

ACEA Board of Directors Meeting

December 5, 2013

Attendees – County

Sallie Gowan – ACCA
Anthony Crear – Sumter
Josh Harvill – Chambers
Justin Barfield – Geneva
David Bufkin – Autauga
Bill Bridges – Escambia
Dennis McCall – Butler
Larry Kite – Russee
Tim Graves – Etowah
Randy Tindell – Coffee
Marty Lentz – Coffee
Randy Cole – Shelby
Richie Beyer – Elmore
Greg Bodley – Morgan
Richard Spraggins – Mobile
Richard Grace – Madison
Ben Luther – Dekalb
Sky Hallmon – Pickens
Chris Champion – Henry
Jeremy Robison – Colbert
John Bedford – Colbert
Dan Dahlke – St. Clair
Derek Brewer – Dale

Minutes:

President Dan Dahlke called the meeting to order and a sign up sheet was passed around with the noted attendees to establish a quorum.

Chris Champion made notice of an error in the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting to reflect the Procedural Guidelines committee is updating Chapters 2 and 9 instead of “the first three chapters”. A motion was made by Sky Hallmon and seconded by Dennis McCall to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Champion addressed the need to reduce the Board membership to include only the three most recent past presidents to reduce the board to a more manageable number and be easier to get a quorum. After much discussion of the pros and cons it was decided to leave as it is with all past presidents remaining on the board to keep them involved so they don't fall off the map like they do in other states.

Sally Gowan, on behalf of Sonny Brasfield, discussed Sonny's strong desire for the Division map to mirror the ACCA District map, but it was decided that the map would stay the same as the old Division map until ALDOT makes these regional changes official, then the subject would be readdressed.

The Board wants to add the immediate past President onto the executive committee to include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and the immediate Past President.

The Board agreed that the by-law language should change from EIT to Engineer Intern, which should also include other assistants to the County Engineer including them as non-voting members of the Association.

The Board confirmed that the Officers are only the President, Vice-President and Secretary. the Board discussed Division meetings and vacancy in the Office of President and decided to leave as stated in the by-laws.

The ACEA Board is not open to the idea of conducting conference calls on business matters requiring discussion because we all need to be face-to-face to conduct business. The board also agreed that a quorum should not be required for a committee to conduct business.

A Policies and Procedures manual was proposed to be compiled and maintained by the Secretary to include old policies that have been previously adopted. A Policy Manual Committee was created to research and plan this project including John Bedford, Richie Beyer, Derek Brewer and Greg Bodley.

Richard Spraggins as Joe Ruffer's proxy informed us that one of the Mobile County Commissioners will be the ACCA President next year, and she'll be going to the legislative requesting a gasoline tax increase. The ACEA Board needs to present a recommendation for her to take to the legislature that will result in a bill to create a sustainable revenue source for Alabama counties.