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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 26-28 Deep South Convention, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, FL
- August 17 Roosevelt Day, Roosevelt State Park, Morton, MS

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Carey Hardin



Time is relentless. The Deep South Convention is rapidly approaching and will be held once again in Sandestin on July 26-28. If you have not made plans to attend, it is not too late to do so. There will be a great lineup of speakers and activities for all. Also be sure to mark August 17th on your calendar for Roosevelt Day.

Breaking news from ACEC is the naming of a new national President. Wayne Morrison will travel to Washington, D.C. to represent ACEC/MS at a Special ACEC Board meeting to ratify the selection of a very capable successor to Dave Raymond who has served ACEC with dignity and distinction for over 19 years.

On the state level, it appears that the Governor is working toward a special session to address funding for roads and bridges. Once again, the call appears to be contingent upon a tentative agreement by leadership of the House and Senate.

Other notable news at the state level is an appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding a decision in Federal District Court regarding use of the name "Tire Engineers" by a chain auto repair/tire company. The case was brought by the State Board of Registration after negotiations with the company broke down. Upon a request from the Registration Board and the Mississippi Attorney General, NSPE, ASCE and ACEC/MS have joined forces to produce an Amicus Brief in support of the court decision. ACEC/MS has committed up to \$5,000 in support of the effort and is requesting a 1:1 match from the ACEC Minute Man Fund. In reviewing such requests, the track record of PAC and Minute Man Fund contributions are taken into account - which brings up another relevant topic.

The annual PAC goal for ACEC/MS is typically around \$12,000. For the past several years we have come close, but not quite met the goal, which only amounts to an average of about \$125 per member firm. The ACEC/MS leadership is proposing a three-year goal to bring national recognition to ACEC/MS as a PAC leader nation-wide. The initial step is to meet or exceed the 2018 goal. The next step is to meet the 2019 goal by April 1, 2019 so that the state is recognized at the 2019 Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. The final goal is to meet the 2020 goal by the first day of the year. Currently ACEC/Indiana achieves this and we would like to join them.

I would like to thank all those who unselfishly gave of their time and talents to support ACEC/MS in this transitional year. The strength of the organization is truly in those member and affiliate member firms and organizations that actively participate. I encourage all members to be active and involved to make our organization stronger and more effective.

Special thanks are in order to Allen Scott, who will be serving as ACEC/MS President for 2018-2019, and the Board of Directors- Wayne Morrison, Kyle Wallace, Randy Ahlrich, Dax Alexander, Scott Burge, our National Director David Bowman and our PAC Chairman Hunter Arnold Last, but by no means least, we are grateful for an outstanding leadership team in Craig Carter and Jessica Gosa our Executive Director and Office Manager. Thank you both for your service to our organization.

Finally, one of the greatest benefits of serving as ACEC/MS President is the opportunity afforded to become better acquainted with colleagues around the state. For this I will be forever grateful. It has been an honor and privilege.

See you all in Sandestin!



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GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT APPOINTS HARRY LEE JAMES STATE AID ENGINEER AT MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION



Gov. Phil Bryant announced today that he has appointed Harry Lee James state aid engineer in the Mississippi Office of State Aid Road Construction.

James replaces Carey Webb, who has worked in various capacities at the Office of State Aid Road Construction for 29 years. Webb has been state aid engineer since 2012.

"Carey Webb has faithfully served the people of Mississippi at the Office of State Aid Road Construction for almost 30 years, and I wish him well upon his retirement," Gov. Bryant said.

James first went to work at the Mississippi Department of Transportation in 1982, as an engineer in the agency's Bridge Division, a role he served in until 1999. He served as MDOT's state bridge engineer until 2003. From 2003-2008, he was deputy director and chief engineer in MDOT's Office of Highways. He joined the private sector in 2009, as executive director of the Mississippi Concrete Industries Association. Since 2016, James has served as a consultant to the Office of State Aid Road Construction.

"Harry Lee James' decades of experience planning, designing and maintaining Mississippi roads and bridges make him the perfect fit to lead the Office of State Aid Construction," Gov. Bryant said. "I am pleased he has accepted this appointment."

James earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1976. He is a registered professional engineer and registered professional land surveyor.

"I am honored to serve as state aid engineer and appreciate the governor's confidence in appointing me to this position," James said. "I look forward to serving Mississippi and working with the men and women of the Office of State Aid Road Construction as we keep Mississippi moving forward."

James is a 2003 graduate of Indiana University's National Transportation Leadership Institute. In 2004, he was recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of Mississippi State's Bagley College of Engineering. He was the Mississippi Engineering Society's Engineer of the Year in 2005.

A seventh-generation resident of Madison County, James is a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church in Canton, where he has served as an elder since 2014. He and his wife, Cynthia, have been married 29 years. They have two grown daughters.

Gov. Phil Bryant Press Release

6/29/2018

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Executive Director's Update: Craig Carter

As we are amid another sweltering summer in the Magnolia State, I am pleased to let you know that we are trekking along on a rapid pace at ACEC/MS as we plan for the fall and winter months ahead and 2019. First, I would like to welcome our new members: Geotechnology, Inc. and TRC Engineers, Inc. and our new affiliate members: Design Pipe & Precast, Entergy, Eutaw Construction Company and Warren Paving, Inc.

ACEC/MS sends a hearty congratulations to our new board member, Darrell Martinek of W.L. Burle Engineers in Greenville. We anticipate great things from Darrell's guidance and leadership for many years at ACEC/MS. Again, we thank him for his commitment to serve.

The ACEC Deep South Convention is set for July 26-28 at the Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort. I'm looking forward to spending time with our members who will be attending, as this will be my first Deep South Convention. Being the new kid on the block, the ACEC Executive Directors from the other states gave me the monumental task of choosing the speaker to open the convention. I chose Robert St. John, and he will speak to us about "Doing Business in the 21st Century South." Robert is a treasure, not only in Mississippi, but also the South. Robert is a restaurateur, chef, columnist and author. His presentation will be fun and lively, and I fully expect him to knock it out of the park! You don't want to miss his presentation.

Roosevelt Day is scheduled for Friday, August 17, at Roosevelt State Park. If you haven't registered, please do! Our speakers are lined up, and you should be receiving an agenda soon. We will soon have a date for the Fall Fling.

The game plan during my first year is to keep our events the same so the board can see where I believe changes can be made for the betterment of the events. That said, I am pleased to announce the 2019 ACEC/MS Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner and Banquet will be held at the new *Two Mississippi Museums* in Jackson, the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. I was awestruck when I toured the facility and museums. This will be a new and exciting evening. I'll send updates in the coming months as we plan the event. I am very excited and hope you are too!

In closing, I deeply appreciate everyone for being so kind and helpful to me as we move through this transition period. I want to personally thank our outgoing president Carey Hardin. Carey's professional guidance and kind demeanor have been instrumental, not only to my transition, but also to our outstanding association. He's been an amazing president and a great mentor to me. I can't thank him enough. I encourage you to thank him for his many years of dedication and service to ACEC/MS.

I'm always available. If you need me, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing all of you in beautiful Destin, Florida!

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 1 Timothy 1:12



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