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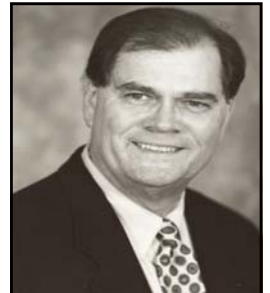
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July 24 - 27

Deep South Convention
Grand Hotel Marriott Resort,
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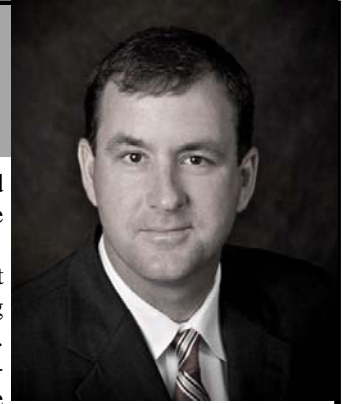
UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22 Roosevelt Day, Roosevelt State Park - Morton, MS

August 28 Steel Bridge Forum - Old Brandon Road Pearl, MS

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jeff Dungan



It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of ACEC-MS throughout the past year. Our executive committee, committee chairmen, and membership have worked hard to improve our organization and keep ACEC-MS as the leading organization in our state for the advancement of the engineering profession. I cannot say enough about the outstanding work of our Executive Director, Judy Adams. Judy is a tireless leader and advocate for our profession that has "put us on the map" as an organization in Mississippi. As you know, Judy's assistant, Leah Head resigned her position this year to pursue an opportunity with the Mississippi Soccer Association as Program Director. We are thankful for Leah's work and wish her much success in this new endeavor.

The 2014 ACEC National Meeting in Washington DC was a great success. The Capitol Hill visits are the focal point of this meeting and Mississippi was well represented by member firms that made visits to our delegation. The primary purpose of our visits this year was to stress the importance of the Water Resources Development Act, as well as transportation funding.

As President this year, my top priority was to increase both affiliate

and regular membership. I am pleased with the progress that we have made in this area.

However, we must continue to recruit fellow firms and affiliates by stressing the value of membership in ACEC. Another priority was to promote increased involvement in the legislative process by all of our members. I was very pleased with the work of our membership in this area this past legislative session. The amendment to avoid paying tax on professional services, the additional funding for State Aid, and the new lien law were the culmination of our efforts. Once again Judy and I put in a tremendous effort to protect our interests at the capitol.

I look forward to the leadership of incoming President Jimmy Nelson. I know that Jimmy will do an outstanding job (if he listens to Judy). I hope to see each of you at our annual Deep South Convention which will be held at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort Golf Club & Spa in Point Clear, Alabama on July 24-27, 2014.



PAC Contribution

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ACEC ANNUAL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

A record 1,300+ plus attended the ACEC Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., where we lobbied on Capitol Hill for WRRDA, tax reform and MAP-21 reauthorizations; participated in a wide range of business education and market-oriented activities; and heard prominent speakers including Bob Schieffer of CBS News, Marty Regalia of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, former CIA and NSA head Michael Hayden, and former IRS commissioner Mark Everson.

Representing Mississippi were Jeff Dungan, Dungan Engineering; David Bowman, Neel-Schaffer; David Compton, Compton Engineering; Jimmy Nelson, Allen and Hoshall; Scott Burge, A. Garner Russell and Associates and Judy Adams, Executive Director.



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Deep South Convention

A Look at the Speakers

**Special thanks to
Walter Lyons and
Martha Nelson of
Michael Baker Jr. Inc.,
for printing ACEC-
MS's newsletter on a
quarterly basis!**

- **Matthew K. "Matt" Fultz** and **Owen Mayfield** of Matheson Financial Advisors will present Opening General Session and Session II on Friday.
- **Kurt Goddard** from Exactsource will present on Friday.
- **Sarah Wapert** from Exactsource will provide a presentation on Saturday morning on Social Media.
- **Julie Ryan**, Inventor, Author and Entrepreneur will provide an update on Federal laws governing privacy and security for you and your employees on Saturday morning.
- **Steve Hall** will give a national update on the key legislative issues that ACEC is working on in Washington, DC.

ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

- Secured passage of \$12.3 billion Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) to authorize new Corps water projects, streamline the project delivery process, create a new financing mechanism (WIFIA) for water projects, apply QBS to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program for the first time, and promote the contracting out of engineering services.
- The Minutemen Fund supported a successful effort in New Hampshire to enact an increase in the state's gas tax, raising \$650 million to support transportation projects.
- ACEC/Nevada became the seventh state to make their PAC fundraising goal for 2014.
- Secured passage of six-year, \$265 billion MAP-21 reauthorization bill through the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, providing for existing funding levels plus an inflationary adjustment, a new freight mobility program, grants for projects of national and regional significance, and multistate pilot studies for transition to a mileage-based user fee or other highway system financing alternatives.
- Secured procurement reforms in the National Defense Authorization Act to limit the use of single-step design build, limit the short list for the preferred two-step design build process to five firms, and protect A/E firms from so-called "reverse auctions".
- The AASHTO-ACEC Joint Committee approved a best practices memo outlining ideas for fostering effective state-based partnerships between DOTs and the engineering industry, and agreed to work further on more specific recommendations; the memo highlights the importance of regular liaison meetings, collaboration on funding initiatives, adherence to uniform procurement and audit regulations, joint education and training programs, and private sector utilizations.
- The Securities and Exchange Commission released an updated version of its FAQ document on the municipal advisor registration rule, and clarified the engineering exemption in response to questions submitted by ACEC.
- Launched two new E-books at the Spring Convention: Win More Work: How to Write Winning A/E/C Proposals, by Jim Rogers; and Winning Strategies for A/E/C Firms: An Executive's Guide to Maximizing Growth and Profitability by Clare G. Ross, both available in the bookstore.
- Expanded EJCDC E-570 Engineer/Consultant Agreement to provide for subcontracting of specific engineering services in specialized disciplines such as structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering, as well as related services such as landscape architecture tasks.

GET INVOLVED and TAKE YOUR SEAT at the TABLE!

ACEC/MS Committee Sign Up Forms are Inside. Please take a moment to review the choice of committees and give a careful consideration to serving. Please note that some committees only meet as issues arise. YOU are the VOICE of the Engineering Industry!

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