



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Vermont*

**ACEC of VT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Notes**  
**March 30, 2023**  
**by Teams Virtual Meeting**

**Directors Attending:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Beaudoin, <i>Sanborn Head</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Shedd, <i>F&amp;O</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Robie, <i>D&amp;K</i>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Jewett, <i>Otter Creek</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Gozalkowski, <i>CHA</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Booth, <i>Aldrich &amp; Elliott</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Olin, <i>HTA (partial)</i>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Guyette, <i>VHB</i>        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Goyette, <i>Stantec</i>        |  |

**Others Attending:**

- Brendan Cosgrove, *ACEC of VT Executive Director*

**Monthly Meeting:**

**1. Call to Order**

- President Brian Beaudoin called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.
- Quorum was achieved.

**2. Meeting Notes**

- Aaron G motioned to approve Feb 2023 Meeting Notes; Patricia seconded. Meeting Summary approved.

**3. Financial Update**

*Brendan C provided the following update:*

- Good shape for the year.
- Nothing owed to ACEC National.
- Short on EEA application revenue \$1800 vs 2400 budgeted. Has not been logged in.
- Transportation Workshop came in ahead of budget and under on expense.
- Goal to have a cushion entering FY24.
- \$14,766 bank balance as of 3/30/2023 (will go up after Transportation Workshop deposits)

**4. Event Schedule**

- Environmental Workshop (November)
  - Call for Abstracts to be released Late May / Early June
- EEA Awards Program (February Awards, June Banquet)
  - June 8, 2023 – 5:30-8:30
  - Venue – Echo was expensive and space was smaller. Considering VT State University – Randolph. More options for catering.



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Discussion – should EEA be a more upscale location. no hotels nearby, awkward to socialize and drink on college campus in a gym space. Several board members agree. Greg and Brendan will coordinate and report back.

- Potential Guest Speakers – Julie Moore, Becca Balint, Miro Weinberger
- Lifetime Achievement Award – potential: Carolyn Cota
- Meritorious Service Award – potential: Jim Condos
- Announce Award Winners before or at Event? Which way would boost attendance? Would firms take younger staff or clients to the event? Could offer fun way to host event by announcing submissions and quick descriptions before giving the award.
- Transportation Workshop (March) – Patricia S
  - See below under Transportation Committee

## 5. Committee Updates

- Transportation

*Jon O (Committee Chair) provided the following update:*

- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Workshop –
  - VTC Randolph – Lessons Learned – prepare for hybrid / connect sound. Space worked well, Good to have connection with school. Dan Larson, Regional Coordinator attended event – really appreciated by the Committee.
  - Cater Setup – Challenging location in closet.
  - Discussion with Dan – Legislative issues – can \$30k be paid for a lobbyist vs effort of committee searching bills. Dan will ponder and consider if there are other options.
  - Dan – PPP Loan ACEC National continues to work on resolution. JO pointed out it's a challenge with different states managing loan payback in different ways.
- JO mentioned next ACECVT Monthly Meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> – Plan to discuss Project Contract Reallocation.
- Jacobs – John Wilson on Legislative Committee. Perhaps engage a new person for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Workshop – Patricia to coordinate.

- Environmental

*Craig J (Committee Chair) provided the following update:*

- Looking to schedule a meeting in April – what should be coordinated with DEC and ANR. Craig working on getting a QTLY meeting with Department Heads (e.g. stormwater – 3acres)
- Call for Abstracts for next workshop – Late May/Early June

- Buildings and General Services

*Alan Gould (Committee Chair) not present. Brendan C provided the following update:*

- BGS Conference Presentations/Topics – Preparing for conference at GE Healthcare – May 2, 2023
- Commissioner has helped get engagement with AGC, AIA, consultants.



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- Legislative
  - Shawn and committee working on shortlist of bills to be tracked.
  - Email to be distributed to ACECVT members within the next couple of weeks.
- Membership
  - 3 or 4 new member firms
  - ACECVT pamphlet – Brian and Brendan met to list services ACECVT provides. Will distribute draft copy to the BOD for review in next few weeks.
  - Subs and affiliate members may have interest.

**6. PAC update**

*Shawn Kelley (Committee Chair) – Not Present*

- Brian B – \$400 of \$4,000 goal.
- EEA banquet may have a PAC event.

**7. EEA update**

*Greg Goyette (Committee Chair)*

- See Banquet planning above

**8. Other**

- April 28<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm – UVM Engineering Event to showcase student projects. John Lens looking to have Engineering organizations vote on capstone projects.
  - When would voting take place and how could it work?
  - VSE Annual Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> – typically capstone projects are presented at this meeting.
  - PDH's could be provided.
- Any update on ACEC National Leadership Orientation Program – Brendan will provide more information April and August

**9. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

Meeting Summary submitted by:

Jon Olin, P.E.

*Secretary, ACEC of VT*