



Executive Director's Annual Report – 2008-2009

Here is a summary of the shared staff activities for the fiscal year. It was the year of planning celebrations – 60th for TSPE and 40th for ACEC of TN. TSPE has had a commemorative pin designed for all members and has chosen to have a low-key celebration, including birthday cake at the Annual Meeting. ACEC celebrated its anniversary with an event at the Country Music Hall of Fame, replete with entertainment by Minnie Pearl.

TSPE Membership

- We prepared letters from the President Elect and follow up from Executive Director to new PEs (April and October 2008) and distributed lists to chapter presidents
- Judy sent chapters lists of current members and Partners periodically and the kinds of programs they could present at chapter meetings

Membership on June 2, 2008 – 921 members

Membership on June 14, 2009 – 917 members

There are 124 life members, 13 retired members, and 11 student members. There are 11 Fellows.

Partners

Judy coordinated Partner recruitment and renewal – she is persistent at recruiting! There are 13 Partners as of June 16, 2009:

Crow Friedman Group, LLC	Tennessee Concrete Association
Jacobs Technology	Architectural Wall Solutions
ModernTech	The Crom Corporation
Sherman-Dixie Concrete Industries	SourceCorp Professional Services
United Structural Systems, Inc.	Greenleaf 3D
Lellyett & Rogers Services	Bechtel Power Corporation
Strategies Group, Inc.	

ACEC of TN Membership

Membership on July 1, 2008 – 109 firms (4085 employees)

Membership on June 14, 2009 – 111 firms (3628 employees)

- Dropped member firms:

Anderson & Associates	E Roberts Alley
CH2MHill	Vibration Control Engineering

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- New firms in 2008-09:

Hanson Professional Services	Mazetti & Associates
CSR Engineering	Lose & Associates
The LPA Group	Terracon Consulting
Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc	

Professional Development

- I recruited, coordinated, and promoted the 11-session PE Civil exam review courses in Knoxville (with the help of Brad Salisbury) and Nashville. Only 4 signed up for the Knoxville class, which was cancelled; there were 6 in the Nashville class.

- I coordinated professional development seminars jointly with AIA on professional liability in Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis; just over 100 engineers attended. The State Fire Marshal did a 2-hour session (after each of the 3 morning sessions) on electronic plans review, which was well received. Judy was a big help on this endeavor.
- Judy and I worked with Mike Stomer and Tim Verner on coordinating Leadership Development for ACEC. Thirteen (13) participants attended 4 monthly 2-day sessions facilitated by Dan Ryan. The program culminated with participants making presentations which were videotaped and critiqued. The reviews were great.

Communications and Public Relations (including Web Sites)

- We maintained TSPE's web site and worked with ACEC of TN's web master on a **major** update for that web site, which now includes a flash presentation on the honor and grand award winners of the EEA. ACEC's updated website won an award from the TN Society of Association Executives.
- Judy coordinated TSPE's quarterly newsletter, including editing and producing it, and recruiting advertisers; suggestions for articles are always welcome.
- I distributed electronic newsletters to both associations monthly
- We worked with the PR Committee and Varallo PR to produce 10 ACEC newsletters with a wide variety of guest articles. We are always looking for new ideas for guest articles.
- Judy also worked with the PR committees of both groups so that they now have Facebook pages!

MATHCOUNTS

Judy worked with state chair Harry Clark and many volunteers, who made TSPE's State MATHCOUNTS competition a success. It was funded by the TN Engineering Foundation. Six TSPE chapters participated. School registration, coordination and other aspects of the state and local competitions were challenging, as always when dealing with so many different local coordinators and participants. Judy helped with the Nashville chapter competition and fielded questions from parents and teachers about the program.

Engineering Excellence Awards

Judy worked with the EEA Committee on the 2009 program and banquet. Over 250 people attended the banquet; there were 29 projects initially entered and 28 projects judged. Thanks to PBS&J for their efforts on the audio-visuals and printed material. Thanks to the efforts of Paula Harris, Rick Gafford, Judy Logue and the committee. This is a labor-intensive effort on Judy's part! Rick will chair the 2010 program and Steve Field will be co chair.

TSPE Awards

Judy has also been working with Sandra Knight, TSPE's Awards Committee Chair, on securing nominations, prodding committee members to vote, and ordering the awards. These state awards will be given at the luncheon on June 19.

40th Anniversary

Judy did a fabulous job coordinating ACEC's 40th anniversary event on October 10 at the Country Music Hall of Fame, with Lamar Dunn's constant encouragement! Over 300 members and friends attended; past presidents were recognized. An oral history of ACEC of TN was recorded on DVD, based on interviews with several members and past presidents from each decade. A program was developed which included a history of the organization; a timeline of events and a slide presentation shown at the event included photos of all past presidents.

Government Relations

This was the busiest legislative session **ever** – the General Assembly has been like the Energizer Bunny! I worked with TSPE's Legislative and Government Affairs and ACEC's Government Advocacy Committees (Everett Cowan and Jerry Stump). I reviewed all of the bills introduced and sought the

committee's advice on taking positions. Every year the number of bills introduced increases dramatically – this year there were 12 bills on which we took positions. In my 10 years, we have **never** had this many issues to fight, attempt to amend, or support. Over 2,000 bills were introduced in the House and in the Senate (that's over 4,000 bills!). Thanks to more than 60 who participated at Engineers' Day on the Hill.

There were three major attacks on the engineers' practice act this year:

- Licensure of interior designers – remains in committee this session, but an effort will be made next year
- Exempting the design of signs from the registration law - after much effort, the issue has been put to rest; the Governor signed [PC 268](#) last month
- Contractors wanted to deny engineers and architects the ability to provide construction management services to clients – a compromise amendment evolved, the Governor signed [PC 518](#).

I learned a lot about the timing of traffic signals, which has been an on-going issue for several years. The bill that was passed addressed surveillance cameras with no mention of the timing of traffic signals ([PC 389](#)). The prevention of underground utility damage will be studied by the TN Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations ([PC 470](#)). The 2006 IBC and IFB have been adopted by the State Fire Marshall, but firefighters have introduced legislation to revert back to UFC; no action was taken on it this session, but it will be back next year.

- We coordinated the legislative reception sponsored by ACEC's Nashville Chapter the evening before E-Day. There were about 75 legislators and 75 engineers attending.
- I coordinated this year's PAC Auction and solicited and cajoled as needed to have a successful Auction, so that there would be money to contribute to legislative campaigns in 2010. I also coordinated distribution and reporting of contributions approved by the TPE PAC Trustees in Sept. 2008 – a total of \$19,000 went to 51 legislators. If you are interested, the report on PAC receipts and expenditures is available on line at www.state.tn.us/tref/ (*View Candidate/PAC Reports*). The name is *Tennessee Professional Engineers PAC*.
- I coordinated Capitol Hill visits for the TN delegation to ACEC's Annual Meeting in Washington in April
- I participated in meetings of the State A/E Board and briefed the members on legislation that concerned engineers and activities of the associations.
- Judy and I coordinated the welcome reception for the new Assistant Commissioner for Fire Prevention, Jim Pillow; although attendance was limited, the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance and staff attended and appreciated the effort by the design and construction coalition.
- Judy and I worked with the ACEC Nashville Chapter on the Economic Stimulus meeting at which Congressman Cooper and Metro Finance Director Rich Reibeling spoke. Over 100 attended and the media coverage was fabulous! The stimulus bill passed two days before the luncheon.

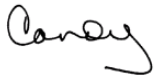
Administrative Efforts

- Judy coordinated the 2009 Annual Meeting, including recruiting participants, sponsors, and exhibitors. We have a record number of attendees this year! This meeting requires a lot of effort on Judy's part to recruit sponsors and exhibitors.
- Judy coordinated all of those things an office manager deals with, like quarterly ACEC billings, follow-up, Partners' billings, etc., millions of questions, begging groups and individuals for sponsorship dollars, etc. On top of this, she coordinated the transfer of our telephone system to Adventure Science Center (from BellSouth), which was not a simple task. We should see a drop in phone charges in FY 2010.
- She also asked ACEC member firms to update their employee numbers and description of the work the firm does this spring – after several attempts she got updates on about 80% of the firms. Changes will be made on the web site this summer.
- I coordinated ACEC's scholarship program; our state winner received the \$10,000 scholarship from ACEC (national)! Information was distributed to deans and financial aid offices at each school with an

engineering program. Although we had many inquiries, only 11 students submitted complete application packages.

- Judy compiled financial information from each chapter to be included in TSPE's IRS 990 and 990T and ACEC's 990 return.
- Judy also coordinated ACEC's and TSPE's Board retreats (TEC and Henry Horton State Park, respectively)
- I attended ACEC's Fall Conference in Montreal and the Annual Meeting in Washington, NSPE's conference in Portland, and several meetings of ACEC's Executive Committee. My term on ACEC's Executive Committee ended, just when Jerry Stump became Chairman Elect.
- Judy attended the ACEC Orientation along with Ed Hargraves in Washington
- I worked with the TN Engineering Foundation Trustees (Greg Reed made a report at the Joint Board on June 182 about TEF activities).
- As available, we participated in monthly discussions with the presidents, presidents elect and treasurers of both associations to discuss issues of common concern, such as computers, telephone changeover, etc.

On July 11, I will celebrate 10 years as your Executive Director. It's hard to believe . . .



Candy Toler, Executive Director
ACEC and TSPE
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