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*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
Best Wishes for a Wonderful and Blessed Holiday Season!!*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S
2015 TEDDY ROOSEVELT
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ACEC/MS Fall Fling PAC Winner 2015 Randy Reed

Hunter Arnold, ACEC/MS PAC Chairman, Randy Reed, FTN
Associates and his wife Helen Reed, and Judy Adams, Executive
Director of ACEC/MS



ACEC/MS NEW LOBBYIST TO ASSIST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

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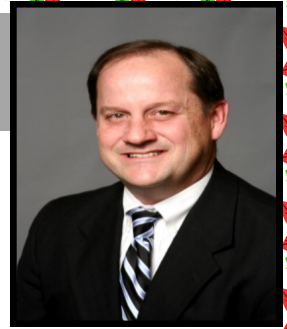
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Capitol Day—February 16, 2016.

Project Manager's Workshop—February 18, 2016.

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By David Bowman



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
This past fall was a very busy time for ACEC.

In August, Judy and I attended a Southeast Regional meeting of state directors and officers, where several points of interest were discussed. One is that Mississippi is a leader in what we do in the legislative and educational fronts. Also, ACEC is the leader throughout all states in driving legislation and being the lead advocate of engineering associations.

October brought the Fall Conference in Boston. The conference was three full days of educational opportunities. The sessions I attended were geared toward other states telling their success stories with funding of transportation, water infrastructure, and other public infrastructure. Optional educational paths were business training in marketing, accounting, and employee management for large, mid-size, and small firms. If you have never been to a National Convention or a Fall Conference please try to do so, because they are very educational and rewarding events. November brought our Fall Conference in Jackson. I thought our event was very well planned by Dax Alexander and his committee. I certainly enjoyed the session on engineering mission work with Slade Exley, the Ole Miss Student Chapter, and the Mississippi State Student Chapters of Engineers Without Borders. I was also fortunate to have lunch with our newest Teddy Roosevelt winner, Rosemary Brister. She certainly was a friend of the engineering community for over 30 years of service with the State Board of Registration. She will be missed.

The following week in November I attended a new leadership training with ACEC in Washington, DC. This allowed me to understand how ACEC's national organization works and what resources are available. One of the main objectives of ACEC is to provide congressional lobbying. Success was achieved as we sat in DC with the passing of the transportation bill "Fast Act." Looking forward, please get involved with the Mississippi Economic Council Pacesetter Tour. Please go to www.mec.ms for a time and place to attend the tour. This will allow you to participate in how legislation is crafted for transportation for the state of Mississippi.

We appreciate what you do for ACEC and want to encourage you to get others involved. There are three things you can do to help the Mississippi Chapter of ACEC reach its goals:

1. Participate in our events
2. Financially support our organization
3. Get others to do the same

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MEC Transportation Initiative Update



Christi Kilroy, IOM,
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ACEC/MS President



Dax Alexander Introduces



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Slade Exley,
Construction
of
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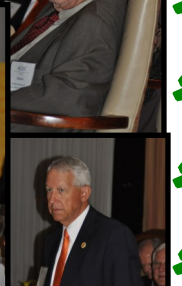


Robert Green, PE, F. NSPE, Bagley College of Engineering



The Fellows Dinner & PAC Drawdown

Fellows/Wives Present: Bill Cooke, Ed Dedeaux and his wife Marilyn, Hayden Kaiser Jr., Stanley Spradling and his wife Claire, Slade Exley and his wife Susan



ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

December 1, 2015

General

- The Minuteman Fund helped secure major transportation funding victories in Texas and Michigan: in Texas, voters approved a highway funding general sales tax of \$2.5 billion beginning 2018 that will amount to over \$40 billion by 2030; in Michigan, an additional \$1.2 billion per year will be generated through a gas and diesel tax increase and other revenues.
- ACEC/PAC has already surpassed last year's record fundraising total and now stands at over \$846,000 toward its \$1 million goal.
- Nevada, Utah and Arkansas met their annual ACEC/PAC fundraising targets, joining Indiana, Hawaii, South Carolina, Delaware, Wisconsin, Alaska, Tennessee, Kansas, Illinois, Alabama, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Maryland, Georgia, Arizona, New Jersey and Massachusetts.
- ACEC's Job Board postings have surged in the Fall months, hitting a record in October, which reflects continuing strength in the A/E sector of the economy.

Government Advocacy

- Helped to secure House passage of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization & Reform Act, a six-year, \$340 billion highway and transit bill that includes several ACEC-backed project delivery reforms, including an amendment encouraging states to contract out engineering services.
 - Lobbied House-Senate Conference Committee negotiators on the transportation bill, pushing for increased funding levels, TIFIA investments, environmental review reforms, pilot projects to study mileage-based user fees, a fix for municipal water infrastructure financing, energy grid modernization, and Ex-Im Bank reauthorization.
 - Defeated ten amendments to weaken or strip provisions in the transportation bill to extend the Export-Import Bank for four years.
 - The House-passed transportation bill includes ACEC-backed energy provisions to bolster the reliability of the nation's electric grid in the face of natural and manmade threats.
 - Joined with industry allies to support legislation that will expand the tax benefits of Master Limited Partnerships to encourage investment in energy efficiency and renewable projects.
 - Joined with AGC and other industry groups in urging Congress to direct the Corps of Engineers to move forward with WRRDA-authorized P3 projects in 2016 related to navigation and flood control.
 - Briefed members of ACEC/Louisiana on federal legislative issues and initiatives at annual *Project Outlook* conference.
 - ACEC and a coalition of employers sent a letter to Members of Congress expressing concerns about the Department of Labor's proposed overtime pay rule.
 - Joined business allies in asking Congress to extend expired business tax provisions, particularly higher Section 179 expensing levels, bonus depreciation, and the Section 179D energy efficient commercial buildings tax deduction.
 - Members of the International and Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committees met with the State Department's Overseas Building Operations Bureau to press for greater engineering firm participation.
- ACEC/PAC hosted fundraising events for Representatives Lou Barletta (R-PA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Crescent Hardy (R-NV), John Mica (R-FL), Lamar Smith (R-TX), and Diane Black (R-TN).



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