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Executive Director Announces Retirement after 23+ Years

In September 1967, twelve firms gathered and saw a need for an organization to represent their business interests.

In 1969, Hayden Kaiser, Jr., Brax Batson and Leland Cook signed the original Charter. Leland Cook of Cook Coggin was President. Thus was the formation of the Consulting Engineers Council. I am so pleased that Hayden Kaiser, Jr. is still active in the council.

In November 1994, I was hired as Executive Director at 20 hours a week. The previous Executive Director, Howard Lett, had died of a heart attack. Therefore, there was no formal "training". However, my previous experience with the Hotel and Motel Association helped, as did my experience as an Alderman in Brandon. We had 54 member firms, 35 of which were in

it for the insurance. We now have 100 (+/-) member firms.

Our Mission Statement: **"To be recognized by our profession and the public as the primary voice of the engineering profession"** is being fulfilled on a daily basis. We truly are the "go-to" organization for our firms serving as a clearing house of information for the firms and the public. We are also well known for our legislative advocacy, at the State and National level.

I appreciate ACEC's great leadership, our past Chairmen of committees and the ones that volunteer their time to make us the "primary voice of the engineering profession".

The past 23 years have been a joy and challenge at the same time. I have thoroughly enjoyed the job. In fact, I have gotten to know all of you, and you have become my "ACEC family" and I will truly miss that.

My retirement date is the end of February 2018. Last day to work is January 31, 2018, thus giving me an opportunity to work with the new Executive. The ACEC Board has formed a search committee. My last official meeting will be the November 2/3. Hopefully, we will have a good attendance.

Jessica Gosa has been with us for three years and I am pleased to announce she has been promoted to Office Manager.

I trust you will continue to support ACEC-MS and that you will consider giving of your time to volunteer. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization.



Judy Adams, Executive Director
ACEC/MS, 1994-2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15-18—ACEC 2017 Fall Conference—Orlando, FL
October 30—EEA Deadline to Enter for ACEC/MS
November 2-3—Fall Fling and Fellows Luncheon

The Adams Family



ACEC/MS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Carey Hardin



The American Council of Engineering Companies traces its roots to 12 consulting engineers who met in a less than impressive building on Nassau Street in the heart of the financial district in New York City. The year was 1905. In 2017 the organization they founded has grown to represent over 5,000 engineering firms and 600,000 consulting engineers. ACEC is the pre-eminent advocacy group providing protection and advancement of the interests of the nation's engineering firms. The ACEC PAC ranks in the top 3% of all US PACs and commands respect as the leading voice of the nation's design industry.

Similar to the national organization, ACEC/Mississippi (then the Consulting Engineers Council) was founded by 12 consulting engineers in 1967. Hayden Kaiser, Jr. was the original president of the group. We are fortunate to still have Hayden as an active member after 50 years of exemplary service to the organization. The National Charter was signed in September of 1969 by Leland Cook, who was serving as president at that time. I am fortunate to be able to count Leland as one of my early mentors that made a difference in my career.

ACEC/Mississippi, like the national organization, is unique in that the focus is directed to the practice of engineering as a business. Engineers employed by ACEC member firms hold membership in a host of professional and technical organizations that represent an amazing variety of missions, interests and practice groups. But only ACEC is totally focused on advancing the business of engineering.

The five-year strategic goals for ACEC/Mississippi remain unchanged.

1. Be recognized as the legislative advocate for engineering companies in the promotion and protection of their business interests.
2. Increase the number of both member firms and affiliate member firms.
3. Protect our profession. Educate public officials on aspects of engineering procurement.
4. Increase the annual budget and resources

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of Judy Adams, our executive director, past presidents, officers and board members, consistent progress has been made in all areas. Future progress will require continued effort and member participation. Don't forget ACEC/Mississippi is *your organization*. Your input and involvement are necessary to achieve the goals that have been set.

Another critical item required for success on the national level is meeting or exceeding our PAC Goal. Hunter Arnold has once again graciously agreed to be our PAC Chairman. We are currently about half way to our 2017 goal of \$12,200. With over 100 member firms, this target is far from unrealistic. You may contribute at the November Fall Fling or mail your check to the ACEC/Mississippi office at any time. This effort insures that the effectiveness of ACEC will be maintained at the national level.

Be sure to note the dates of the Fall Fling, November 2-3. The schedule will include committee meetings, a reception honoring Judy Adams (more on her retirement later), quality PDH opportunities and a Fellows Luncheon/PAC Drawdown on Friday. See you there!

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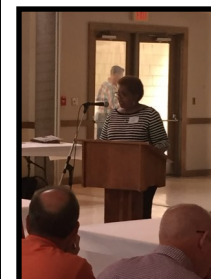
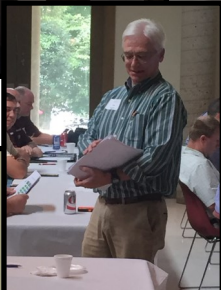
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ACEC PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Dave Raymond

General

- ACEC's Florida Member Organization has voted to change its name from FICE to ACEC/Florida, effective January 1, 2018 – the last of the Council's 52 MOs to formally adopt the unified ACEC name.

Council's updated membership video (nine minutes), accessible on the home page of the ACEC website, should serve as an effective membership recruitment tool.

Go to: <file:///C:/Users/ACEC-JacksonMS/Desktop/ACEC%20-%202018%20Membership%20Video.htm>

- Just-released report by the Public Affairs Council shows that ACEC/PAC, with annual receipts over \$1 million, is much larger than the PACs of most associations – even those that are 10 times the size of ACEC.
- To further bolster ACEC's private client-oriented activities, we have brought on board Erin McLaughlin as Director of Commercial and Industrial Markets; she was formerly with Dewberry as regional Business Development Director for private sector and commercial clients.

Government Advocacy

- New White House Executive Order streamlines environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects consistent with recommendations put forward by ACEC earlier this year.
 - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing featured testimony from Katherine Probst, author of the ACEC-commissioned report *Superfund 2017: Cleanup Accomplishments and the Challenges Ahead*.
 - Senate confirmed two new commissioners for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), restoring a quorum necessary to approve over \$50 billion in energy project permits.
 - Congressmen Dave Reichert (R-WA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), and Tom Reed (R-NY) introduced ACEC-backed legislation to reinstate and make permanent the Section 179D energy-efficient commercial buildings tax deduction; additionally ACEC and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) sent a joint letter to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin asking him to stop state and local governments from denying designers this tax deduction.
 - Former Congressman Mark Green was confirmed by the Senate as the next USAID Administrator; he received strong ACEC backing.
 - Public-private partnership (P3) coalition meeting at ACEC headquarters last week featured discussions with key Senate committee staff.
 - Environment and Energy Committee summer meeting in Colorado featured Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO) as well as speakers on energy, water supply, hydraulic fracturing, and permitting issues.
- ACEC/PAC hosted fundraising events for U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and U.S. Representatives Jim Banks (R-IN), Susan Brooks (R-IN), Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Dan Lipinski (D-IL), Mark Meadows (R-NC), and Paul Mitchell (R-MI).



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