



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
of Delaware

Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011  
**3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**  
Duffield Associates

ACEC of Delaware EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 10:45 am

Attendees:

Mike Karia	Executive Director	Karia Group
Tim Anderson	National Director	Karins and Associates
Ted Januszka	President	Pennoni Associates
Scott Rathfon	Vice President	Century Engineering
Mario Gangemi	Treasurer	Duffield Associates
Mike Angelo	Secretary/Transportation	McCormick Taylor
Dave Diefenthaler	New Castle County	Duffield Associates
Rhett Ruggerio	Legislative /Lobby	
Tom DeLorimier	Environmental	URS
Mike Riemann	Kent County	Becker Morgan
Laura Anderson	Programs	Pennoni Associates

Not Present:

Doug Barry	Sussex County	Pennoni Associates
Shane Minner	Education/Public Relations	Landmark Engineering
Kim Wilson	Legislative/Lobby	
Ted Williams	National VP/Legislative	Landmark Engineering
Dave DuPlessis	Membership	JMT
Bruce Jones	Environmental	Greenstone Engineering

**Minutes**

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Mario Gangemi**

A treasurer's report will be reviewed next month. Certified letter sent to Mahaffey and ECI concerning due payments.

**Executive Director's Report – Mike Karia**

Mike noted that the new fiscal year budget is in process. The DeIDOT project is in process. March 30, 2011 will be national lobby day at ACEC National Convention. One half hour has been allotted for lobbying efforts with Sen. Carper, Sen. Coons and Congressman Carney.

**Legislative Committee – Rhett Ruggerio/Kim Wilson**

Rhett discussed DeIDOT Secretary Wicks' resignation and funding short falls. A national search will be conducted through the governor's office for a new Secretary. Rhett discussed importance of lobbying to legislators in the face of economic shortfalls. Rhett will set up meetings with key decision makers for ACEC-DE Lobby Day. Mike Angelo will draft a letter to the governor requesting that he consider ACEC-DE input in outreach for new Secretary. Mario will email membership regarding donations to the Delaware PAC fund.

**National Directors Report – Tim Anderson**

Tim discussed issues to be discussed at the national convention. The 3% withholding tax and infrastructure funding will be on the agenda. Bruce Jones will attend Environmental Subcommittee meeting.



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***Membership – Dave Duplessis***

No report available. Dave developed a letter to go to prospective members.

***Program Committee – Laura Anderson***

Laura discussed March program with NCC. The format will be a panel discussion. The meeting will be March 23, 2011 at 8:00 am at the Christiana Hilton. The April meeting will focus on DNREC stormwater regulations regarding Chesapeake Bay watershed regulations. Potential speakers for the May meeting were discussed. New DelDOT Secretary was mentioned as a potential speaker.

***Transportation Committee – Mike Angelo***

A meeting will potentially be scheduled for late March. No report provided.

***Environmental Committee – Bruce Jones/Tom DeLorimier***

No report available. Water resource webinar with Delaware River and Bay Commission scheduled for March 10, 2011,

***New Castle County Committee – Dave Diefenthaler***

Reports provided. The group discussed adding NCC as an affiliate member. Mike K. will review the by-laws regarding public agency membership. Motion was made and passed to include NCC if the by-law review was positive.

***Kent County Committee – Mike Riemann***

No report available. Meeting with KCCD is scheduled.

***Sussex County Committee – Doug Barry***

Doug was introduced and his role was discussed.

***Education/Public Relations Committee – Shane Minner***

No report available. Scholarship recipient will be in attendance at Eweek banquet.

***Other Items – Ted Januszka***

Ted reviewed action items. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. The next program is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at 8:00 am at the Christiana Hilton with the Executive Board meeting immediately following.