



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Vermont

ACEC of VT
Board of Directors Meeting Notes
March 27, 2024
by Teams Virtual Meeting

Directors Attending:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Beaudoin, <i>Sanborn Head (on phone)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Shedd, <i>F&O</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Conger (in place of Ken Robie), <i>D&K</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Jewett, <i>Otter Creek</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Gozalkowski, <i>CHA</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Booth, <i>Aldrich & Elliott</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Olin, <i>HTA</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Guyette, <i>VHB</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Goyette, <i>Stantec (joined late)</i> | |

Others Attending:

- Brendan Cosgrove, *ACEC of VT Executive Director*

Monthly Meeting:

1. Call to Order

- Brian B called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.
- Quorum was achieved.

2. Meeting Notes

- Patricia S motioned to approve February 21, 2024 Meeting Notes; Brian B seconded. All in favor. Meeting Summary approved.

3. General

- David Conger will be replacing Ken Robie for D&K on ACECVT Board. Ken R will stay involved on certain committees.

4. Budget

- Transportation Workshop – Great attendance and on-budget (close to) - \$26,500 received (\$28,500 budget goal). Next year will work on getting added sponsors.
- BGS Workshop – on target. Will keep working for strong attendance.
- Need push to bring in next few events on budget.
- \$18,833 + added checks from transportation workshop in the bank account. Good shape for FY24.

5. Committee Updates

- Transportation
 - Patricia Shedd (Chair) provided the following update:
 - Transportation Workshop – good variety, good attendance. \$150 member / \$200 non-member / \$75 State & Federal. Potential to increase attendee costs. Brendan



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noted other events may need same coordination (cost of catering, venues have all increased)

- Good value per credit (assess versus other continuing ed for the industry)
- Jon O asked if Google Group would be beneficial for the Committee mailing lists. Brendan uses mailchimp. Patricia and Brendan will coordinate offline to incorporate through mailchimp.

- Environmental

Craig J (Committee Chair):

- Next Meeting April 9th. New committee member Josh Robinson – F&O
- Targeting late September for workshop date. Call for abstracts on May 1
- Need to coordinate with VSE and VTrans Innovation Symposiums

- Buildings and General Services

Brendan C (Nick Thiltgen Chair not present) provided the following update:

- Invitation sent for the May 8th BGS workshop.
- Working on sponsors and registrations.
- Offering Architect CEs as well.

- Membership

Brendan C provided the following update:

- Hamlin will be joining as a new member. Ken Robie helped coordinate.
- Brian B shared the potential engineering firms list.
- Brendan C noted that goal to also get affiliates; subconsultants, precast firms.

- Legislative

Brian B (on behalf of Shawn K) provided the following update:

- Bill S.96 being tracked – Brendan C spoke with Commissioner of BGS and they are not in support of this bill. Appropriations Committee has made it a study – currently in the House.
 - Aaron G asked if ACECVT should make a formal position statement against the Bill.
 - ACECVT available to give testimony at a committee level
 - Jon O asked if we have a template / past example of a position statement. Examples are older – may need to reach out to the former board members
 - Brian B noted ACEC National could provide a sample.
 - Brian B will review with Shawn Kelly and have the legislative committee draft a position statement. Jon O recommended to have it posted in Google Doc for shared review and comment by board members. Greg G offered to be a part of a strategic call to provide bullet points of why ACECVT objects.

6. 2024 EEA

- Venue – Meeting virtually with Champlain College to review space and menu. Brian B asked if parking is available. Greg G noted he attended an event there and it was very nice with no issues in parking



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- Met with VTrans Erin Sisson and Rob White – would like to be more active in EEA and get better VTrans attendance. VTrans interested in having a role in announcing the awards.
- Getting together to go over event logistics – easels, name tags
- Lifetime achievement, Meritorious service award: KC Norris accepted and will attend.
- Potential Meritorious Service Award – Mike Adams declined to avoid conflict of interest. Could consider Chris Benda – long time achievement as state Geotech engineering. Public Domain / Regulatory Personnel (would need to be retired to avoid conflict). Jason B asked if any personnel who helped in response to flooding this summer. Governor Scott has good resume for the award (COVID response, industry support, flood response). All agree.

7. PAC update

Shawn Kelley (Committee Chair) – Not Present. Brian B provided the following update:

- Thursday, May 16th – Sparetime \$150/lane + food (\$75/lane for non-profits). Companies can sponsor lanes and food. And attendees can pay for the fee to go to the PAC. Companies form their own teams.
- Bowl 4, teams can be more. Teams of 8 split to 2 teams.
- Entry fee goes to the PAC - \$25/person. Does this need to be a recommended amount or a set amount.
- \$100-\$200 for team sponsorship.
- Move to E-week next year.
- ACECNH does a single \$50/person – no separate fee for lanes and food. Jon O noted that better opportunity to get firms to send more people with sponsorship of lane/team
- Take NH template and modify towards Company Sponsor with Attendee fee.

8. Other items of business

9. Adjournment

- Next Meeting April 24th, 2024. During VT School Spring Break – keep meeting. JO cannot attend.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Meeting Summary prepared by:
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