

August 2007

Calling For Entries!

Governor Appoints Board of Licensure Member

Governor Riley has appointed Mr. William Ulrich, Jr. to fill the expired Board of Licensure (BOL) term of Dr. Charles Haynes effective August 8, 2007. Mr. Ulrich's term will actually begin when he takes the oath of office and will expire on April 22, 2012. Mr. Ulrich joins, Veston Bush, PLS (ASPLS), Don Arkle, PE (ASCE), Preston Jackson, PE (IEEE), Al Reisz, PE (ASME) on the prestigious Board of Licensure. The BOL Nominating Committee will meet after the first of the year to select candidates for the land surveyor position presently held by BOL Chairman, Veston Bush. Also, at its last meeting, the BOL approved a motion to propose a change to the licensure law to add one professional engineer and one professional land surveyor to the board. This and other proposed law changes will be submitted to Legislative Reference Service in advance of the 2008 legislative session. If successful in adding the new position, there will be a need for additional nominating committee meetings. If you would like more information on the proposed law changes, please contact the ACEC/Alabama office.

ACEC PAC Trustee at Work

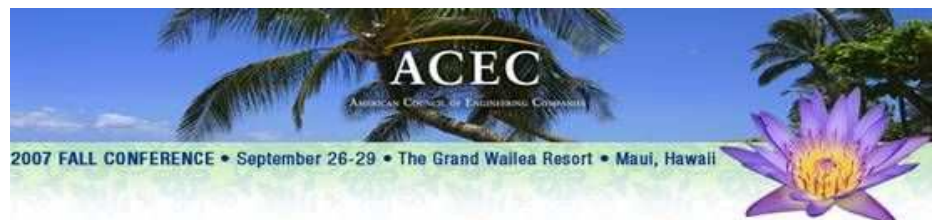


Keeping Member Firms in the forefront. ACEC PAC Chairman Alain Gallet – Gallet & Associates, Inc., (left) makes special delivery to Congressman Mike Rogers on behalf of ACEC's PAC. Todd Cheatwood – Gallet & Associates (right).

For nearly fifty years, ACEC has recognized engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement, value and integrity through its annual Engineering Awards Competition (EEA). Consider the public relations and marketing value your firm will achieve by participating in this engineering design competition. Projects are judged for: Original or Innovative application of a new or existing technique; Future value to the engineering profession and perception to the public; Social, economic, and sustainable design considerations; Exceeding owner/client needs; and Complexity. Entries will be judged on the basis of overall engineering excellence in one of the following categories: Studies, Research & Consulting; Building/Technology Systems; Structural Systems; Surveying & Mapping Technology; Environmental; Water & Wastewater; Water Resources; Transportation; Special Projects; and Small Projects. EEA Call for Entries Brochure & Guidelines are now available on our Awards Weblink at: www.aceca.org

ACEC Joins AIA to Modify ABC Fee Schedule

The *Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)* initiated an effort to make changes to the Alabama Building Commission's (ABC) A/E Fee Schedule, last adjusted in 1974. Under the current rate schedule, inflation and rise of construction costs, A/E fees have eroded with time. Because many consulting engineers provide services that are impacted by the ABC Contract Guidelines, AIA invited ACEC to participate in the effort. The ACEC Executive Committee agreed it is in our best interest to support AIA with this initiative. To accomplish our objective, AIA developed a strategy modeled after Louisiana's recent success to modify their state agency fee schedule. As part of this strategy, Auburn University was hired to perform an economic analysis. Results of the analysis have been presented to stakeholders for making recommendations to the Building Commission for proposed changes to the fee schedule. Most agency officials have been receptive and acknowledge that our proposal for modifications is reasonable. To support the joint initiative, ACEC is committed to funding 20%, or \$5K of the cost of the economic analysis conducted by Auburn University. Because the Council does not budget for these types of expenses in its normal operating budget, the majority of this funding must come in the form of contributions from ACEC Member Firms. Your financial support is necessary to make this challenging effort a reality. If your firm is interested in supporting this initiative, or information related to the current condition of the fee structure, call our office today.



Regional Networking Meetings in Swing

Council leadership and staff are back on the road to advocate the works of our association and to develop our Regional Networks in order to provide you with the opportunity to make strong peer-to-peer connections that can make a real difference. Call our office or visit our website today to register for an ACEC/Alabama meeting coming to your area.

Dothan Area Meeting

August 24th – 11 am – 1:00 pm – Dothan Chamber of Commerce

Barry Mott, PE

Mobile Area Meeting –

August 28th – Noon - 2:00 pm – Thompson Engineering

Dwayne Smith, PE

Birmingham Area Meeting -

August 29th – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – AGC Conf Room 3

Chad Bowman, PE & Kelly Huffstutler, PE

Tuscaloosa Area Meeting –

August 30th - 11 am – 1:00 pm – Steamers (Northport)

Enjoy Steamers' Buffet Lunch - \$15

Tommy Brooks, PLS

Date	Programming/Schedule of Events	Location	City/State
August 5-8, 2007	SASHTO 2007	Embassy Suites Hotel	Huntsville, AL
August 16, 2007	Montgomery Area Meeting	ACEC/AL Conference Room	Montgomery, AL
August 28, 2007	Mobile Area Meeting	Thompson Engineering	Mobile, AL
August 24, 2007	Dothan Area Meeting	Dothan Chamber of Commerce	Dothan, AL
August 29, 2007	Birmingham Area Meeting	Gresham Smith & Partners	Birmingham, AL
August 30, 2007	Tuscaloosa Area Meeting	Steamers Restaurant	Tuscaloosa, AL
August 30-31, 2007	LDS Class VII - Session I	NorthRiver Yacht Club	Tuscaloosa, AL
September 6, 2007	ACEC 2nd Annual Golf Classic	Ross Bridge Resort	Hoover, AL
Sep 24-30, 2007	ACEC Fall Conference (national)	Grand Wailea Resort	Maui, HI
October 18, 2007	ExCom Fall Meeting (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)	Marriott Legends Capital Hill	Prattville, AL
Nov 1 -3, 2007	LDS Class VII - Session II	White Oak Plantation	Tuskegee, AL
January 10, 2008	ExCom Winter Meeting (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)	Capital City Club (tentative)	Montgomery, AL
Feb 17-23, 2008	Engineers Week	Statewide Events	Statewide Events
Feb 19-21, 2008	Auburn University Transportation Conference	Auburn University Conf Center	Auburn, AL
February 27, 2008	Engineers Day in Capital City & JECA Legislative Reception (DATE CHANGE)	RSA Activities Center/RSA Plaza Terrace	Montgomery, AL
February 27-28, 2008	LDS Class VII - Session III (DATE CHANGE)	Marriott Legends at Capital Hill	Montgomery, AL
April 10, 2008	ExCom Spring Meeting (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)	Marriott Renaissance	Montgomery, AL
April 17-18, 2008	LDS Class VII - Session IV	Marriott Renaissance Montgomery	Prattville, AL
April 28 - May 3, 2008	ACEC Annual Convention (national)	Grand Hyatt	Washington, DC
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