MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: ACEC Indiana Vertical Committee

DATE / TIME: Dec. 11, 2019 – 3:00 – 4:30 pm

LOCATION: 9025 River Road, Indianapolis, IN – College Conference Room (2nd Floor)

ATTENDEES:

- Tom Bane, SME  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Colleen Merkel, ACEC Indiana  Attended: x Absent: ___
- JD Taylor, CE Solutions (Board Liaison)  Attended: ___ Absent: x
- Steve Bruns, WJE  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Don Corson, American Structurepoint  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Luke Leising, Guidon Design  Attended: ___ Absent: x
- Karen Loftus, Loftus Engineering  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Steve Osborn, CE Solutions  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Ralph Power, Applied Engineering  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Greg Silcox, CHA  Attended: x Absent: ___
- Brian Skogman, Woolpert  Attended: ___ Absent: x
- Art Zaman, Advanced Engineering  Attended: x Absent: ___

1. Old Business / On-Going Initiatives
   a. IBC Chapter 17 – Colleen & Steve
      i. Meeting with Craig Burgess went well. We have lots of common goals.
         1. We’re hopeful that the moratorium on new regulations may end.
         2. We presented our draft of the latter to the Governor; and heard no objections.
         3. We shared the specific State Stature that we’d like to revise.
         4. Craig noted that other older codes probably deserve to be updated before focusing on our concern.
         5. ACEC in conjunction with AIA, met with the Governor’s Office (Luke Bosso, Senior Operations Director, and Meredith Lizza, Operations Director) on Dec. 2 on a variety of issues:
            a. Importance of professional licensure and fulfillment of vacant PE Board seats
               i. Governor’s staff did not list licensure re-examinations amongst its legislative priorities for 2020
               ii. Governor’s staff believes there will be some appointment announcements by the end of the year for Boards
            b. Need for updated building codes
      6. ACEC can now approach Commission members regarding Chapter 17, since Jim Greeson has assumed his new role on the Commission.
         a. Colleen will email out packets for an update talking points.
      ii. Next Steps:
1. The code adoption process is our overall goal; Chapter 17 updates are a sub-set issue of the adoption process. We believe that the State’s current plan is to re-adopt the existing code (it expires January 1, 2021), for seven more years. We are interested in shortening the seven-year time frame. Our goal is to get meetings set with all members of the Commission by the February 12th Vertical Committee Meeting.

2. Meet with each member of the Commission to explain our position for automatic updates on codes and Chapter 17.

3. Meet with the home builder association to explain our position. We’ll strive to be transparent; and we hope to show them how little it impacts their interests.

4. Colleen has a list of the Commissioner members and the ACEC member assigned to each. We need help with five members. Steve will reach out to AIA for help reaching these five members.

5. Steve will inquire with the I.C.R. Board; and ask if they’ll support our position.

   b. Indiana 811 – Greg Silcox
      i. Call 811 Subcommittee – Greg reiterated the need to re-energize his subcommittee with new participants. Greg will reach out to HWC’s Utility Coordinator, Lisa Robbins, as well as leadership at ISPLS. The group also suggested to reach other ACEC Committees that have land surveyor members.
      ii. Next Step – Greg will be developing a go-forward strategy for upcoming months and years. The Indiana 811 system is moving toward a web-based system, but their progress is hampered by some legal battles. ACEC’s comments on a new option called “Large Project Ticket” were accepted. The “Large Project Ticket” has not yet been presented to the Indiana 811 Board.

   c. Design-Assist Delivery Method
      i. Update: Karen is moving this forward with I.C.R.’s industry outreach endeavor.

   d. ACEC Outreach
      i. Vertical Committee members are reaching out to prospective engineering firms. Colleen is making progress with V3; and Steve will also continue with them at an upcoming legislative luncheon.

2. New Business
   a. No new business was introduced

3. Next Meeting: TBD; Feb. 12, 2020 does not work for all.