



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Vermont

ACEC of VT
Board of Directors Meeting Notes
February 22, 2023
by Teams Virtual Meeting

Directors Attending:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Beaudoin, <i>Sanborn Head</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Shedd, <i>F&O</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Robie, <i>D&K</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig Jewett, <i>Otter Creek</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dale Gozalkowski, <i>CHA</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Booth, <i>Aldrich & Elliott</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Olin, <i>HTA</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Goyette, <i>VHB</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Goyette, <i>Stantec</i> | |

Others Attending:

- Brendan Cosgrove, *ACEC of VT Executive Director*

Monthly Meeting:

1. Call to Order

- President Brian Beaudoin called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.
- Quorum was achieved.

2. Meeting Notes

- Greg Goyette motioned to approve the January 15, 2023 Meeting Notes; Patricia Shedd seconded. Meeting notes approved.

3. Financial Update

Brendan Cosgrove provided the following update:

- \$20,385 bank balance as of 2/22/2023
- MSK Engineering has joined as a new member.
- Haley and Aldrich is interested in becoming a member.

4. Event Schedule

- Environmental Workshop
 - No Update
- EEA Awards Program
 - 12 applications were submitted and scored by four judges
 - Project boards will be displayed at EWeek event on February 24th
 - The plan is to announce all the award winners at the EEA on June 15th
 - The Board discussed creating new project categories possibly following the latest ACEC National model, possibly including an energy and small projects category. Greg to prepare a draft update of recommended categories for the 2024 EEA event.
- Transportation Workshop – Patricia Shed provided an update.



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- Working on getting final presentations. We have not received the presentation from Tom French of HDR. Brendan to reach out to HDR to find out what's going on.
- Tricia and Jon will be the emcees for the event
- Brendan working on an expanded email distribution list to solicit sponsorship and outreach
- About \$15,000 raised so far for the Transportation Workshop of the \$24,000 goal

5. Committee Updates

- Transportation - *Nothing new to report other than workshop discussed above*
- Buildings and General Services

Brendan provided the following update:

- Nick will be stepping down as Chair – The Chair position will no longer be transitioned to Alan Gould of D&K rather to Nick Thiltgen of D&K
- Recent quarterly meeting attended by about 12 people
- The BGS Workshop will be on April 17th and will take place at VHB's UVM Health provided conference room.
- Plan to have 5 presentations partnering with AGC and AIA. BGS Committee is working on the agenda

- Legislative

Brian provided an update

- The Legislative Committee recently met to discuss the bill tracking process and goals of the committee. Meeting attendees included: Brian Beaudoin, Brendan Cosgrove, Aaron Guyette, Shawn Kelley, Kathy Nanowski of Fuss & O'Neill, John Wilson of Jacobs, and Tom Knight of Stantec.
- The committee discussed the bill tracking process and the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to research the bills and provide the ones that may impact the engineering community to the ACEC of VT Board for review. Based on information obtained from other ACEC state organizations, the cost for the lobbyist to provide this service appears to be at least \$17k with a more realistic cost around \$36k per year. Brian explained that this cost is not in ACEC of VT's budget and that we cannot currently afford this expense; therefore, the legislative committee is going to continue to track bills and notify the ACEC of VT Board when they find bills of concern.

- Membership

- ACEC of VT generates about \$26k in membership dues per year
- The Board discussed the importance of increasing our membership
- Brendan and Brian will prepare a summary of accomplishments and benefits provided by ACEC of VT to distribute to our existing and potential new members
- Brendan to provide a list our current member firms to the Board for review

6. PAC update

Shawn Kelley (Committee Chair) – Not Present

- No update



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7. Other

- Brian mentioned that the ACEC regional representative will be attending the Transportation Workshop. Brendan and Greg will be taking him out for dinner and other Board members are welcome to join.
- Greg Goyette mentioned the benefit of our new Board members attending the ACEC National orientation. Brendan will reach out to ACEC National to get information and cost to attend the event.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.

Meeting Summary submitted by:

Brian Beaudoin, P.E.
President, ACEC of VT