**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
May 17, 2019
The Baton Rouge Renaissance Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA**

**BOG present:** Raymond Reaux, Kurt Evans, Brett Bayard, Chad Bacas, Bob Boagni, Andy Craig, Alison Catarella-Michel, Sherri LeBas, Andree Cortez, Michael Songy, Don Arrington, Micha Duffy, Craig Campbell and Michael Thomassie

**BOG with prior engagements:** David Dupre, Lisa Cookmeyer, and Nathan Junius

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** John Basilica, Butch Babineaux, 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. Craig and seconded by Mr. Bayard. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the March 15, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Cortez presented the March & April 2019 financials. (Attached) After review and comments, a motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Duffy to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Brasseaux also advised the Board that invoices are going out the 15th of the month prior to the quarter and will work on the capability of firms paying online through Quickbooks or through automatic draft.

Ms. Cortez presented the Nominating Committee’s, chaired by Mr. Andy Craig, candidate recommendations for the 2019-2010 Board of Governors (attached)

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux reminded the Board that at the upcoming June 21 Board meeting, a Strategic Plan overview/evaluation will take place the first two hours of the meeting with Kurt Evans moderating. Also, Mr. Reaux reported that the ACEC Annual Convention held in Washington, DC was another valuable professional event and encourage all to participate in future ACEC conferences.

**National Directors Report:**

* Mr. Evans advised that the National ACEC Board representative for Louisiana is Jay Wolverton from Georgia and Mr. Wolverton will hold a leadership meeting at the Deep South Convention.
* Mr. Kenny Smith was elected as an ACEC Vice-Chair at the Board Meeting held in Washington, D.C.
* Chairman Reaux will serve on the nominating committee for the 2020-2021 national board.

**President & CEO Report**:

Ms. Brasseaux reported:

* Even though the gas tax Bill is “dead”, Rep. Carter has scheduled it to be heard in the House Ways & Means Committee on Monday, May 29th. Mr. Songy brought up the concern of alternate fuel vehicles not sharing the expense of infrastructure with future progression of electric cars. Mr. Lambert noted that a non-profit group, Louisiana Clean Fuel, is in support. Ms. Brasseaux will request from ACEC national any studies they may have on hybrid vehicles.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported Robert Scott spoke on April 8 and next meeting will be held on June 10th.

**New Orleans:** No report.

**Lafayette:**  Mr. Bayard reported he will organize a June meeting.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Duffy reported he 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:** Mr. Babineaux reported that it is the one-year anniversary hosting luncheons in Lake Charles. The 4 luncheons have averaged 30 attendees each. The next luncheon will be held the end of June with Cameron Parish Port Director Clair Marreaux presenting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Ms. Tomeny presented Mr. Dupre’s membership report (attached).

**Continuing Education:**

Business Forum – Ms. Tomeny reported that this year’s event hosted 70 registrants and thanked the sponsors. Discussion on future forums/program events will take place at the Strategic Plan evaluation next month. The TopGolf PAC event raised $4,500.

Emerging Leaders Institute – Ms. Tomeny reported the Class of 2019 is completely full with 20 participants, 17 engineers/3 architects.

Deep South – Ms. Tomeny reported that the push for Deep South registration will now commence and to reserve resort room if you are even thinking of attending as they will sell out.

EEA Awards Program – Mr. Craig reported on the outcome of the EEA Committee’s planning meeting held on April 25. (Report attached)

**Public Relations:** Ms. Cortez reported that the Committee provided public relations support at the Business Forum. Mr. Lambert advised that 144 volunteer hours were logged by ACECL members at the 2019 Zurich Classic.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Thomassie presented the Legislative Committee report (enclosed).

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:** (Report Attached) Mr. Basilica is encouraged and appreciates the level of the Transportation Committee and presented the written report noting the last meeting was held on April 18. Chairman Reaux asked the Committee to reach out for an update from the steering committee on the QC and past performance ratings (DYE Group) from Nick Ferlito (Neel-Schaffer)/Dennis Passman (Stantec) who sit on said steering committee.

DOTD agreed to open talks/review of the standard contract as it pertains to indemnity and public employee language. Ms. Brasseaux reported that Mr. S. Loeb advised to budget $5,000 for legal fees. Chairman Reaux deferred until budget is presented/discussed. Mr. Basilica offered an HNTB staff attorney at no cost to ACECL as he is supervised by Mr. Basilica. Next committee meeting is scheduled for June 13.

**Water Resources:** Ms. Brasseaux reported that the Committee has met with CPRA requesting the possibility of reviewing their contracting process and will continue to communicate with CPRA, with the assistance of Mr. Basilica and Ms. Cookmeyer.

**Facilities:**  Mr. Campbell and Ms. Brasseaux will set up a meeting with Mark Moses on ACEC’s input/assistance on updating FP&C’s guidelines. One ACECL concern is geotechnical services being bid out.

**LES/Lapels:** No report.

**AGC/AIA:**  Ms. Brasseaux informed that AIA presented a legislative bill exempting engineers from doing any architect work, which was pulled. AIA is eager to commence talks again on possible language.

**New Business:** A motion for final membership approval of Matrix New World Engineering was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Michel. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Cortez to go into Executive Session to discuss proposed 2019-2010 budget. (attachments)

A motion was made by Mr. Bayard and seconded by Mr. Campbell to come out of Executive Session.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on June 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Engineering Center.

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