**American Council of Engineering Companies**

**of Louisiana**

**Board of Governors’ Meeting**

**June 15, 2018**

**The Engineering Center**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Kurt Evans, Bob Schmidt, Raymond Reaux, David Dupre, Andree Cortez, Andy Craig, Lisa Cookmeyer, Bob Boagni, Lynn Roussel, Steve Robertson, Brad Graff, Craig Campbell and Nathan Junius

**BOG with prior engagements:** Michael Songy, Alison Catarella-Michel, Michael Thomassie and Ryan Spillers

**STAFF:** Dan Mobley and Haleigh Gray

**Additional Guest(s)**: Phil Graham, Steve Loeb

President Evans called the meeting to order and gave the inspirational moment (Prayers of the Confederacy)

President Evans asked Mr. Dupre for roll call. Quorum established.

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

President Evans called for the approval of the May 18, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Reaux. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Graham presented the May 2018 financials including balance sheets and checking journals. After discussions, President Evans asked for a Motion to approve financials as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Craig and seconded by Ms. Cortez. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dupre presented the 2018-2019 proposed budget which includes a 2% membership due increase along with assuming the new Executive Director’s salary will remain the same as current salary and that there will be a three (3) month overlap with two executive directors on salary. The proposed budget presented projects a deficient of $39,650. After discussion, President Evans asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget presented. A motion was made by Mr. Dupre and seconded by Mr. Robertson. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**:

President Evans expressed his appreciation to the entire 2017-2018 Board of Governors.

President Evans presented an end of year summary focusing on the accomplishments of the Board including the numerous successful educational programs; 100% participation in PAC by Board Members; expanded PR campaign; and implementation of the Business Council. (Full report can be found in the June 30 President’s Message which is attached).

**National Director’s Report:**  Mr. Schmidt reported that the ACEC Board will meet in Washington DC on July 10th to formally vote for the new ACEC President & CEO, Linda Darr. Mr. Mobley and Mr. Evans will be in attendance. Mr. Craig asked if there is any known timeframe to knowing if Mr. Kenneth Smith will be selected on the ACEC Executive Committee. Mr. Mobley reported he has no knowledge but will contact Mr. Peter Strub for the timeframe.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Eric Pontiff with the Asphalt Association is putting together an Infrastructure Day at the State Capitol and asked ACECL to participate, along with LAGC, and Concrete Association. Mr. Reaux suggested we look at scheduling during Infrastructure Week.

AIA is hosting a 75th Anniversary Gala at the WWII Museum on September 27 and Mr. Mobley requested authority to purchase a table at the cost of $1,800, expressing those representing ACECL will be billed individually. Mr. Evans asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chapter Presidents’ Report:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Mobley reported that Congressman Garrett Graves spoke on June 11th.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Junius reported that Guy McGinnis, St. Bernard Parish President spoke on June 14th. Mr. Kent Poyser expressed interest in serving as Vice-President. Mr. Mobley will send information to Mr. Junius noting that the Chapter will need to vote on a Vice-President appointment.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Campbell reported that Mark Dubroc, Lafayette Public Works Director spoke on May 16th. Mayor-President Joel Robichaux will speak on August 8th. Mr. Colby Guidry will serve as Vice-President.

**Shreveport:**  Mr. Graff reported Eric England with the Shreveport-Bossier City Port will speak in August.

**Monroe Area:** No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:**  Mr. Reaux reviewed the May 2018 membership firm/employee counts chart (attached) noting that membership numbers are consistent and additionally, two (2) new affiliate members have been recruited.

**Continuing Education:** ACEC Fall Convention is open for registration.

**Public Relations:** Ms. Cortez reported that the monthly President’s Message was distributed in May along with several Member Firms being highlighted on social media. The newsletter is being finalized and should be released next week along with the member satisfaction survey. Next will be promotion of the PAC.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Mobley reported that the 2nd Special Session will start on Monday June 18th and will last 10 days. ACECL’s 2018 Regular Session Bill Progress Matrix report was distributed (attached). Rep. Cameron Henry has promised to work with ACECL to work on the public employee issue next year. We also may want to amend ourselves into a 2018 Bill in which contractors were able to pass stating if a governmental entity does not pay within 45 days, they are to pay interest.

**Client Liaison CommitteeS**

**Transportation:** Mr. Schmidt reported that the Baton Rouge Mayor announced a sales tax program to raise transportation funding in Baton Rouge. Mr. Boagni reported no significant changes on LDOTD/ACECL initiative with next step of forming a diverse committee to work on the overhead rates; in particular, office vs field rates. Mr. Mobley presented a September 5, 2017 LDOTD recommendation memo regarding consultant contract compensation use of home office and/or field office rates (copy attached) which was of assistance to Mike Palamone on his issue he discussed at the last BOG meeting. Mr. Mobley reported he has recruited Ann Trappey, David Dupre and needs one additional team member whom is not an ACECL member firm. Mr. Mobley is waiting on non-member firm recommendations from Mr. Wedge. After further discussion, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have an ACECL sponsored seminar for members and their CPAs to attend.

**Water Resources:** Ms. Cookmeyer presented the Committee’s report (attached). Also, Rob Delaune will be stepping down as Committee Chair for 2018-2019. Mr. Evans also reported that Maury Chatellier also contact ACECL advising that CPRA is ready to continue meetings on consultant selection process.

**Facilities:** Mr. Campbell reported that the meetings with AIA are continuing, on a bi-weekly basis, due to the deadline of July 8th for architects to come up with the definition of incidentals. Next step: definition to go to the licensing boards for edits and/or comments. After discussion, President Evans asked for a motion to present the Committee’s recommended definitions (attached) to LAPELS and AIA Boards for review and consideration of rule change. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Graff and Mr. Reaux suggested that the membership be aware of the language and asked the PR Committee to draft an announcement.

**LES/LAPELS:** Ms. Roussel reported that she attended the LES state board meeting in SanDestin and reported that LES membership is dropping, and LES will be giving free one-year membership to all new P.E./E.I. Also, LDOTD has approached the Louisiana Engineering Foundation to host the annual golf tournament.

**AGC/AIA:** (See Facilities report)

**General Counsel Report:** Mr. Loeb reported that five (5) firms have been dismissed from the I-12/Walker median barrier lawsuit. Mr. Loeb also advised that Scott Frazier will draft the amicus brief on the Savoie case at a cost of $2,000-$2,500 and should have a draft on Monday.

**National PAC Update:** Ms. Cortez reminded that every $100 Drone raffle ticket purchased, a complimentary entry will be issued into the National Summer raffle. Mr. Reaux asked for 100% PAC participation for 2018 by all Board Members.

**Unfinished Business:**

President Evans reported that the ACECL Executive Director Search Committee met and reviewed and ranked the 12 resume packets submitted. The top 5 candidates will be interviewed on July 13th. After the July 13th interview process, the Committee will choose up to 3 candidates to be presented to the Board for interview.

**New Business:** Mr. Reaux expressed his desire to invite the Past Presidents Council to the July 26th Board Meeting. Also, Mr. Reaux asked each Board Meeting to reach out if there is a committee that they will like to chair in 2018-2019.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be held on July 26, 2018, 2:00 p.m., the SanDestin Resort.

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