**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
November 16, 2018
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

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

**BOG with prior engagements:** Michael Thomassie and Lisa Cookmeyer

**STAFF:** Doreen Brasseaux, Dan Mobley and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Mark Lambert, Phil Graham, Hunter Lancaster, Lee Underwood, Butch Babineaux, Nick Ferlito and Mike Palamone

Chairman Reaux added two new items to the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Bayard. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reaux called the meeting to order.

Ms. LeBas presented an inspirational message on seven ways to be thankful every day.

Chairman Reaux asked Secretary-Treasurer Cortez for roll call. Quorum established.

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the October 19, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Bacas and seconded by Mr. Dupre. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Graham presented the October 2018 financials. (Attached) After review and comments, a motion was made by Ms. Cortez and seconded by Ms. Michel to accept financials presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux gave an overview of Project Outlook speakers and suggestions.

Chairman Reaux updated the Board on Constitutional Amendment No. 4 which removed State Police from the Transportation fund and passed favorably.

Chairman Reaux advised that Mr. Mobley is writing a white paper on the Public Employee issue. Mr. Junius advised Jefferson Parish is willing to place language in contracts recommended by Mr. Loeb.

 (Action Item) Send e-mail to all board members with the list of Committee Members.

**National Directors Report:** Report Attached.

**President & CEO Report**:

Ms. Brasseaux thanked the board for the warm welcome and reported she has been attending numerous meetings with Board members and Firm Leaders. Ms. Brasseaux also stated her goal during session is to create a State PAC. Ms. Tomeny reported she and Ms. Brasseaux will be in New Orleans for the NAECE meeting and Excom will be attending breakfast on November 29th 8am-9:30am with Ms. Linda Darr.

Mr. Mobley reported he will be here through the December Board meeting as well as he will also go on the North LA Tour with Ms. Brasseaux and Ms. Tomeny to attend Monroe and Shreveport meetings. Mr. Mobley gave recommendations to State PAC.

Chairman Reaux made a recommendation for a PAC Committee including Co-Chair Mr. Songy, Co-Chair Ms. LeBas, Mr. Mobley, and Ms. Brasseaux to work on strategy of approach and report back to the Board at the December meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Bacas and seconded by Ms. Cortez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported December 11th Tentative breakfast tour at the Water Institute and include the River Model at the same time.

Chairman Reaux recommended Ms. Alex Carter with the Office of Community Development as a potential future speaker.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Junius reported New Orleans will have the December 6th Christmas dinner and invite will go out on Monday.

**Lafayette:** Mr. Bayard reported he is working on a joint luncheon for January 30, 2019 with topic being on coastal.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Duffy reported Monroe will meet November 26, 2018. Mr. Mobley and Ms. Brasseaux will fill time discussing ACEC current issues.

**Monroe:** Mr. Arrington reported Shreveport will meet November 27, 2018.

**Lake Charles:** See Report.

Mr. Songy made a Motion to consider Lake Charles as a chapter after the January 24, 2019 lunch meeting. Ms. Michel seconded, and Motion passed unanimously.

**Alexandria:** No Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Report Attached.

Mr. Dupre reported that he, Ms. Brasseaux and Ms. Tomeny attended Leadership training in Washington DC.

**Continuing Education:**Project Outlook - Reported a great success on this year’s Project Outlook event.

Critical Issues - No Report.

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

Business Forum - Mr. Evans reported Ms. Brasseaux was able to get commitment from Linda Darr to speak at lunch during Business Forum. There will also be another survey going out to membership to seek interest in speakers.

Deep South - No Report.

EEA Awards Program - Mr. Craig continuing to research the Louisiana Engineering Awards Program.

**Public Relations:**Ms. Cortez reported the Winter Newsletter went out in October and next committee meeting will be in January. Mr. Lambert reported the Newsletter had a 26% open rate which is good. Also, Mandy Hall is the newest member of the PR Committee.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Mobley stated Mr. Thomassie sent an email and in his email suggested sending an e-mail to Baton Rouge Chapter once early voting starts. ACEC/L will send flyer on or before December 6, 2018.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:**

Mr. Boagni reported there will be a meeting scheduled within the next two weeks.

**Ports, Airports, Rail, Multi-modal**Ms. LeBas reported on Louisiana Coalition for Fix Our Roads.

Jennifer Marusak is the new Director for the Ports Association of Louisiana.

Ports Association of Louisiana’s annual conference is April 9-10, 2019 at Evangeline Downs Racetrack Casino in Opelousas.

Louisiana Airport and Management Association recently held a conference in Lake Charles October 21-24, 2018.

**Water Resources:** (Report Attached)

**Facilities:**Mr. Campbell reached out to AIA to try and set up a facility planning committee meeting but has not heard back. Mr. Campbell will set up a meeting with Mr. Mark Moses for after the new year.

Mr. Campbell reported on the Stamping issue.

**LES/Lapels:**Ms. Michel attended the joint lunch for WTS and LES at Ralph and Kacoo’s where Fred Raiford spoke onthe Baton Rouge tax initiative.

**AGC/AIA:** No Report.

**General Counsel:** No Report.

**National PAC:** Ms. Brasseaux reported to the Board that the ACEC/ PAC Goal of $23,822 has been met.

**New Business:**

Mr. Ferlito gave report on Project Review Committee with LTRC on performance rating process. The overall goal is a review of DOTDs current plan and delivery process as well as looking at the performance rating process from consultants. There were two proposals from two firms; Dye Management and SSA Consultants. Both proposals were reviewed and graded, and Dye Management was selected. Mr. Ferlito was asked to bridge the gap in asking ACEC to form a focus group and engage with Dye Management. After a lengthy discussion between Board members a Motion was made by Mr. Boagni and seconded by Mr. Dupre to get feedback from the Transportation Committee at the next meeting within the next thirty days to form a group. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Underwood gave a report on the Past President Council involving concerns that the council is used as just a resource. It was communicated that there needs to be a better dialog to assist with Legislative Issues and the possibility of a Past President being a member-at-large on the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Cortez for final membership approval of Petra Consultants, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Michel and seconded by Mr. Evans for final membership approval of Marrero, Couvillion & Associates. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mobley gave a heartfelt Thank You to the Board for his Retirement party.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on December 13th, 9:00am – 11:00am, The Engineering Center (Lunch following at Sullivan’s Steakhouse.)

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