:** Dan Mobley and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s)**: Bob Schmidt, Steve Loeb, Colby Guidry, Ann Trappey, Ralph Junius, Anthony Mumphrey, James Ledet, Sergio Girau, Steve Hall, Jay Wolverton, Manish Kathari and Charles Gozdziewski.

Mr. Evans called the meeting to order, presented the 2018-2019 election results and passed the gavel to Chairman Raymond Reaux.

Michael Songy presented an inspirational message on becoming a role model and giving back as a leader.

Chairman Reaux asked Ms. Cortez for roll call. Quorum established.

Chairman Reaux asked for approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Michel to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reaux called for the approval of the June 15, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Craig. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** (Financials Attached)

Mr. Dupre asked Mr. Mobley to present the June 2018 financials. After review and comments, a motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Ms. Cortez to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mobley also presented a listing of six (6) firms and eight (8) affiliates written off of books effective June 30, 2018 at a total of $12,396.44 for non-payment of dues.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**:

Chairman Reaux expressed his appreciation to Past President Kurt Evans for his outstanding leadership for the 2017-2018 term.

Chairman Reaux presented his 2018-2019 goals including a smooth transition of a new President/CEO; implementation of three (3) new committees (Lake Charles, Alexandria & Monroe) to assist in membership growth; ACEC Legislative Day; legislative priorities to include continuing the Public Employee legislation, transparency of the State Fire Marshal, QBS, project delivery methods, and LAPELS representation from ACECL; continue the Business Forum and Emerging Leaders Programs; and 100% Board participation in the PAC.

Chairman Reaux presented the Executive Committee 2017-2011 Strategic Plan assignments and the 2018-2019 Committee assignments. Mr. Reaux asked that each Committee Chair/Liaison present their Committee goals at the next Board meeting.

**National Director’s Report:**  Mr. Evans reported that the ACEC Board met in Washington, DC on July 10th wherein Linda Darr was elected as the new President and CEO. Mr. Evans also reported that Ms. Darr committed to visiting Louisiana.

**President & CEO Report:**

Mr. Mobley reported that the Deep South Convention planning staff are looking at possible new venues for 2020 and thereafter. Mr. Mobley reported that meeting the PAC goal is an asset for Kenneth Smith as he is considered for the ACEC Board.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported that he is working on a speaker for the August 13 meeting.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Mobley reported that the next meeting is scheduled for August 9th.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Campbell reported that the next meeting is scheduled for August 9th with Mayor-President Joel Robideaux.

**Shreveport:**  No report.

**Monroe:** No report.

**Lake Charles**: Chairman Reaux reported that the Mayor of Lake Charles will speak at the inaugural meeting on August 22nd.

**Alexandria:** Chairman Reaux reported that he has asked Glenn Turner to organize a luncheon meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:**  Mr. Dupre requested all to invite potential members to the luncheons as a guest and he will schedule a meeting with the Chapter Presidents on membership recruitment.

**Continuing Education:** ACEC Fall conference will be held in Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel in October. Project Outlook will be held on November 15th and Mr. Dupre and staff will begin program planning.

**Public Relations:** Ms. Cortez reported that the monthly President’s Message was distributed in June and Dr. Tony Mumphrey has written an ACECL article for the Engineer & Surveyor Journal Engineering on the CMAR Contractor Selection Process.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Thomassie reported that he and Committee Chairman Bryan Jones will connect in the next few weeks and will continue to do so periodically to keep in touch on legislative issues.

**Client Liaison CommitteeS**

**Transportation:** Ms. Michel gave an update on the two Traffic Engineering pilot classes on procedures and advised there will be a minimum personnel requirement on advertisement and ACECL should be in the conversation before any changes come out. Mr. Mobley advised this item has been added to the Transportation Committee agenda. Ms. Michel also reported on her concern of increased costs for traffic studies, and DOTD capping the amount on cost plus projects.

**Water Resources:** Mr. Mobley reported that CPRA has lost senior staff members Ellis and Langlois. Also, CPRA reached out to ACECL advising of a new CMAR project and asked ACECL to be a part of the selection committee.

**Facilities:** Mr. Campbell reported that on July 6, 2018, LAPELS responded to the architects request for an extension of the suspension of enforcement actions related to the cases of architects practicing engineering that could be affected by the definition of incidental practice. The AIA-Lafayette chapter is holding a luncheon tomorrow to discuss said correspondence. Mr. Reaux recommended ACECL should highlight these accomplishments, including the legislation passed giving the licensing boards authority to pull plans for review.

**LES/LAPELS:** Ms. Michel advised she would like to coordinate a joint social event with LES and LAPELS.

**AGC/AIA:** Mr. Songy will initiate contact with Ken Naquin, LAGC, on alternative delivery discussions.

**General Counsel Report:** Mr. Loeb reported that the Amicus Brief, filed in support of Mr. Savoie’s case on the public employee issue, will be heard on August 14th. Chairman Reaux asked Mr. Mobley to circulate the Amicus Brief to the Board.

**National PAC Update:** Mr. Girau and Mr. Hall spoke on the importance of the PAC and suggestions to increase contributions including the possibility of an October golf outing, clay shoot or 50/50 drawings. Mr. Girau once again expressed the need for 100% board participation.

**Unfinished Business:**

Chairman Reaux asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss ACECL President & CEO candidates. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed.

Chairman Reaux asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Cortez. Motion passed.

A motion was called by Chairman Reaux to take up the Resolution relating to the search process for a President/CEO to replace the present Executive Director upon his retirement. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Songy.

Ms. Michel moved to amend the motion by striking the words “delegates the final interviewing of these candidates to its Executive Committee“. Chairman Reaux asked for a second on the amendment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dupre.

After amendment was debated and approved by majority vote, the Resolution was adopted as follows: “Now be it resolved that the ACECL Board of Governors will interview the finalist for the position of President/CEO…”

**New Business:**

Mr. Steve Hall, ACEC Vice-President of Governmental Affairs spoke on the importance of the newly passed Tax Reform bill to engineering firms. Next year ACEC will be lobbying for a highway bill and possibly a water bill.

ACEC Chairman Kathari and Vice-Chairs Gozdziewski and Wolverton gave an update on ACEC including the new CEO, governmental advocacy, PAC Committee changes, and review of the Strategic Plan including diversity and inclusion, young leaders and membership growth.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be held on August 17th at the Engineering Center to start at 9:00 a.m.

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