It is an honor to serve as your Chair this year.

We are going through the most challenging times of our careers.

- There are terrible personal losses.
- There are financial hardships.
- There are workload and staffing issues.
- There is uncertainty and we are now facing a “New Normal.”

The good news is that we have a strong and active organization to help us through these times.

ACEC is a National Leader, especially now, in advocating for our interests. ACEC played a significant role in helping designate Engineering Services as essential during the shutdown; they helped to develop Federal Assistance Programs; webinars, surveys, round tables and a new Resource Center.

As History shows, Engineers have led the way through the worst of times through rebuilding our hope and confidence through rebuilding our infrastructure.

We are the Rock and Foundation of all Recoveries and we are ready and look forward to leading this Recovery.

Now, let me introduce our new national officers and NAECE President.

- Ms. Robin Greenleaf, Chair-Elect, Architectural Engineers, Inc.
- Mr. Ed Alizadeh, Vice Chair, Geotechnology, Inc.
- Mr. Michael Cooper, Vice Chair, Harley Ellis Devereaux
- Mr. Matt Hirst, Treasurer and Vice Chair, CRS Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Mr. Gary Raba, Vice Chair, Raba Kistner, Inc.
- Jim Smith, NAECE President, ACEC North Carolina

Congratulations to each of you. I look forward to working with you all and helping to lead this Council.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 28, 2020 at the Marriott Marquis in San Diego, CA. I hope to see you there.

At this time, if there are no objections, this first virtual meeting of the ACEC Board of Directors will adjourn. If there is an objection, please make it known by use of the chat function. Seeing no objections, the meeting is adjourned. Hope to see you all in person next time. Until then, please stay healthy and safe. Thank you all!