

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION DIRECTOR RELINQUISHES ROLE

Governor Nathan Deal announced that the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Jud Turner, will step down from his role effective June 1, 2016. Turner was appointed Director by Governor Deal in January 2012 and will continue to serve as a member of the state's water litigation team as a Special Assistant Attorney General.



CERM CHAMPIONS BASKETBALL FOR SECOND YEAR STREAK

Environmental, engineering and program management firm, Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM) took home the championship trophy in the annual Architecture & Engineering Basketball League Championship. This win marks the second year that CERM has taken the top spot in the league.

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT MERGER WITH SOUTHERN COMPANY WINS APPROVAL

Southern Company's acquisition of AGL Resources Inc. has been approved by Georgia energy regulators. Once complete, this \$12 billion deal will create the second-largest utility company in the nation.

POND & COMPANY WINS IMPACT REGIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS

Norcross-based Pond & Company, a nearly 400-person engineering, architecture and construction services firm, received both the 2016 Overall IMPACT Regional Business Award and International category award from the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. The IMPACT Regional Business Awards honored more than 100 finalist organizations across nearly ten industry categories during an awards ceremony held in late May.

HEADS OF ATLANTA AIRPORT AND WATERSHED DEPARTMENT DISMISSED

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed's office announced that Miguel Southwell will no longer lead Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The former Aviation General Manager for the world's busiest airport will be replaced by Interim General Manager Roosevelt Council, who currently serves as the airport's Chief Financial Officer and Deputy General Manager. The Mayor also announced the end of Jo Ann Macrina's tenure as Commissioner of Watershed Management. William Johnson, the city's Deputy Chief Operating Officer, will take her place as Interim Commissioner.



GDOT CELEBRATES 100TH YEAR

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) launched its Centennial Kick-Off on April 20, 2016. Governor Nathan Deal signed a proclamation declaring 2016 as the Department's centennial year. Statewide events and exhibits are scheduled to take place throughout the year in recognition. Additionally, an independent study from Cambridge Systematics was released, in parallel with the Kick-Off, confirming the forecasted reduction in traffic delays, promotion of economic development and safety improvement stemming from the \$10 billion plan unveiled by Governor Nathan Deal in January.

ENERGY AND WATER SAVING PROJECTS UNDERWAY AT TWO STATE AGENCIES

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) announced the North Georgia Mountains Authority (NGMA) and GDOT have entered into energy performance contracts which will provide energy and water savings of approximately \$16.6 million. Each of these state agencies partnered with an energy services company and conducted an Investment Grade Energy Audit to determine the appropriate energy and water conservation measures to implement. The agencies will complete energy and water conservation projects and use the provided savings to fund the work. Energy performance contracting improves facility efficiency, saves taxpayer dollars and promotes the state's culture of conservation.

KINDER MORGAN SUSPENDS WORK ON PALMETTO PIPELINE PROJECT

Kinder Morgan Inc. has suspended work on a \$1 billion petroleum pipeline project which would affect select parts of Georgia. The announcement comes following the State Legislature's passage of a temporary moratorium on the use of eminent domain in pipeline construction.

FINAL DESIGN WORK STARTED ON I-285/ GEORGIA 400 INTERCHANGE

North Perimeter Contractors, a partnership of three engineering and construction companies, has started work on the I-285/Georgia 400 reconstruction. The project, which directly involves the development partners, GDOT and the State Road and Tollway Authority, is slated to take four years to complete.

SEAOG HANDS OUT STRUCTURAL DESIGN AWARDS

The Structural Engineers Association of Georgia (SEAOG) celebrated its Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards, recognizing innovation and creativity in structural design across seven categories. While Merit Awards were given in each category, the year's Outstanding Project Awards went to:

Category 1: New Buildings under \$5 Million in Construction Cost
University of Georgia Structural Engineering Testing Hub Laboratory Project
 Uzun + Case Engineers

Category 2: New Buildings between \$5-\$25 Million in Construction Cost
Georgia Power Environmental Testing Laboratory Project
 Uzun + Case Engineers

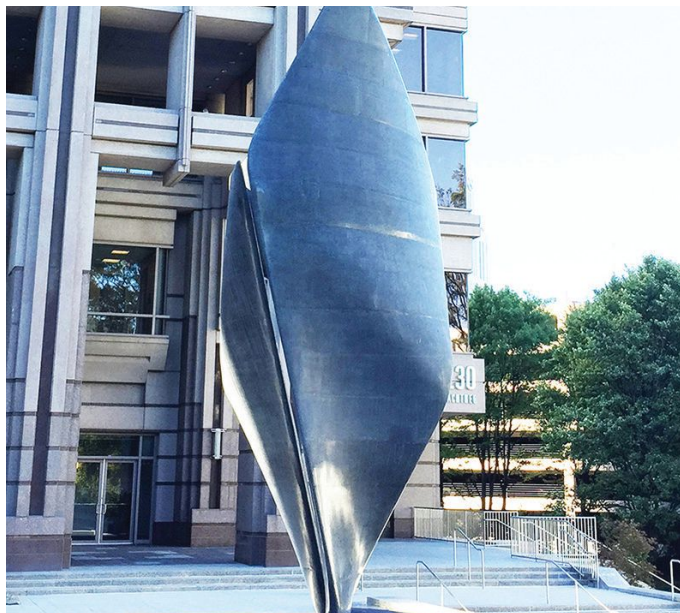
Category 3: New Buildings between \$25-\$75 Million in Construction Cost
National College Football Hall of Fame Project
 Sykes Consulting, Inc.

Category 4: New Buildings over \$75 Million in Construction Cost
Reinsurance Group of America's Global Headquarters Project
 Uzun + Case Engineers

Category 5: New Bridge and Transportation Structures
Broad Avenue Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Flint River Project
 Heath & Lineback Engineers

Category 6: Forensic, Renovation, Retrofit or Rehabilitation of Structures
Ennis Hall Renovation and Seismic Upgrades Project
 Palmer Engineering Company

Category 7: Other Structures
Stealth Sculpture Project
 Uzun + Case Engineers



Stealth is a contemporary urban sculpture designed by Tristan Al-Haddad and his team at Formations Studio in collaboration with Jim Case of Uzun + Case Structural Engineers. The piece is a monolithic cast-in-place reinforced concrete form standing 33 feet tall in the plaza of the Promenade Tower at 1230 Peachtree Street in the Arts District of Midtown Atlanta.



SEAOG also recognized John Hutton, P.E., S.E. of Uzun + Case Engineers with the Individual Achievement Award. Above, Hutton (center) accepts his award from Jim Sailors of Sailors Engineering Associates, Inc. (left) and Housh Rabinzadeh of Diversakore LLC (right). ▶

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HB 943 SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL



Representatives from ACEC Georgia, AIA Atlanta and Peachtree Government Affairs joined bill sponsors State Representative Carl Rogers and Senator Charlie Bethel as Governor Nathan Deal signed HB 943 into law.

On Tuesday, April 26, Governor Nathan Deal signed HB 943 into law. This important legislation, which was introduced at ACEC Georgia's request and which was sponsored by Rep. Carl Rogers (R-Gainesville), will prohibit the use of broad form indemnification and duty to defend clauses in contracts for engineering, architectural and/or land surveying services.

"Broad form" indemnification clauses require parties to assume liability for damages arising from a project without regard to which party actually caused the loss or whether the party assuming the liability is even negligent at all. Engineers and architects who have signed these clauses were literally putting their firms on the line because there is no professional liability policy or policy endorsement available that would insure this type of additional risk. As a result of HB 943 being signed into law, those types of clauses will be "against public policy and void and unenforceable" to quote the language of the new O.C.G.A. 13-8-2(c), which will become effective as of July 1, 2016 (note that contracts entered into prior to that effective date would not be affected).



ACEC Georgia members and President and CEO Michael Sullivan with Senator Johnny Isakson during Hill visits to the nation's Capitol earlier this spring.

ACEC GEORGIA POLITICAL ADVOCACY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

ACEC Georgia leaders gathered in Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Georgia's Congressional delegation, including Congressman Buddy Carter, Congressman Tom Graves and Congressman Barry Loudermilk. To view the entire gallery from their trip and find out more about being a part of next year's advocacy efforts, visit acecga.org.



ACEC Georgia members Kevin McOmber of Clark Patterson Lee, Jay Wolverton of Wolverton & Associates, Doris Willmer of Willmer Engineering, Darrell Rochester of Rochester & Associates and incoming Chairman Charles Ezelle of Thomas & Hutton, with President and CEO, Michael Sullivan (center).

ASCE GEORGIA MEMBERS' VOICES HEARD DURING 2016 LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN TO D.C.

Several Georgia members were among the more than 200 ASCE members from across the country recruited to Washington D.C. for the annual ASCE Legislative Fly-In to advocate on Capitol Hill for infrastructure improvements.



ASCE Georgia members with U.S. Congressman Rob Woodall.



Members of the Georgia section head to their meetings on Capitol Hill: ASCE Region Five Director Melissa Wheeler, ASCE President Richard Morales, ASCE Georgia Past-President Katherine Gurd, ASCE Georgia Legislative Chair Jeffrey Chiu, ASCE Georgia Past-President Rebecca Shelton and ASCE Georgia Past-President Ray Wilke.

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Prohibiting the Use of Broad Form Indemnification and Duty to Defend Clauses in Georgia

By Jeff Mitchell, RPLU, AU, INS, Insurance Office of America (IOA)

THE GROWING PROBLEM

For years, architects and engineers have had to contend with clients demanding that they sign contractual provisions in which the design professional indemnifies – or insures – the client for third party claims. Often, these third party indemnification clauses were coupled with verbiage that saddled the design professional with an additional duty to defend the client against any claims arising out of the project, even before the question of whose negligence caused the claim had been established. However, the professional liability insurance that engineers or architects are covered by does not insure these types of additional contractual liabilities. Engineers and architects who sign contracts with these kinds of clauses put their firms on the line by taking on this uninsurable potential liability.

As a result of this growing problem in Georgia, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia (ACEC Georgia) created an Indemnification Task Force to formulate a plan for tackling the issue. The Indemnification Task Force was chaired by Emily Meador of Kimley-Horn, with the active participation of myself and a few other key players in the Georgia architecture and engineering (A&E) marketplace, including the American Institute of Architects (AIA Georgia). House Bill 943 (HB 943) – and its eventual passage – was the end result.

BROAD FORM VERSUS LIMITED FORM

Indemnification clauses can be grouped into two general categories: broad form and limited form. Broad form clauses require the indemnitor to assume the liability of indemnifying the indemnitee for *any* damages, losses or expenses arising from the project. This duty arises without regard to which party is at fault and, in many cases, even if the party at fault is the indemnitee themselves or another third party. Phrased

another way, broad form indemnification is me asking you to indemnify me for everyone's negligence, even my own, and even if you may not have been negligent at all. Broad form indemnification abrogates – or repeals – the common law rule that a party should be held responsible for its own actions, but not the negligent acts of others.

In contrast, limited form indemnification clauses seek to indemnify the indemnitee for damages, losses or expenses only to the extent they are caused by or result from the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrong conduct of the indemnitor. Limited form indemnification clauses are appropriate in design firm contracts.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Many contract drafters do not understand how A&E professional liability insurance (PLI) is different from commercial general liability insurance (CGL). For example, PLI only insures the professional and only for professional (as opposed to contractual) liability; insuring the negligence of others is not allowed and adding other parties as an “additional insured” is not allowed. By contrast, CGL policies allow for coverage of contractual liability and also allow for a client or owner to be added to the policy as an additional insured party. Additional insured status allows owners to tender a defense for third party claims to the CGL policy. Unfortunately, engineers and architects cannot avail themselves of a GCL policy because CGL policies exclude coverage for damages related to professional services, like the services provided by an A&E firm. In short, the CGL coverage provides no recourse for design professionals and A&E firms must purchase PLI insurance to protect against negligence in performance of their professional services.

Even the most skilled transactional lawyer may not be an expert on the nuances of professional liability insurance for engineers and architects, especially regarding how PLI coverage would respond to broad form indemnification clauses. Ultimately, the use of broad form indemnification clauses is largely a “cut and paste” problem; contract clauses that might make sense in one context (where the indemnitors can be insured by a CGL policy and the clause is insurable) don't make sense in contracts for engineering or architectural services (where only PLI is available and the clause is not insurable). Lawyers simply borrow broad form indemnification language they come across in other contracts (including contracts they may have drafted for that client to use with contractors, for example) and use them in engineering and architectural contracts.

Since PLI policies do not allow additional insureds on the policy and only pay for damages that arise out of the design firm's performance of professional services, when broad form indemnification or duty to defend clauses are used in design contracts, there is actually no insurance coverage for the A&E firm. One key point design professionals should remember is that the coverage provided by the PLI insurance company is not affected by the obligations undertaken by the A&E firm via contract. It is extremely important for the A&E firm to not agree to language outside of the coverage the PLI provides.

The majority of clients/owners do not understand that broad form indemnification and duty to defend clauses in the A&E context are uninsurable. Clients want the benefit of the indemnitor's insurance policy and would likely not even ask for broad form indemnification if they understood that such clauses were uninsurable. On the other hand, A&E firms often agree to the broad form language because they do not understand what they are agreeing to or sometimes fail to read the contract at all.

But, some A&E firms do know the risk and yet, decide to “bet the firm” in order to get the work. Large firms can often afford to turn down work when broad form indemnification clauses are insisted upon by the client and therefore avoid exposing the company or their assets to an uninsurable risk. Smaller firms may feel that they cannot afford to turn down projects or negotiate when the client is a large or important one. In any of these situations, the A&E firm should consult their insurance advisor, insurance carrier and/or attorney.

THE RISK

Shifting risk to a party who cannot obtain insurance for that risk is not in the interest of the A&E firm or the clients/owners. The A&E firm that enters into a contract with broad form indemnification is taking on a potentially massive amount of liability and risk for a project while simultaneously putting the firm’s assets on the line because this risk is uninsurable. Broad form indemnification is also not in the best interest of the clients/owners. In the event there is an issue and the broad form indemnification clause comes into play, the client/owner will want the benefit of an insurance policy as opposed to relying solely on the financial resources of the A&E firm. Indemnity agreements provide “assurance” – not “insurance” – and are only as valuable as an indemnitor’s ability to pay. Less than 10 percent of civil cases go to trial and settlement is often more difficult when the defendant is uninsured. Getting an A&E firm to settle and pay when its assets are on the line is much more difficult than negotiating with an insurance company.

THE ANSWER: LEGISLATION

The interconnected issues and concerns discussed above were the motivation for ACEC Georgia’s Indemnification Task Force to try to find a way to address the growing burden of broad form indemnification clauses being pushed onto A&E firms. Other states experienced a similar trend and addressed the problem with legislation; a total of forty-three states have enacted various “anti-

indemnity” statutes to date. Of those forty-three states, eighteen states prohibited broad form indemnification clauses and another twenty-five prohibited both broad form and intermediate form indemnification. In contrast, every state allows limited form indemnity.

HB 943 sought to amend Georgia’s existing law (O.C.G.A § 13-8-2) dealing with illegal and void contracts. The bill was introduced by State Representative Carl Rogers (R-Gainesville) of the Gainesville office of Insurance Office of America during the 2016 legislative session and was ultimately signed into law by Governor Nathan Deal on April 26, 2016. As a result, broad form indemnification and duty to defend clauses will now be “*against public policy and void and unenforceable*” to quote the language of the new O.C.G.A. § 13-8-2(c). The new law applies to both public and private clients and will become effective of July 1, 2016. Note that contracts entered into prior to that date are not affected.

The amendment of O.C.G.A. § 13-8-2(c) is a major win for the A&E industry, as well as for clients and owners served by design firms. This change benefits the private sector and public entities, which will gain from an expanded pool of qualified firms competing for work on public projects where routine use of uninsurable broad form indemnification caused some firms to no longer submit proposals.

The tireless efforts of ACEC Georgia, AIA and many other key players in the industry led to the passage of this amendment to O.C.G.A § 13-8-2 and is an important step forward in the A&E industry and the PII insurance world. It will ensure a fair and level playing field for all parties and A&E firms will no longer have to face the choice of turning down projects or “betting the firm” due to uninsurable risk being assumed in contracts. In sum, by prohibiting broad form indemnification and duty to defend clauses as against public policy, HB 943 benefits everyone on the project delivery team, including the owners and clients.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, THE NEW GEORGIA LAW (O.C.G.A. § 13-8-2(C)) PROHIBITING THE USE OF BROAD FORM INDEMNIFICATION WILL READ:

A covenant, promise, agreement, or understanding in or in connection with or collateral to a contract or agreement for engineering or architectural services purporting to require that one party to such contract or agreement shall indemnify, hold harmless, insure, or defend the other party to the contract or other named indemnitee, including its, his, or her officers, agents, or employees, against liability or claims for damages, losses, or expenses, including attorney fees, is against public policy and void and unenforceable, except for indemnification for damages, losses, or expenses to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the indemnitor and/or other persons employed or utilized by the indemnitor in the performance of the contract. This subsection shall not affect any obligation under workers' compensation or coverage or insurance specifically relating to workers' compensation, nor shall this subsection apply to any requirement that one party to the contract purchase a project specific insurance policy or project specific policy endorsement.

Jeff Mitchell is a Commercial Insurance Broker with the Insurance Office of America (IOA). He has over 10 years of experience in the insurance industry working as an underwriter for some of the largest insurance companies in the U.S. and as an insurance broker. Mitchell currently leads the Architects and Engineering Professional Liability practice for IOA's Atlanta office and, with the help of his team, places insurance for more than 250 engineering and architecture firms across the Southeast.



Barry Brown

AMEC FOSTER WHEELER welcomed **Barry Brown** as the new Bridge Design Leader for its Georgia Environment and Infrastructure Americas business. In this new role, Brown will be responsible for building and managing bridge design expertise for the firm across the state. He has more than 30 years of design and management experience and holds both a Bachelor's degree

in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University.

ASCE GEORGIA recognized six of its members named Fellows of ASCE: **Lisa Woods, F.ASCE, P.E., Sujan Bhattacharya, F.ASCE, P.E., Richard Morales, F.ASCE, P.E., Katherine McLeod Gurd, F.ASCE, P.E., Raymond Wilke, F.ASCE, P.E. and Steven McCutcheon, F.ASCE, P.E. Ph.D.** The ASCE Membership Application Review Committee elects ASCE members to Fellow through a review of professional accomplishments and contributions. Of the more than 3,000 Georgia ASCE members, as well as 150,000 national ASCE members, fewer than 3.5 percent are Fellows.

ATC GROUP SERVICES and **CARDNO** have separated into two distinct firms. Cardno, an Australian-based infrastructure and environmental services company with more than 250 offices worldwide, acquired ATC Group Services in March 2012. ATC Group Services, a professional consulting engineering firm, has over 70 offices around the country.

ATLANTA BELTLINE INC. (ABI) welcomed **Henry Ikwut-Ukwa** as its new Transportation Director. Ikwut-Ukwa will lead the effort to implement the 22-mile Atlanta BeltLine Transit loop with the Atlanta Streetcar crosstown network, as well as implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine 46-miles of complete streets and accompanying elements of the Connect Atlanta Transportation Plan and the Streetcar System Plan. Prior to joining ABI, Ikwut-Ukwa was the manager of planning and development with the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority in Birmingham, Ala. He also previously served as manager of transit system planning for MARTA for nearly six years.

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE hired former Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Water Resource Division Director, **Linda MacGregor**, as its Water Resource Director. During her time with GEFA, MacGregor served as a Senior Program Manager, where she coordinated a range of water resource projects and assisted with implementing the Governor's Water Supply Program.

CHATHAM ENGINEERING COMPANY, LLC, a Savannah-based mechanical and electrical engineering firm, announced two new partners in the firm: **Charles Cobb, P.E.** and **Stephen Swanger, P.E.**

GOODWYN, MILLS AND CAWOOD, INC. merged with Smyrna-based **Stevenson & Palmer Engineering, Inc.**; the firm will adopt the Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. name. Stevenson & Palmer has provided professional engineering services to communities throughout Georgia for more than 50 years, helping build public infrastructure, manage water resources and promote community development.

GWINNETT VILLAGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S Board has named **Marsha Anderson Bomar** as its new Executive Director. Anderson Bomar has more than 40 years of experience in transportation and community development, including founding her own firm – StreetSmarts – which was acquired by Stantec. She has been a member of the Duluth City Council since 2006.



Michael Snare

HUSSEY GAY BELL welcomed **Michael Snare** as a Senior Project Representative. Snare will be responsible for overall construction inspection of water and sewer piping, pump stations, water/wastewater treatment plants, grading streets and sites, paving, storm drainage and concrete projects for the firm. Snare has four years of experience, including past involvement with large-

scale projects completed for the Georgia and Florida Departments of Transportation.

INGENIUM ENTERPRISES, INC. is the new name of **Grimail Crawford, Inc.** – a change in name only for the firm.

MWH GLOBAL announced two promotions: **Dean Bell** to Senior Vice President for the company and **Mark Beumer** to Vice President.

NEWCOMB & BOYD promoted six employees to Partners: **Donald Walker, Gregory Johnson, David Chandler, Jeffrey Linde, Steven Severini** and **Todd Mowinski**.

NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL welcomed **Gary R. Watkins, AIA, LEED AP** to its Kennesaw office as a Building Envelope Project Manager. Watkins has more than 30 years of comprehensive architectural experience spanning educational, institutional, municipal and master planning market sectors. The firm also announced the promotion of **Brian Schiessle**, also based out of Kennesaw, to Geotechnical Services Manager.

PRIME ENGINEERING welcomed **Edward Page** as a Project Engineer for its Industrial Department. Page's background encompasses focused experience on fueling storage systems, pipelines and terminal design.

REEVES YOUNG COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS welcomed **Mike Iezzi** to its team as Senior Project Manager. Iezzi is a graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University and has more than 16 years of vertical construction experience.

SALAS O'BRIEN and **Minick Engineering, Inc.** announced they are joining forces and will adopt the Salas O'Brien name. Minick Engineering is known for its mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering consulting services and boasts a strong history of projects across all markets throughout Georgia and the Southeast. Together, the combined firm will serve clients nationally from 14 offices across the U.S.

SYSKA HENNESSY GROUP, INC., expanded its operations with a new office in Atlanta, Ga. Led by Managing Director **Tim Campbell**, the office has nearly 40 employees, including recent hires of engineering veteran **Ben Coe** and healthcare expert **Vince Lord**.



Beth Harris

UNITED CONSULTING'S Beth Harris, CPSM, has been selected by the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) to serve as its At-Large Delegate, a two-year term on the National Board of Directors. Harris is a Past President of SMPS Atlanta and currently serves the Society as Certification Committee Chair.

VHB expanded its Atlanta team with the addition of **Alex Levy** as a Senior Ecologist. Levy brings more than 26 years of professional experience in wetland determinations, protected species investigations, general ecology studies for transportation, utility and site development impact planning, permitting and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documentation to this new role.

WSP | PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF appointed **Bruce Moulds, P.E.** as Southeast Regional Business Development Director. In his new position, Moulds will be responsible for developing and implementing business development strategy for transportation and infrastructure projects, as well as managing marketing efforts for the firm's Southeast region. The firm also announced the addition of **Michael J. Churchill** as a Senior Supervising Mechanical Engineer.

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ACEC GEORGIA INAUGURAL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT: Joe Macrina of Wolverton & Associates with Representative Christian Coomer, ACEC Georgia President and CEO Michael Sullivan, Senator Frank Ginn and Senator Butch Miller.



ACEC GEORGIA INAUGURAL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Pond & Company golf team included: Tony Parker, John Cassidy, Mike Magahey and Bill Sloan.



2016 ASCE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mike Marasa of Hayward Baker gives a presentation on the 2014 National Corvette Museum Collapse.



ASHE 2016 JIM MCGEE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Scott Jordan of American Concrete Pipe Association, Jason Hewatt of Forterra Building Products, Beau Quarles of the Georgia Department of Transportation and Sam Drake, also of Forterra.



ASHE 2016 JIM MCGEE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Jennifer Aulick Etheridge of Aulick Engineering, along with Paul Murphy, Tom Montgomery, Paul Condit and Ben Clopper of Michael Baker International.



ACEC GEORGIA INAUGURAL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT: Matt Calak and Warren Dimsdale of Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc. with Jim Willmer (pictured center) of Willmer Engineering, Inc.



ASHE 2016 JIM MCGEE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Brian O'Connor of T.Y. Lin International, Emily Kosmalski of Terracon played alongside Kelli Weigte and Wesley Brock of THC, Inc.



GEORGIA ITE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING: Mallory Scates and Sydney Jenkins, both Kimley-Horn employees, during the monthly meeting at Maggiano's Cumberland.



GEORGIA ITE MARCH SOCIAL: Members enjoying an afternoon at Monday Night Brewing in Atlanta, GA.



GEORGIA ITE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING: Mike Blanchette and Jinwoo Seo of Kimley-Horn with Julianne Bolts of Arcadis and Bing Zhang of Kimley-Horn at the monthly meeting.



ASHE 2016 JIM MCGEE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT: Scott Gero of AECOM, Mario Macrina and Angela Snyder of Wolverson & Associates and Greg Ramsey of CH2M.



SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ITE TRAFFIC BOWL: Georgia Tech Traffic Bowl Team, Maria Palma, Ben Wallach and Calvin Clark representing the Georgia Section of ITE. Georgia Tech ended up with a second place finish!

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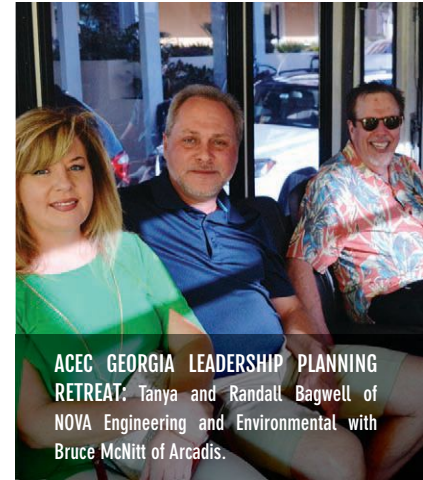
ACEC GEORGIA FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM: More than 50 participants graduated from the 2015-2016 program.



SMPS/ACEC GEORGIA JOINT TRANSPORTATION PANEL: Shamoin Parks with Casting Services Group and Makenna Yeagain with Pond & Company prior to the panel discussion.



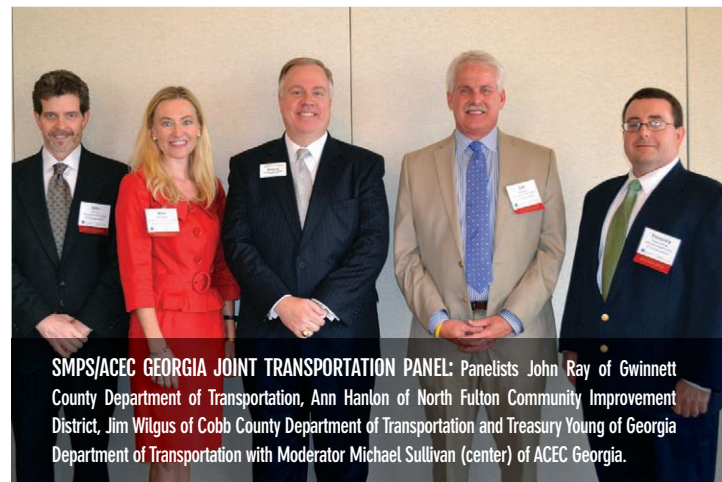
ACEC GEORGIA FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM: Holly Bauman of T.Y. Lin International, Melissa Crosby of Amec Foster Wheeler, Ivan Carranza of Amec Foster Wheeler, along with Jesse Simmons and Dan Brown of Pond & Company.



ACEC GEORGIA LEADERSHIP PLANNING RETREAT: Tanya and Randall Bagwell of NOVA Engineering and Environmental with Bruce McNitt of Arcadis.



ACEC GEORGIA LEADERSHIP PLANNING RETREAT: AECOM's Don Harris with wife, Debbie, pictured with Juliet and John Heath of Heath & Lineback Engineers and Incoming ACEC Georgia Chair, Charles Ezelle of Thomas & Hutton.



SMPS/ACEC GEORGIA JOINT TRANSPORTATION PANEL: Panelists John Ray of Gwinnett County Department of Transportation, Ann Hanlon of North Fulton Community Improvement District, Jim Wilgus of Cobb County Department of Transportation and Treasury Young of Georgia Department of Transportation with Moderator Michael Sullivan (center) of ACEC Georgia.



ACEC GEORGIA LEADERSHIP PLANNING RETREAT: ACEC Georgia Chair Roseana Richards of Pond & Company, Norma and Dave Goershel of Amec Foster Wheeler along with Mindy and Michael Planner of PES Structural Engineers.



SMPS/ACEC GEORGIA JOINT TRANSPORTATION PANEL: Bobby Darnel and Jeff Doubrava of S&ME with Russ Danser of Edwards-Pitman Environmental.



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2016 GEORGIA ITE SUMMER SEMINAR: AIM HIGH

The King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort
201 Arnold Road, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Hosted by the Georgia section of ITE, this annual conference provides valuable technical sessions in a relaxed environment, networking with some of Georgia's transportation leaders, the opportunity to earn PDHs and fun for the whole family.

Cost: \$305 – ITE Members; \$355 – Non-Members; \$255 – Public Sector (before June 9)

Register at www.gaitte.org

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GEORGIA ENGINEERS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Disney's Contemporary Resort
Walt Disney World® Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

This event will offer an exclusive look at the bleeding edge technology and innovation used to build and maintain *Walt Disney World®* Resort, as well as the opportunity to network with industry leaders, earn PDHs and use discounted tickets to the parks – all while staying at Disney's Contemporary Resort!

Cost: \$600 – ACEC Georgia, ASCE, GEF, GSPE and IEEE Members; \$800 – Non-Members

Register at www.acecga.org

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GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION'S 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Savannah International Trade and Convention Center
1 International Drive, Savannah, GA 31402

This year's GMA convention, themed "Cities in Play," will enable attendees to participate in an array of recreational activities and sessions focused on what cities are doing to engage their youth, adults and senior citizens. Life is Good Kids Foundation's Chief Playmaker, Steve Gross, will serve as the convention's keynote speaker.

Cost: \$410 GMA Members; \$560 Non-members

Register at www.gmanet.com/Training-Events



SUMMER SOCIAL 2016

6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
Topgolf – Midtown
1600 Ellsworth Industrial Boulevard NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

Hosted by AIA Atlanta, the Circle of Trust Atlanta and ULI Atlanta, the Summer Social returns to Topgolf – Midtown this June. Enjoy food and beverages, high-tech golf and networking with more than 200 of Atlanta’s most influential architects, attorneys, bankers and marketing professionals. No golf experience is required. In fact, 85 percent of Topgolf customers are inexperienced.

Cost: \$69 (Registration includes free food and two drink tickets)

Register at www.aiaatl.org



ACEC GEORGIA FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM KICK OFF

3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.
755 Club at Turner Field
755 Hank Aaron Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

To kick off the 2016-2017 Future Leaders Program, hosted by ACEC Georgia, attendees will take a DISC Assessment to better understand their own strengths and weaknesses in communicating and working with others, while also learning strategies for relating to other personality types. Over the course of nine months, the Future Leaders Program trains talented, up-and-coming engineers on topics such as business development, presentation skills and accounting.

Cost: \$725

Register for the 2016-2017 program at www.acecga.org



ITS GEORGIA ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBITIONS

Callaway Gardens Lodge and Spa
4500 Southern Pine Drive
Pine Mountain, GA 31822



This conference provides a forum for attendees to learn about new technologies and changing trends in the ITS industry, as well as network with fellow professionals. The conference theme is “ITS Georgia Awakens,” which reflects the future that Georgia is embracing to elevate technology solutions in transportation.

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Learn more at www.itsga.org



ANNUAL WTS ATLANTA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Save the date for WTS Atlanta’s yearly scholarship lunch as it awards two undergraduate and two graduate scholarships to female students in the transportation field.

Learn more at www.wtsinternational.org/atlanta



2016 GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

The Classic Center
300 North Thomas Street, Athens, GA 30601

Save the date for the largest transportation event in Georgia. A partnership of ACEC Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Transportation Alliance, this event provides engineers with an entire day focused on transportation in Georgia – from roads and bridges to ports and airports.

Learn more at www.acecga.org

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