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“The Voice of Mississippi’s Engineering Companies”

2018 Teddy Roosevelt Award Winner, Wayne Morrison



Pictured from left: ACEC/MS President Allen Scott, ACEC/MS Vice President Wayne Morrison and ACEC/MS Executive Director Craig Carter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 20—EEA Projects Due
- February 19, 2019 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Capitol Day 2019
- March 14-15, 2019—Winter Meeting & EEA Banquet

2018 PAC Winner Darrell Martinek



Pictured from left: ACEC/MS President Allen Scott, and PAC Winner Darrell Martinek

ACEC ELECTS NEW 2018 FELLOW TERRELL TEMPLE



Pictured from left: ACEC Chair Manish Kothari, Terrell Temple and ACEC President and CEO, Linda Bauer Darr.

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Allen Scott



We had a great **Fall Fling and Fellows Banquet** in November. A special thanks to all the sponsors:

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Also, special thanks to one of our own, Tommy Dunlap, for providing the entertainment at the Thursday night reception.

Proceeds from the PAC Drawdown held at the Fellows Banquet has allowed us to get a little closer to our PAC goal for the year.

Several action items were developed at the Executive Committee meeting. A search for new office space has begun. We are looking at space closer to the capitol. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Over the next few months, we will also be looking at a re-organization of committees and re-assignment to those committees. If you are interested in being on one of the standing committees, please let Craig or Jessica know. Also, Executive Committee makeup and terms are being reviewed, specifically to look at a process that might allow for a shorter "commitment" than what currently exists.

The Employee Handbook is being reviewed and, hopefully, a draft will be ready for Executive Committee review in the spring.

We intend to continue discussions with the Mississippi Engineering Society to improve the lines of communication. We will continue to explore joint meetings with MES in the future.

We also plan to initiate discussions with the Public Works Association, the Rural Water Association, and the Mississippi Municipal League regarding engineering fees and scopes of service.

Lastly, as we enter the holiday season, I ask that everyone stop, right now, while you are reading this, and think of at least one thing for which you are thankful. Write it on a sticky note and stick it somewhere in your office where you will see it every day, and be thankful every day!



ACEC/MS Awards Past President Carey Hardin For His Past Year of Service "We Rise by Lifting Others."

Pictures From Left: ACEC/MS Executive Director
Craig Carter; ACEC/MS President Allen Scott and
Past President Carey Hardin

ACEC/MS Fall Fling And Fellows Banquet



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ACEC President's Update: Linda Bauer Darr

Dear Colleagues –

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday! I appreciated the great attendance by many of you at our Leadership Orientations earlier this month here in D.C. and I believe we were able to learn much from each other in these sessions. Look for changes in the format of these orientations next year – we may space them out more and give you more opportunities to meet with our staff – but what will not change is our commitment to enhance the mutually supportive relationship between national and the MOs for the betterment of our federation's ability to serve our members. I'm off to New Orleans this week to see many of you again at the Winter NAECE meeting, and I look forward to continuing our conversations there.

Linda

General

- ACEC's recent leadership orientation sessions in Washington, D.C. were attended by 67 MO officers from 33 states as well as representatives from the Retirement and Life/Health Trusts, and staff members outlined current and new services that the national organization provides to the MOs to improve their legislative efforts, education programs, and member recruitment and retention.
- *Last Word* earned Platinum Awards for its 2017 Fall Conference wrap-up issue and this year's Annual Convention wrap-up issue; *Engineering Inc.*'s May/June 2018 issue (EEA Awards) and July/August 2018 issue ("Who Will Fill the Gap?") also won top Platinum Awards for excellence. The MarCom competition is sponsored by the Association of Communication and Marketing Professionals; more than 6,000 entries from the U.S., Canada and 17 other countries were judged.
- [Submissions for the 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards competition are due on January 4, 2019](#); the Annual Gala will be on Tuesday evening, May 7, 2019 at ACEC's Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

Government Advocacy

- ACEC/PAC distributed over \$1.8 million to pro-business candidates prior to Election Day, winning 90% of those House and Senate races; more funds will be disbursed in December to help newly elected lawmakers with debt retirement.
 - Joined with stakeholder allies in sending a letter to congressional leaders advocating for the highest possible funding levels in the final FY 2019 transportation appropriations bill expected to be completed in the lame duck session.
 - The ACEC Superfund Workgroup sent a memo to EPA asking questions and making recommendations on the DES SF 330 update.
 - Wrote to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services expressing concerns about the impact of changes in immigration policy and enforcement procedures that are disrupting the operations of engineering firms.
 - ACEC/Arkansas, ACEC/New York and ACEC/Nevada all made their ACEC/PAC state goals in November, bringing the total MOs at goal to 22 and keeping the PAC on track to raise over \$1 million for the third straight year.
- ACEC/PAC raised over \$197,685 at the recent Fall Conference, highlighted by the 2018 Fall Sweepstakes and a very successful TopGolf fundraising event, which raised \$11,300 alone.



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