**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
June 21, 2019
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Raymond Reaux, Kurt Evans, Brett Bayard, Chad Bacas, Bob Boagni, Andy Craig, Sherri LeBas, Andree Cortez, Michael Songy, Don Arrington, Craig Campbell and David Dupre

**BOG with prior engagements:** Michael Thomassie, Micha Duffy, Lisa Cookmeyer, Alison Catarella-Michel, and Nathan Junius

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux, Haleigh Gray and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** N/A

Chairman Reaux called the meeting to order.

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

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

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the May 17, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bacas presented the inspirational message.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Cortez presented the May 2019 financials. (Attached) After review and comments, a motion was made by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Bacas to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux advised that the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan was adopted after a day-long planning session with moderator Angele Davis and recommends that a yearly review commence hereinafter to stay on track with the vision and goals of the organization. Mr. Evans presented the 2019 SWOT analysis of the five (5) strategic goals (powerpoint presentation attached). After Board discussions of each goal, Mr. Evans will prepare a matrix of the review session.

**National Directors Report:**

* Mr. Evans presented a Boh Bros. article on the CMAR solution.
* Mr. Evans will contact Paul Holmes with the La Municipal Assoc. (LMA) to offer information on promoting CMAR at the LMA conference. Mr. Arikol is working with LMA in developing a procurement template for the LMA portal.
* Mr. Evans expressed his heartfelt appreciation for having the opportunity to serve on the ACECL Board of Governors for nine (9) years.

**President & CEO Report**:

* Ms. Brasseaux presented the 2019-2020 budget (attached outline) with a projected deficit of $9,057. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Campbell for approval. Motion passed unanimously.
* Ms. Brasseaux advised that a three-year office space lease was signed but noted some building conditions were also presented to LES.
* ACECL will present a session on QBS at the Parish Engineers & Supervisors conference to be held at the Cypress Bayou Casino on October 2 & 3, 2019.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported Jamie Setze, Capital Region Planning Commission spoke on June 10th. Next meeting August 12.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Evans reported that Keith LaGrange, New Orleans Public Works, spoke at the June 10 luncheon and Mr. Kent Poysner was elected as the 2019-2020 Chapter President. Next meeting will host the ACEC Trusts on August 8.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Bayard reported that Mr. Colby Guidry was elected, via email ballot, as the 2019-2020 Chapter President. He is working on a joint meeting with AIA hosting mayoral race candidates.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Craig reported that Mr. Duffy is still trying to connect with the Shreveport Mayor.

**Monroe:** Mr. Arrington advised he will coordinate a Monroe meeting the day following or prior to the next scheduled Shreveport meeting.

**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 presented the current membership report and Ms. Tomeny advised that ACEC National has implemented a membership incentive plan for 2019-2020. MOs must exceed the 2% net member firm growth to be eligible and will receive $695 commission for each net growth firm.

**Continuing Education:**

Business Forum – Ms. Tomeny reported the 2019 Business Forum brought in approximately $10,000 in revenue.

Deep South – Ms. Tomeny reported that participation is down for the 2019 conference by 20%.

EEA Awards Program – Mr. Craig and Ms. Brasseaux reported that the Call for Entries will be released on July 14 and we are looking at the possibility of using national’s ACEC portal to allow submittal of entries online.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Legislative Committee:** Ms. Brasseaux presented the Legislative Committee report (enclosed) noting all Bills that were tracked in the 2019 Regular Session and hoping we will have a public employee bill to introduce in 2020. The Board will need to assign an ACECL representative to serve on the Public Works Contracts Task Force, which was formed pursuant to Act 201 by Gary Smith.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:** The last Transportation Committee meeting was conducted on June 13th (detailed report attached) with the next committee meeting scheduled for August 15 (conference call). Ms. Lebas expressed her concern of DOTD changing project size during the advertisement period of projects. She was advised by DOTD that they would welcome ACECL’s feedback on what are the factors to warrant an extension of advertisement time. The item was added to the Steering Committee agenda to discuss with DOTD.

**Water Resources:** Report attached.

**Facilities:**  Mr. Campbell reported that LAPELS, at their last Board Meeting, voted to move forward with the incidental rule change. Next step: Occupational Review Committee.

**LES/Lapels:** No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  Ms. Brasseaux reported that Lynn Robertson, AIA-Louisiana, will be retiring effective June 30.

**New Business:** Mr. Craig advised that a small group of LSPS members are showing a desire to separate from LAPELS and form their own licensing board.

Chairman Reaux recognized and acknowledged Mr. Evans and Mr. Campbell for their hard work representing ACECL over the years.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on July 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the SanDestin Resort.

A motion was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Bayard to adjourn the meeting.