

## MEETING MINUTES ACEC/CT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 8, 2015

1. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, September 8, 2015, at the Alfred Benesch offices – 90 National Drive, Glastonbury.

## Attendees:

Paul Brady, Executive Director James Fuda Gerald Gerletz Dave Isabelle George Jacobs Mike McCarthy Sofia Nirshberg Chris Wester

A quorum was present and alternate directors were seated with a vote.

- 2. No changes to agenda.
- 3. The Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015, were reviewed and accepted without objection.
- 4. President's Report
  - o Programs
    - ACEC Boston, October 14<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015
    - November 12 and 13, 2015 Washington D.C. (Paul Brady, Chris Wester, Jim Fuda)
      - Program overview
      - Resources
      - Report back
  - Executive Director Compensation meeting to discuss
  - Draft presentation of budget to be submitted to board by Paul Brady
  - Outline Board of Directors responsibilities, attendance, etc., to be reviewed and outlined to all in October
- 5. Treasurers Report
  - Report overview
  - o Focus on the last column 2015 2016
  - o Review line items in the Income and Expense column:
    - Organization appears to be shrinking, how to increase membership
    - Get feedback from National ACEC
  - Major challenges:
    - Mergers and Acquisitions
    - Diversity offering for members
    - More visibility
    - Advertise what ACEC does for all firms



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- o Suggestions:
  - Adding growth to the agenda
  - Reconnect with other associations
  - Challenge Board of Directors to bring in younger associates to be ambassadors to next wave of association
- 6. National Director's Report
  - Attend meeting in Boston in October
  - National focused on various political races
  - Boston meeting opportunity to showcase what is going on in the Northeast
  - PAC
    - o Steep 2015 goal (\$6,900), (\$2,200 to go)
    - Need another fundraiser:
      - Fall boat cruise
      - Good Speed Opera House
      - UCONN sporting event
      - Holiday party raffles
- 7. Committee Reports, general discussion
  - Government Affairs Committee
    - o Toll report
    - o Contracting Standard Board
    - o Bonding package
  - Program Committee
    - Hold event, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month
    - September 21, 2015 Mike Freimuth, CRDA Executive Director
    - o October 19, 2015 DEEP Commissioner
    - o Engineer Excellence Review
    - o November 16, 2015 Connecticut Main Street
    - o December 21, 2015 Holiday social
    - o January 25, 2015 Engineering Excellence
    - o Considering Breakfast programs
    - o Considering Social media
  - Membership Committee
    - o Activity talking to Freeman Companies, BL Companies, Fuss & O'Neil and others
  - DOT Liaison
    - White paper on retainage, present to CTDOT
    - Shop Drawing / Working Drawing Negotiations, review other states, present to CTDOT, justify proposition
    - o Electronic billing / Contracts
    - o CTDOT Prequalifications 2016
    - o CTDOT Selection Process order review
  - DCS Industry Advisory Committee
    - o No update no meeting scheduled as of this date



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- DEEP
  - No update
  - o Suggestion schedule a meeting between CTDOT and DEEP
- ACEC / PAC
  - o See Item No. 6 above for details
- 8. Executive Directors Report No additional updates
- 9. New Business
  - Growth of ACEC
- 10. Next Meeting: October 5, 2015 @ AECOM, 500 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1A, Rocky Hill, CT 06067
- 11. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM