1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Housekeeping
   a. Greg Silcox was appointed as Secretary.
   b. Future meetings will be bi-monthly, on the 2nd Wednesday’s, starting in October, and will end in April. Outlook invitations will be sent.

3. Old Business / On-Going Initiatives
   a. IBC Chapter 17/New Model Building Codes
      i. Update – Don Corson & Steve Osborn
         1. Currently, as an industry we apply for variances to address our State’s outdated codes. We’d like to provide information related to the costs associated with these variances to present at a Commission meeting. It was noted that Craig Burgess may have some data on annual estimated costs associated with our existing legislation. No one was assigned to contact Craig.
         2. More recent case studies include:
            a. David L. Lawrence Convention Center Pittsburgh, PA 2002
            b. Tropicana Casino Parking Garage Atlantic City, NJ 2003
            c. Shelbyville Central High School Shelbyville, TN, November 2014
3. Letter to Gov. Holcomb re: new building codes
   a. We’d like to draft a personalized letter to address the upcoming IBC expiration (this would be an ACEC position statement). Ralph volunteered to draft the letter ahead of next meeting on Oct. 9, 2019.
   b. We’d like to get AIA’s support; but we did not assign this task to anyone.
   c. We think that AIA has already submitted their letter; Colleen provided their example summary Letter (from AIA).

4. After this meeting, Colleen noted that AIA Indiana also had a positive meeting with Samuel Hyer, Senior Operations Director at the Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb. He believes the current code will be re-adopted (but we are still urging the code be updated). He had a couple questions that could use professional feedback.
   a. First, are there constant/consistent variance requests due to the fact we do not have an updated code?
   b. If yes, what are they?
   c. Second, what year of the IBC do the Indiana surrounding states have?

5. We’d also like to get support from the Indiana Structural Engineers Association. J. D. Taylor will pursue this.

6. Talking points were discussed for a quickly-upcoming meeting with the Governor. Don felt that Kurt Heidenreich is a good person to deliver talking-points, as he is well-versed on the subject.

7. We concluded that a Fiscal Impact Study, based on structure failures, is not feasible. Unfortunately, we’d need to have a catastrophe to make our case with fiscal impact. Our ultimate next step is to educate the Governor and determine if he is willing to support.
8. In the Legislature, when the time is right, we expect that Mark Messmer is our best ally for representation. Much discussion centered around whether this can be designated as an “emergency” or as a “health or safety issue”. If so, the statute would be written to allow the Building Commission to take action to adopt it.

9. Apparently, the adoption of any new rule is not happening because of the State’s moratorium on new regulations.

10. It was noted that Daniel Overby could be a good resource if we decide to research the cost impacts associated with variances that are caused by our outdated codes.

b. Indiana 811
   i. We have a good group of individuals (Land Surveyors) from ACEC member firms and ISPLS too. The group is set to meet in late August to narrow our focus. In the past few months, Colleen and Greg have attended a regularly-held large meeting that is hosted by the Indiana Damage Prevention Council. It is apparent that many others are pursuing action on issues like ours (excavation contractors, utility locators, utility companies, etc.).
   
   ii. Colleen and Greg also learned of a 2nd group with similar goals. This is the Stakeholders Group; and it appears to take more action associated with the issues being reviewed. The Stakeholders Group meets again in early October. And our group will be represented to voice our opinions. At our initial attendance, we plan to focus on an opinion regarding their current topic: instating a large-project ticket process.

4. New Business
   a. Design-Assist Delivery Method – We are looking for case studies on relevant projects that have used Design-Assist. It would allow us to educate clients on maximizing value from Engineer and Contractor.
      
      i. Karen plans to reach out to ICR to see if they have any case studies on Design-Assist (how and when it can work). Another option would be having ICR host a panel to explore best-practices so that engineers and contractors can collaborate.
ii. ACEC Indiana is also exploring knowledge on this nationally, from ACEC National.

b. Practicing Engineering/Architecture without License – No Discussion

c. Outreach to non-member firms – Short Discussion

i. As a follow up, Colleen shared an article for review. Each of us should review “The Case for MEP, Structural Firms and ACEC Indiana Membership” for talking points to recruit vertical firms to our membership.

ii. Each of us should explore the listing of vertical firms on our prospect list. This also includes recently non-renewing members that we could go after. Colleen wants to know of anyone with firms we intend to take on, and meet with, to discuss the potential of membership with ACEC

5. Commitments

a. Ralph volunteered to draft the IBC Expiration letter ahead of next meeting on Oct. 9, 2019.

b. Karen plans to reach out to ICR for case studies on Design-Assist.

c. J. D. Taylor will pursue support from the Indiana Structural Engineers Association on the IBC Expiration

d. G. Silcox will organize the surveyors & assure our representation at the Stakeholders meeting.