**American Council of Engineering Companies
of Louisiana
Board of Governors’ Meeting
October 19, 2018
The Engineering Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

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

**BOG with prior engagements:** Craig Campbell

**STAFF:** Dan Mobley and Janet Tomeny

**Additional Guest(s):** Doreen Brasseaux, Ralph Junius, John Basilica, Mark Lambert, Bryan Jones and Phil Graham

Chairman Reaux called the meeting to order.

Ms. Michel presented an inspirational message on Transportation Disney facts and Dream Builders. “An Engineer is an Imagineer”.

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

Chairman Reaux asked for approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Michel to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reaux called for approval of the September 21, 2018 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Bayard. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Chairman Reaux welcomed Ms. Brasseaux on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Reaux presented Chairman and Committee goals to the Board.

**National Directors Report:**

Mr. Evans reminded the Board about the ACEC Fall Conference to be held in Las Vegas and requested those attending to make a list of speakers of interest to bring back to our membership in Louisiana.

**President & CEO Report**:

Mr. Mobley reported Driving Louisiana Forward is in the process of becoming the Louisiana coalition to Fix Roads. There will be a meeting on November 1st with the South Carolina company who has successfully raised money for their Transportation Infrastructure. Mr. Mobley will reach out to ACEC for minuteman fund match. On November 8th, AGC will hold a meeting to review and discuss proposed Legislation. Mr. Songy recommended ensuring the public is aware the business community and Chambers are leading and not just engineers and contractors. Ms. Cortez reported that Matt Reiffer with ACEC can assist with resources.

Mr. Mobley gave an explanation of the Minuteman Fund to the Board.

**Chapter/Area Committee Reports:**

**Baton Rouge:** Mr. Bacas reported that Grifford Briggs spoke at the last chapter meeting on oil and gas. Mr. Bacas also reported that he met with Fred Rayford on the RFQ Process on MOVEBR and Mr. Mobley will set up an ACECL Baton Rouge meeting. December will be the possibility of a Water Institute Breakfast/ Tour.

**New Orleans:** Mr. Junius reported Lauren Averill with Jefferson Parish Coastal spoke at the last chapter meeting and the next meeting will be in January. Mr. Junius, Mr. Mobley and Mr. Evans met with Mr. Poyser the Vice President of the New Orleans Chapter. Ms. Tomeny reported the New Orleans Christmas Dinner will be December 6th at Ralphs on the Park.

**Lafayette:** Mr. Bayard reported the last chapter meeting hosted Bill Oliver from DOTD who talked about different projects in the area and in attendance were 42 of which 26 people were part of member firms. Next meeting will be in January.

**Shreveport:** Mr. Duffy reported the next meeting will possibly be in November. Mr. Duffy will get with Ms. Tomeny on dates.

**Monroe:** No Report.

**Lake Charles:** Mr. Chairman reported meeting is scheduled for October 24th with Port of Lake Charles Director, Bill Rase.

The Board discussed how long to give non-members access to attending the Lake Charles Luncheons. After discussion it was decided to keep it open to non-members until further notice.

**Alexandria:** No Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:**
Mr. Duprepresented the September report and will reach out to the Board to recruit a potential firm. Mr. Duffy will reach out to Purtle & Associates and Owen Engineering.

**Continuing Education:**Fall Convention in Las Vegas is scheduled for October 28th – October 31st. Mr. Chairman reported twelve people are registered to attend.

Project Outlook will be held on November 15th at the Baton Rouge Renaissance. Mr. Dupre presented to the Board some of the great speakers lined up. Hotel reservation deadline is October 26th. There will be a Cocktail reception Honoring Mr. Mobley on his Retirement.

Critical Issues – No Report.

Annual Conference in Washington, DC May 5th -8th, 2019. Mr. Evans encourages those attending to participate in the CEO roundtables.

Business Forum, Baton Rouge May 16, 2019 - Mr. Evans reported to the Board that the guys running Infrastructure Week nationally are in Washington, DC. Mr. Evans reached out and asked if they would be interested in supporting Business Forum as the Business Education for the Engineering Industry in Louisiana in turn for ACECL supporting Infrastructure Week.

**Public Relations:**Mr. Lambert reported the first order of business of the committee will be to publish the Winter 2018 Newsletter at the end of October. Content of the newsletter was discussed, and committee members are working toward an October 31st publication date. The group will continue to assist in the promotion of ACECL by sharing upcoming event information and highlighting the benefits of involvement and membership through publicity and social media.

**Legislative Committee:**Mr. Thomassie summarized Mr. Loeb’s White Paper on the vagueness challenge to the LA Code of Governmental Ethics. The Savoie case opinion should be rendered on November the 2nd. Mr. Mobley recommended getting a second recommendation from Scott Frasier.

Mr. Evans made a Motion to reach out to Cameron Henry and ask him to hold A Bill. Reconvene through the Legislative Committee and bring Scott Frazier to the meeting. Ask Mr. Frazier to give a proposal to work with Mr. Loeb to draft a Legislative piece. Mr. Dupre Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLIENT LIAISON COMMITTEES**

**Transportation:**

Mr. Basilica reported he, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Boagni and Mr. Reaux met with DOTD about the traffic training issue. DOTD was receptive and transparent and understood the additional concerns of ACECL in particular the subsegment of the organization that particularly does traffic. DOTD has already done a lot to be very accommodating relative to the logistics and costs. Mr. Boagni reported the EDSM is in draft form. Mr. Reaux reported DOTD raised the issue of procurement. There will be more training in the future and it was said that once the training is completed it would never expire. Mr. Reaux also asked if ACECL can review the EDSM prior to Chief Engineer signing. Ms. Michel informed the Board that the email received stated an employee cannot be put on the 24102 if they are not certified. Ms. LeBas is expecting Ed Wedge to send a document noting conversations at meetings. Next steps will be to let Ed Wedge know ACECL will send a letter outlining meeting and requests. Ms. Michel and Mr. Basilica will draft the letter. Mr. Mobley will schedule a meeting with PTOE’s next week.

After a lengthy discussion with the Board Ms. Michel made a motion to put together a formal communication to summarize the meeting and clarify the most critical issues. Ms. Cortez seconded, and Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Basilica informed the Board that DOTD cannot continue to use “Pilot” Procurement Program. Annual personnel lists are due soon. Tentative Transportation Committee meeting on November 14th before Project Outlook to discuss leaving the procurement process in place or begin process to look at changing.

**Ports, Airports, Rail, Multi-modal**Ms. LeBas and Mr. Hunter met with T. Clark, P. Jones, S. Holiday with DOTD on October 1st.

**Water Resources:** (Report Attached)

**Facilities:**Mr. Chairman presented the new language LAPELS is proposing. The added language is at the bottom of the paper. Mr. Mobley advised that Mr. Campbell reached out to the Architect Board and expressed his concerns with item three.

**LES/Lapels:**Ms. Michel reported there is a joint lunch scheduled for WTS and LES at Ralph and Kacoo’s and Fred Raiford will speak onMOVEBR. Ms. Michel will attend and report back to the Board.

**AGC/AIA:**
Mr. Mobley advised AIA is going to file Legislation this year that would take away a Civil Engineers ability to do Architectural work. The Board needs to find out what LAPELS/LES position is.

**General Counsel:** No Report.

**National PAC:** Chairman Reaux reminded the Board that the PAC goal is $23,822 that goes from January – December. To date ACECL has raised $16,650 and is $7,172 short of the goal which needs to be met by December.

Mr. R. Junius will host the PAC Fundraiser Meet & Greet of New President & CEO Ms. Brasseaux, on November 2nd at his home in New Orleans.

**New Business:**
A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Dupre for final membership approval of ADG Baton Rouge, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Craig for final membership approval of Fourrier & de Abreu Engineers. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Arrington for final membership approval of M&E Consulting, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Bayard for final membership approval of Duhon & Pleasant Consulting Engineers, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Special Announcement:** No Report.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on November 16h at The Renaissance Hotel, Baton Rouge 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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