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Pictured from left: Alex Reeb, Burns Cooley Dennis; Amber Reeb, Burns Cooley Dennis; Tommy Dunlap, Burns Cooley Dennis; Colleen Campbell, Burns Cooley Dennis; Herman Smith, Warren County Bridge Commission; Brad Campbell, Burns Cooley Dennis; Randy Ahlrich, Burns Cooley Dennis.

### GRAND AWARD WINNER GARVER, LLC

Project: US 51 over Coldwater River  
Client: MS Department of Transportation



Pictured from left: Keith Quick, Garver; Preston Campbell, Garver; Scott Westerfield, MDOT; Nick Altobelli, Garver; Wayne Black, Garver.

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Pictured from left: Keith Purvis, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.; Chris Trebisky, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.; Keith O'Keefe, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.; Mayor Butch Lee, City of Brandon; Hibbett Neel, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.; David Bowman, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

# ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Allen Scott



The 2019 Annual ACEC-MS Assembly (March 14-15, 2019) was a little different from what we have done in the past; I think it was a great success. For those of you who were not able to attend, this year's Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet was held at the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

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Our special guest for the evening was George Mulvaney, an environmental scientist, who took a very non-traditional route to where he is today. He provided a colorful recap of his new book, *Cups Up*, which tells the captivating story of his life's journey.

We have executed an agreement for new office space in downtown Jackson, a short walk from the Capitol. We will be sharing office space with other professional associations and are excited about the new facilities. We are considering having our Fall Fling at the new office.

We have reduced the size of our standing committees to a more efficient number. However, remember, that all ACEC committee meetings are open to all ACEC members.

The current legislative session has been an active one. We are supporting bills that would provide for a two-year licensure term and allow for professional fees to be paid with ERBRF money for work completed prior to the passage of HB 779. We were successful in changing or defeating bills that would have changed the definition of surveying, placed all licensure boards under one division of the DFA, and allowed time tracking software on private workstations. Thanks to Craig, Jessica, and Stephen Clay of The Clay firm for all their hard work looking out for our interests.

## 2019 ACEC/MS Scholarship Winner Jennifer Hoang





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# George Malvaney—2019 Annual ACEC/MS Assembly's Banquet Guest Speaker

George is best known for his participation in a 1981 attempted coup of a Caribbean island-nation and more recently for his work following British Petroleum's oil spill in 2010. He spent more than fourteen years with a national recognized environmental contracting firm as a senior executive overseeing sales, marketing and field operations. Prior to that, he worked as an environmental scientist at the



Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Today he is a partner at Malvaney & Associates, and Enhanced Environmental and Emergency Services (E3).

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In his too-crazy-not-to-be-true memoir, Malvaney chronicles what easily should be several lifetimes of adventure--and misadventure. Growing up in a close-knit family in Jackson, Mississippi, the young Malvaney preferred woods and swamps to the drudgery of high school. He dropped out, enlisted in the Navy, and shortly afterwards joined the Ku Klux Klan. While onboard the USS Concord, he organized a branch of the Klan, corrupting and endangering his shipmates. After his discharge, he answered a mercenary call to take part in an invasion of Dominica, a Caribbean fiasco known as the "Bayou of Pigs." That madness landed him in a federal penitentiary. And there, he vowed to turn his life around.

Cups Up, a title drawn from the wake-up call shouted at prisoners, is a story of perseverance, cleansing, and redemption. It chronicles the roller coaster life of a high school dropout, ex-Klansman, ex-mercenary, ex-felon, and ex-con, who went on to become a college graduate, a hard-nosed environmental regulator and a widely respected top executive in a company with more than a thousand employees.



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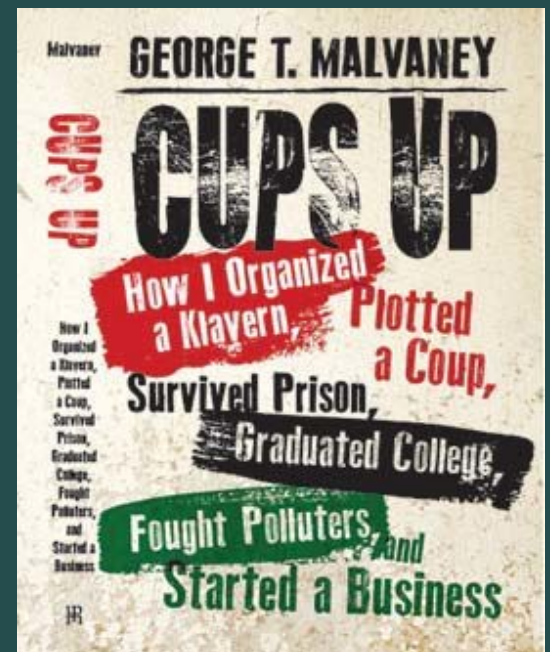
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