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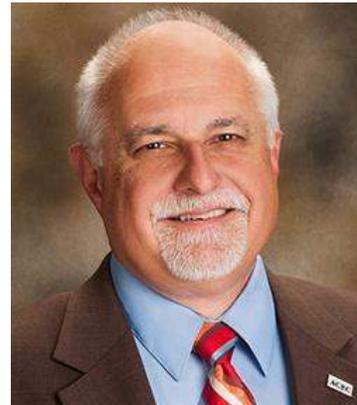
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A message from Executive Director James Smith

Wow! What a difference a year makes. As we round out another association year, I am continually proud of all that we have accomplished. We are appreciative of the leadership of our board and thank those who have led us over the past year. We look forward to onboarding our new team and starting the new year off with a bang on July 1.



[Read More](#) of Jim's message.

ACEC/NC Members on Jones Street for Legislative Day

On June 7, members from across the state came to Raleigh for our annual Legislative Day after a two-year hiatus. Given this year's short session, we kept our message succinct: the overwhelming need to find a sustainable funding source for infrastructure projects. Members visited with legislators to express our staunch support for dedicating all state sales-tax revenues from the sale of transportation-related goods and services to one of the funds managed by the NC Department of Transportation.

Learn more about what we advocated for and check out our [leave-behind](#).



ACEC/NC Welcomes Our New Board Members!

Eddie Wetherill

Vice-President of Wetherill Engineering, Inc., a multi-discipline civil engineering firm. He established Wetherill Engineering in 1993 after working fifteen years with other engineering firms. Eddie provides oversight and management to the firm's 2 North Carolina offices and 75 employees.



Eddie graduated from NC State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He still enjoys his fall Saturday afternoons at Carter Finley Stadium. (Go Pack!!)

Patrick Waterman

Patrick is LaBella Associates' Southeast Director of Business Development and is located in Charlotte. After relocating to

Charlotte 3 years ago, his commitment and relationship with ACEC continued in to NC. Patrick has been very active in ACEC NC and was Vice Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee and PAC Committee.



Patrick's passion in ACEC is to continue the success in the Legislative arena that ACEC NC has achieved through pro-active legislative advocacy.

Radha Krishna Swayampakala

Radha is Vice-President and Mid-Atlantic Division Leader for RS&H's Infrastructure Unit. His focus is business development activities in SC, NC, VA, WV, KY, and TN.



He has 20 years of professional experience - all with RS&H. Outside of work, Radha enjoys biking with his 10-year and 8-year old daughters.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our outgoing board members, Scott Hinesley, Will Letchworth, and Eric Olsen. ACEC NC prospered under their leadership, and we look forward to continuing working with them and their respective companies in the future.



ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament With Guest Speaker John Davis

If you want an opportunity to build your relationship with a client or colleague or reward your staff for a job well done, the ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament is for you!

WHEN: June 27, 2022

WHERE: Prestonwood Country Club

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Friday, June 17

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Not able to play 18 holes? You can join us for the breakfast to hear John Davis, one of the top influencers in North Carolina, present his take on the recent NC Primary and what it portends for our state in the upcoming National Election in November. John's prognostications are usually "spot-on," so you don't want to miss his presentation on what's in store as we roll through the upcoming campaigns.

Breakfast & John Davis Presentation ONLY - \$45

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This year's ACEC/NC Summer Conference takes us back to the mountains and the gorgeous Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Check out the [agenda](#) and stay tuned for more announcements. And don't miss out! Registration closed July 22nd!

[Register](#)

Raleigh-to-Richmond gets a \$58 Million Boost

Development of a high-speed rail line connecting Raleigh, North Carolina, to Richmond, Virginia, has been in the works for more than a decade, but the project is picking up the pace. The federal government is putting

another \$58 million to continue work on the route connecting the two capital cities.

Amtrak currently runs two trains on the route between Raleigh and Richmond: The Carolinian, which goes from New York City to Charlotte, and the Silver Star, which runs from New York City to Miami. The trip from Raleigh to Richmond on either train takes about four hours.



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