**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
March 15, 2019
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Raymond Reaux, Kurt Evans, David Dupre, Brett Bayard, Chad Bacas, Bob Boagni, Andy Craig, Alison Catarella-Michel, Lisa Cookmeyer, Sherri LeBas, Nathan Junius, Andree Cortez and Michael Thomassie

**BOG with prior engagements:** Michael Songy, Craig Campbell, Don Arrington and Micha Duffy

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Steven Loeb and Mark Lambert

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 Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Bayard. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bayard presented the inspirational message.

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the February 21, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux reported:

* Pursuant to Bylaws, Chairman-Elect Andy Craig will form a nominating committee for 2019-2010 Board of Governor nominees.
* There will be a Strategic Plan overview/evaluation during the June 21 Board Meeting from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.
* A meeting was held on March 11 with a select group of members, impacted industry professionals (LAGC, PAR, AIA invited but not in attendance) and legal counsel on the public employee issue, and it was brought to the Board’s attention that we may have three (3) possible options: to file a legislative Resolution for implementation of a Study Committee; wait to see the outcome in the legal system on the Savoie case; or create an ACECL task force to present to the Board any possible solutions or resolutions. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Evans to create an ACECL internal ad hoc committee to study the public employee issue. Motion passed unanimously.

**National Directors Report:**

* Mr. Evans presented attached monthly message from Linda Darr, ACEC President & CEO.

**President & CEO Report**:

Ms. Brasseaux reported:

* Ms. Tomeny will move forward with implementation of 2019 Emerging Leaders Program with the understanding that enrollment will need to exceed 12 participants.
* Consulted with Burland & Maloy, LLC, and will enter into a professional services contract to form and provide campaign finance preparer services for the ACECL PAC.
* A draft 19-20 budget will be presented to the Board at the May 17 meeting, with final vote at June 21 meeting.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported Erich Ponti spoke on Louisiana Coalition to Fix Our Roads (LCFOR) on March 11. He and Ms. Brasseaux will reach out to PAR for possible April 8 speaker on legislative session.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Junius reported Derek Boese with Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East spoke at the March 14 meeting. On April 11, Mr. Ghasan Korban with the Sewerage & Water Board will speak.

**Lafayette:** Mr. Bayard reported a joint luncheon with LES, ASCE and IEEE was held on March 13 with Steven Loeb presenting an ethics session.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Craig reported that Mr. Duffy is going to reach out to new mayor Adrian Perkins to see his availability for meeting.

**Monroe:** No report.

**Lake Charles:** Chairman Reaux reported Kevin Melton, Executive Director of Chennault Airport, was speaker at the February 28 luncheon. The next meeting will be held on May 1.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Mr. Dupre asked all Chapter Presidents to forward Board recruitment/retention assignments to Ms. Tomeny.

**Continuing Education:**

Annual Conference - Washington, DC (May 5-8, 2018)

Business Forum – Baton Rouge (May 16, 2019) w/Top Golf PAC event immediately following. Mr. Evans presented Program and Ms. Brasseaux expressed the need for sponsorships.

Deep South – Chairman Reaux advised to reserve a room early. (Registration packet distributed)

EEA Awards Program – Mr. Craig reported that he, Ms. Brasseaux and Ms. Tomeny attended ACEC of Arkansas Engineering Excellence Awards Program and will plan to attend ACEC’s Gala in Washington, DC. The EEA Planning Committee will hold its first meeting soon.

**Public Relations:** Mr. Lambert reported that he will coordinate and send out notification asking for shot link volunteers at the Zurich Classic on April 25-28th.

**Legislative Committee:** The Legislative Committee will meet on March 20. (Report Attached) Ms. Brasseaux reported a gas tax bill will be filed by Rep. Carter levying a new base of $405M (6 cents increase first year and phasing in 2 cents every other year for next 10 years). Ms. Brasseaux will email Board a chart showing proposed additional monies.

Ms. Brasseaux also reported that there is a strong possibility a Bill may be filed which would require all consulting contractors to install software to verify billable hours. She is monitoring and advocating with other industry partners.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:** (Report Attached) Mr. Boagni advised Chris Knotts agreed to host a roundtable on April 10 wherein all ACECL members will be invited to attend. Mr. Loeb suggested we ask Mr. Knotts if DOTD would entertain suggestions to improve contracts relating to indemnity and public employee.

The next committee meeting is set for April 11, 2019.

**Water Resources:** Ms. Brasseaux advised that ACECL and LAGC members attended a meeting with the New Orleans Public Works Department on February 26. The meeting was very open with good discussion. Next committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019.

**Facilities:** No report.

**LES/Lapels:** No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  LAGC will send out Business Forum to their members. Ms. Brasseaux reported that AIA has informed that they have members not in support of LAPEL rule changes on incidential practices and would like to open up discussions.

**New Business:** Chairman Reaux asked for final membership approval for Bluewing Civil Consulting, LLC. A motion was made by Mr. Ballard and seconded by Ms. Michel. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on May 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Renaissance Hotel.

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