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It is time for our Teddy Roosevelt Award nominations. The past winners are listed below. It doesn't have to be an engineer, but someone who has done much for the engineering Profession. When you nominate someone be sure and send a resume on the individual.

"Every man owes a part of his time or money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions in his sphere".

Name	Firm	Year
Terrell Temple	Engineering Plus	2014
Carl Ray Furr	Pickering Firm, Inc.	2013
Hibbett Neel	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	2012
Ed Springer	Springer Engineering	2012
Wayne Brown	Transportation Commissioner	2011
Charles Williford	Thompson Engineering	2010
Judy Adams	ACEC/MS	2009
Stanley Spradling	Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc.	2008
A. Garner Russell	A. Garner Russell & Associates, Inc.	2007
Slade Exley	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	2006
Wayne Bennett	Bagley College of Engineering	2004
Gorman Schaffer	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	2001
Ed Davis	Edward T. David & Associates, Inc.	2000
Ed Dedeaux	Allen & Hoshall	1999
Bill Cooke	Cooke Douglas Farr Lemmons, LTD	1998
Hayden Kaiser, Jr.	Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions, Inc.	1997

Engineering Excellence Awards Intent to enter due October 23

One of our most exciting events of the year is our Engineering Excellence Awards. Your clients love it. They are so excited their project won an award and especially if it wins the Grand or People's Choice.

If you have never entered, please consider it. If you need help putting the package together, we have winning projects from previous years you can use and we will be glad to help in any other way. It is great for you and your client.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 14-17—ACEC Fall Conference-Boston
- October 23— EEA Intent to Enter Deadline
- November 5-6 Fall Meeting
- November 5— Fall Fling/ Fellows Dinner & Teddy Roosevelt Winner
- December 21— EEA Projects Due

ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By David Bowman



For those who missed the summer meeting in Sandestin, let me tell you a little about myself. I was fortunate to grow up in the consulting engineering and architectural consulting family. My grandfather, Charles Bowman, Sr., and his brother opened Bowman and Bowman Engineering in 1939 in Greenwood, MS. They were both electrical engineers who dealt mostly with Rural Electrical Co-ops. My great uncle died of tuberculosis a couple years after starting the business, so it was my grandfather's business until my father joined him in 1965. My father, Charles Bowman, Jr., is a licensed architect. I grew up attending pre-construction conferences, running blueprints, surveying, and providing resident inspections services and other consulting activities.

I have worked for Neel-Schaffer since 1992, after serving a few years with the City of Jackson. This long relationship with our profession has given me a true passion for the consulting engineer. I hope I can serve you in the manner you have come to expect from ACEC presidents such as Gorman Schaffer, Slade Exley, Jeff Dungan, Jimmy Nelson, and many others. The Board of Directors recently held a planning session to review our strategic goals and to put in place an action plan to achieve those goals. Our four primary goals are:

Be recognized as the legislative advocate for engineering companies in the promotion and protection of their business interests.

We have done an excellent job in the legislature with Judy Adams leading the charge. Last year, we got our public works law amended to include language that a professional engineer will be required for all public works projects over \$100,000.

Increase the number of both member firms and affiliate member firms.

During our planning session we identified some 10 potential new member firms and 30 affiliate members that the Board will be contacting on a personal level. Our goal is to bring in five new member firms and 15 new affiliate firms.

Protect our Profession. Educate public officials on aspects of engineering procurement.

This goal will probably require the most time of Judy, the Board, and you the member. Due to the wayward ways of some of our state agencies, the selection of professionals has come under major scrutiny of the legislature. Last year Judy and our legislative team worked hard to protect our QBS procedures.

Increase the budget and resources.

Besides trying to recruit new member firms and new affiliate members, we are reaching out to other organizations that benefit from our legislative work. We are encouraging associations like the County Engineers Association, the Mississippi Engineering Society, the American Public Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Traffic Engineers, and others to participate financially to our legislative fund.

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 ACEC-MS reach its goals:

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

Thanks for taking the time to read this message.



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ROOSEVELT DAY HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE

Over 100+ registered for Roosevelt Day this year. Speakers were: Corps - Mike Renacker and Katy Breaux; MDOT - Mark McConnell, Scot Ehr Gott, Amy Mood, James Williams, Jeff Altman; RUS - Bettye Oliver, Janis Nolan, Ollie Jackson and Patricia McDowell; Bureau of Buildings - Glenn Kornbeck; DEQ - Gary Rikard, Chris Wells, Tony Caldwell, Kim Caviness; Department of Health - Bill Moody and from MDA - Chuck Mobley.

As you can see we had great participation from our Governmental Agencies. Next year will be our 20th anniversary for Roosevelt Day. Let's plan on breaking this year's record for attendance.

Another **FIRST**: Our Affiliate Member, Rob Turner, took notes of the entire day and distributed them to the attendees. Thank you, Rob.



Gary Rikard



Glenn Kornbek



Bill Moody



MS Department of Transportation



RUS



ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

Government Advocacy

- Engaged in grassroots lobbying to build support for House passage of a long-term transportation bill; funded radio ads in targeted congressional districts; sent more than 240 letters to Members of Congress generated through ACEC Action Alerts; and held Congressional meetings in districts throughout the U.S.
- ACEC International Committee met with senior officials of the Millennium Challenge Corporation concerning P3 projects; with the chief of World Bank procurement on newly implemented procurement policy changes; and with senior Commerce officials on how U.S. engineering firms can attain greater market share on international projects.
- Continued grassroots campaign to support reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank in the House of Representatives; a four-year reauthorization is already included in the Senate-passed surface transportation bill.
- Protested Department of Labor proposed blacklisting regulations that would jeopardize government contractors for mere allegations of various labor rule violations.
- Submitted comments to the Department of Labor on its proposed changes to overtime pay rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act, recommending more incremental changes to the salary threshold and maintaining the current duties test for exempt employees.
- Supported the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 in letter to Senate and Natural Resources Committee Chair Lisa Murkowski; the legislation includes ACEC-backed provisions to enhance grid reliability and resilience, streamline permitting, and improve federal coordination of policies affecting energy and water.
- ACEC Environment and Energy Committee summer meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota included 16 speakers representing NGOs, public agencies and private clients focusing on water infrastructure finance, EPA's Clean Power Plan, and the new wetlands rule.
- Former Chair of the ACEC International Committee, Manish Kothari, was appointed to the USTDA/U.S. Department of Commerce Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Services and Finance Industries, which advises on trade policy improvements.
- ACEC/PAC and ACEC members hosted several in-state events for U.S. House and Senate Members of Congress during the August recess, including for Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) and Representatives Joe Barton (R-TX), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Mike Coffman (R-CO), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Pat Meehan (R-PA), Mike Quigley (D-IL), and Mike Turner (R-OH).

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