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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...



2014 Teddy Roosevelt
Award Recipient
Terrell W. Temple

PAC Drawdown
Winner Slade
Exley with Judy
Adams,
Executive Director
and Tom Bryant,
PAC Chairman.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22	EEA Projects Due
December 24 - January 1	ACEC/MS Office Closed
February 17	Project Managers Workshop
February 19	Capitol Day
March 19-20	Winter Meeting & EEA Awards Dinner
July 8-11	Deep South Convention – San Destin

New Members

AMEC ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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Principal(s): Rick Crawford

Areas of Interest: AMEC's Mississippi operations focus on Environmental and Infrastructure, which includes servicing the environment and engineering needs for our commercial, industrial, and municipal clients.

ALL SOUTH CONSULTING ENGINEERS
838 Vieux Marche
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Website: www.ascelle.com

Principal(s): Ashley Skellie

Areas of Interest: All South Consulting Engineers is a full service engineering firm located in Mississippi and Louisiana.

New Affiliate Member

MAGNOLIA PUMP & EQUIPMENT, INC.
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Pelahatchie, MS 39145

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Principal(s): Earl Voss, Jr., Earl Voss III

Areas of Interest: Magnolia Pump is a full service pump and controls distributor including the E/One LPS Sewer Systems.

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By James Nelson



I would like to begin by congratulating Terrell Temple for receiving this year's Teddy Roosevelt Award at our Fall Conference. Few people are as respected by his peers and the general public as Terrell and even fewer have served our organization and the engineering community as well as Terrell has over the years. Congratulations on a job well done! I would also like to thank Rosemary Brister, the outgoing Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors, for all of her years of service leading the board. Rosemary presented an overview of the history and operation of the board during our meeting which was most informative. Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding job that Judy Adams did planning and organizing the meeting, as the sessions were timely, interesting and informative.

If you were unable to attend the Fall Conference, you should endeavor to attend our upcoming Winter Meeting, as it promises to be time well spent. You may think why should I take the time to participate in ACEC? After all, it takes time and money to attend meetings that could perhaps be expended on other endeavors. There are other organizations, some technical and others perhaps more client oriented that have their own attributes. But none of these can provide you and your business what ACEC does-that is valuable information that will positively affect your bottom line.

When you look at all the things that ACEC offers its membership, it becomes very clear what a great investment ACEC really is, as ACEC provides many benefits that no other organization can provide. ACEC provides lobbying efforts to

protect our profession from harmful legislation, as we provide aggressive advocacy for bottom line results. This includes legislative and legal action to expand business opportunities. ACEC also provides efforts that assist with tax, regulatory, and liability reform on the Federal and State level.

ACEC also provides you educational opportunities and resources to revolutionize your business as well as pertinent information and tools to help win new projects and increase your profitability.

In addition, ACEC provides exceptional group rates and savings on business services including life/health and business insurance programs, retirement programs and discounts on office supplies, car rentals and much more.

Most importantly, ACEC is the voice of America's Engineering Profession. For over a century, when engineering businesses have faced difficult market and regulatory challenges, they have turned to ACEC for assistance. Through ACEC's effective advocacy, communications, and business resources, ACEC helps all engineering firms improve their business prospects. As a member of ACEC, you are a part of a force to promote our needs and goals, as ACEC is a network of more than 5,100 firms and 500,000 employees nationwide. When you consider all of these outstanding benefits, ACEC is undoubtedly a very wise and sound investment of your time.

WELLS APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF



MDEQ Executive Director Gary Rikard has appointed Chris Wells to serve as his Chief of Staff. Wells has been with the department since November of 2007 primarily serving as legal support for the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division.

Chris earned a Chemical Engineering Degree from Mississippi State University in 1996 and graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law in 1999. He served as a Law Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge William H. Barbour, Jr., and was in private practice with Scanion Sessums, Parker & Dallas in Ridgeland from 2000-2007. He has also taught as an Adjunct Professor at the Mississippi College School of Law.



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**We also would like to thank again, our
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Fellows Dinner!**

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ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

General

- ACEC/PAC contributed \$1.68 million to U.S. House and Senate candidates and national party committees to date this election cycle; 95 percent of all ACEC/PAC supported candidates won in the 2014 mid-term elections, including 17 open seat races.
- ACEC/Utah and ACEC/New York achieved their 2014 ACEC/PAC fundraising goals, bringing the total number of states at goal to 21; many more states are poised to meet their goals by year's end.
- ACEC's coalitions (CAMEE, CASE, LDC, SFC, COPS) enjoyed a net gain of 68 new members during the first half of the fiscal year, an uptick of 12 percent; the highest increase went to the Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS), with 26 new members.

Government Advocacy

- Protested a draft Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) regulation released by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers that would significantly expand federal jurisdiction over wetlands and other water bodies, including ditches and wastewater treatment ponds.
- ACEC-AASHTO Joint Committee agreed to collaborate on a comprehensive update of the AASHTO Guide for Consultant Contracting, last published in 2008, to address selection processes, contract negotiation, and program management issues.
- Minuteman Fund supported successful ballot initiatives in Wisconsin and Maryland to safeguard state transportation funding; our effort in Massachusetts to defeat a ballot initiative to repeal gas tax increases came up short but contributed to increased public awareness of this issue.
- Minuteman helped ACEC/Idaho win a major victory in the Idaho Supreme Court to protect the priority of lien rights of engineering companies against liens filed afterward by mortgage companies and other financial institutions.
- Awarded Minuteman Fund grant to ACEC/New York to support the MO's efforts to secure use of state surplus revenues for Infrastructure.

Business Resources

- November featured an array of popular webinars including: *How to Give and Receive Effective Feedback*; *Measuring Time with a Ruler: Statutes of Repose for Public Projects*; *Is an ESOP Right for Your Firm*; *Using PowerPoint Effectively in Presentations*; *Earning a Seat at the Table: A Guide for Emerging Leaders*; *Innovative Financing to Address Water Infrastructure Needs and Accelerate Investment*; *The Consulting Engineering Game – Does Size Really Matter?*; *Two Ways To Measure Project Delays*; *Best Practices of Highly Effective Boards*; and an on-site seminar, *Essentials of A/E Financial Management, Valuation and Transition Planning*, in San Antonio.
- Jointly with the American Bar Association, hosted a webinar *Developing a Public Private Partnership Agreement with the Assistance EJCDC P3-508*.



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We wish you the joy, the hope and the wonder of Christmas

May you have the gift of Faith

The blessing of Hope

And the Peace of His love

At Christmas and always

We are truly grateful for your support and friendship throughout the year and look forward to a prosperous 2015.

**Your ACEC-MS staff
Judy Adams and Erica Jolley**

Your Board of Directors

**Jimmy Nelson, David Bowman, Scott Burge, Carey Hardin,
Allen Scott, David Compton, Wayne Morrison, Jeff Dungan**

And, the Angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2:10-11

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