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Merry Christmas
HAPPY NEW YEAR



2013 Teddy Roosevelt Award Recipient Carl Ray Furr

Pictured with Carl Ray are Judy Adams,
Executive Director and Jeff Dungan,
President.



PAC Drawdown Winner **Allen Scott** with Judy Adams,
Executive Director and Tom Bryant, PAC Chairman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11	EEA Projects Due
December 25 - January 1	ACEC/MS Office Closed
February 20	Capitol Day
March 20	EEA Dinner - Old Capitol Inn
March 20 & 21	Winter Meeting - Capital Club
July 24 - 27	Deep South Convention Grand Hotel Marriott Resort Point Clear, Alabama

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ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jeff Dungan



The 2013 Fall Fling is now in the books. Thank you to all who helped to make it successful. As usual, the meeting was well planned by Judy and Leah. The educational seminars and committee meetings were well attended and very informative. The Fellows dinner and PAC drawdown were a lot of fun. Congratulations to our Teddy Roosevelt Award winner, Carl Ray Furr. Carl Ray has made a major impact on our profession throughout Mississippi and beyond and certainly deserved the honor.

The PAC drawdown pushed us closer to our 2013 goal of \$12,850. We are currently at \$12,100. If you haven't made your 2013 PAC contribution, please do so before the holidays. I'd like to thank our PAC Chairman, Tom Bryant for another great effort this year. Also, thanks to Allen Scott, the PAC drawdown winner for graciously donating his winnings back to the PAC.

As the year comes to an end, Judy and Al are busy preparing for the upcoming legislative session. They will need our help communicating with our legislators about issues that affect our profession. If you are asked to contact your legislators, please make it a priority. February 20, 2014 will be our ACEC Day at the State Capitol, please mark your calendars for this very important time

to meet and greet our legislators face to face. The newly formed ACEC MACE Legislative Committee met in November and will continue meeting next year to provide legislative advocacy related to County Engineering issues.

I'd like to remind all of you to participate in the T-1 Coalition meetings and Senate Task Force meetings currently being held throughout our state. Transportation and infrastructure funding continues to be a critical need. Please get involved and urge your associates and clients to do the same. The times and dates for these meetings for the remainder of the year are listed below, but if you have questions please call the ACEC office for answers.

Our Winter Meeting will be March 20 & 21 of 2014 and will include excellent programs, as well as the EEA Awards Dinner. Please mark your calendars for this event as well.

I'd like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is an honor to serve this fine organization.

Remaining T1 Coalition /MEC meetings

December 17 - 7:30 a.m.
Hilton Hotel Jackson

December 18 - 12:00 noon
Vicksburg Convention Center

Remaining meetings held by Senator Willie Simmons and the Senate Task Force

December 16 - 6 - 8 p.m.
The Inn at Ole Miss, 120 Alumni Dr. Oxford

December 18 - 6 - 8 p.m.
The Trent Lott Center, 118 College Drive, Hattiesburg
(located on the East side adjacent to US 49)



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ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

Following our successful Fall Conference in Scottsdale in October, the Council has kept up the pace in November with our annual Leadership Orientations for state MO and Coalition leaders in Washington, D.C. We focused on national/state collaboration for maximum mutual gain. In our government advocacy and political programs, we secured improvements to the SEC municipal advisor rule, and we continue to work with the agency to further clarify engineering activities that should be exempt from registration requirements. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle continue to express optimism that WRRDA -- which includes several ACEC-backed provisions -- will be finalized before the end of the year, and we are pressing budget conferees to protect key federal infrastructure accounts and include funding for MAP-21 reauthorization and other critical programs as they try to reach agreement on a long-term budget deal.

- Urged House and Senate budget conferees to protect the Highway Trust Fund and replace the mandated, across-the-board spending cuts (sequestration) with a more targeted deficit reduction plan.
- The House Judiciary Committee passed ACEC-backed legislation – the Innovation Act – to protect engineering firms and other businesses from so-called patent “trolls”.
- The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) published its final “municipal advisor” rule which broadened and clarified the engineering exemption language to protect firms from registration requirements.
- Promoted public-private partnerships in facilitating infrastructure development and improving government service on an expert panel hosted by the new Congressional P3 Caucus, formed by Reps. Gerry Connelly (D-VA) and Mike Rogers (R-AL).
- Launched grassroots action alert to defend the ability of engineering firms to use the cash method of accounting and

push back against proposed House legislation to limit its use.

- Endorsed legislation to create a new national infrastructure financing authority, introduced by Senators Warner (D-VA) and Blunt (R-MO), which would be capitalized with \$10 billion and provide loans and loan guarantees for major transportation, water and energy projects.
- Endorsed the North American Energy Infrastructure Act, which consolidates and standardizes the cross-border permitting process for oil pipelines, natural gas pipelines and electric transmission lines.
- The House cleared a series of ACEC-backed energy bills to expand energy exploration and production on federal lands, preserve the ability of states to regulate hydraulic “fracturing” in natural gas development, and streamline the permitting process for natural gas pipelines.
- Endorsed the Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund Act to create dedicated tax revenues to support water infrastructure projects.



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