

ACEC OF IDAHO ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS



Aviation Committee

Dave Mitchell, Chair

ACEC of Idaho Aviation Committee 2021 Annual Report

This was another quiet year for this committee. There are no major legislation or lobbying efforts underway in the Idaho aviation committee, so there was no activity on those fronts. The committee met only a few times during the year, with no major initiatives to pursue at this time. Due to some changes in personnel at ITD Division of Aeronautics, the committee is attempting to rebuild a relationship with that agency to identify some areas where the committee could be involved. Additional participation in and perhaps new leadership for this committee is welcome.

ACHD Committee Report

John Barker, Chair

We had two meetings in 2021 – one in April and one in August.

The April meeting focused on coordinating efforts between ACHD and consultants with respect to fee negotiations. ACHD stated their PMs would receive training to focus on the QBS process for selecting consultants and then negotiating an agreed upon scope and hours, not focusing on a bottom line fee. Emphasis would be placed on this for their FY22 projects. ACHD was understanding of ACEC's concerns around their 5 Year Workplan Project budgets and how those numbers are generally low and how ACHD PMs should not key into those numbers for negotiations with consultants. We discussed that contingency used in project scoping is something ACHD would be agreeable to.

Efforts to standardize a fee calculation spreadsheet have begun, as ACHD PMs have used ITD's process inconsistently. ACHD has a draft markup provided by ACEC but has not returned it for review or finalization. It is unknown how fee calculations will be handled with FY22 projects.

ACHD's commission has a focus on bicycle and pedestrian design incorporation and some projects were re-scoped as a result of this newer focus. ACHD presented their concept process to ACEC membership earlier in the year.

In August, ACHD informed ACEC members they would be bundling projects together into 9 bundles and releasing an RFQ for the bundle of projects, seeking a single SOQ from consultants which they would then rank, from 1 to 9, to make awards for their bundles. Shortly after posting the RFQ, ACHD cancelled the procurement providing an explanation that their legal team felt the procurement was in violation of QBS. ACHD then proceeded to direct select consultants off of their on-call roster for FY22 design projects.

ACEC/LHTAC Committee

Heather Carroll, Chair

Meetings held on October 8, 2020; February 4, 2021; and April 29, 2021.

Next meeting on October 28, 2021.

Items Discussed:

- Coronavirus Impacts
- Application Updates
- Environmental Updates
- LHTAC's Opinion of the performance of the consultant community in general
- Additive Bidding
- Legislature items
- Final design payment due to delay in PSE Packages
- Project outlook for coming year
- Billing Rate Escalation for project longer than 12 months
- Out of scope work performed due to schedule constraints
- Created Goals and Objectives for 2021
- Bidding using QuestCDN
- Local Road Standards
- Update on materials and hydraulics manuals
- QBS Changes

If anyone would like copies of the meeting minutes for more information, please let me know.

ITD Materials Liaison Committee

Ryan Olsen, Chair

The ITD Materials Liaison Committee is a new committee that was formed in 2021. Three meetings were held, and we had great participation from ACEC member firms and from ITD.

Through the committee, ITD and ACEC were able to work together to hold a three-day training on AASHTOWare Pavement ME. Experts from ARA were brought to Boise to lead this training. Productive discussions were held regarding implementation of the software and future steps to improve the processes/data used in pavement design. Special thanks to Stan Crawford and Liz Connor for working together and with ITD to make this training happen.

ITD created a BlueBeam Session as an avenue to allow consultants and ITD employees to comment and suggest clarifications/improvements to the ITD Materials Manual.

We look forward to continuing our work with ITD on materials/geotechnical related topics and as an avenue to exchange information and facilitate discussion.

ACEC/DEQ Liaison Committee

Committee Members:

- Jim Mullen, Keller Associates (Chair)
- John Wiskus, Jacobs
- Jon Munkers, Alta
- Josh Elliott, JUB
- Roland Rocha, Bowen Collins
- Tyler Allen, Terracon
- Jerri Henry, DEQ, Drinking Water Protection & Finance Division
- Mary Anne Nelson, DEQ, Surface & Wastewater Division
- Michael McCurdy, DEQ, Waste Management & Remediation Division
- John Barker, Jacobs (ACEC Representative)

Meeting Schedule:

- Quarterly via MS Teams
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2021 at 2:30 PM

Summary:

- After a long hiatus, it is good to be meeting as a committee again
- Great representation and participation from DEQ
- Current hot topics
 - Funding, funding, funding! Where, when, how much, and how will it be administered is still up in the air
 - Seeing project cost increases across the State
 - DEQ is facing hiring challenges
 - IPDES transfer is complete
 - Various guidance documents and rulemaking processes are underway including Reuse, Land Remediation Act

Membership Committee

Ryan Olsen, Chair

This has been a great year for growth. ACEC of Idaho has 7 new members:

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| 1. Jack Hand | Riverhouse Management & Consulting Services | Affiliate Member |
| 2. Locton Company | | Affiliate Member |
| 3. Tamarack Grove engineering | | Member |
| 4. Kimley Horn | | Member |
| 5. Precision Engineering | | Member |
| 6. Salaber Associates | | Member |
| 7. Landau Associates | | Member |

Engineering Excellence Awards Committee

Paul Ashton, Chair

ACEC of Idaho recognized another batch of well-deserved award-winning projects in Idaho at our Annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Luncheon held at Louie's Pizza & Italian Restaurant in Meridian on August 9, 2021. Again, due to Covid conditions, the luncheon was postponed from the traditional April event and held at a new location to accommodate gathering. Acting as both current president of ACEC of Idaho and chairman of the EEA committee, Paul Ashton, conducted the luncheon and presented the awards.

The EEA committee met virtually on December 22, 2020, to judge the project entries. This year the committee consisted of the following members:

- Paul Ashton, Parametrix (Committee Chair)
- Kelly Hoopes, Horrocks
- Dan Jones, HDR
- Gabe Burgess, DEA
- Perrin Robinson, Jacobs
- Ryan Van Leuven, American Geotechnics

This was Kelly Hoopes' last year as a member of the committee after serving for more than 10 years on the committee (we lost count). Though Kelly was not able to attend the EEA luncheon, Paul recognized him at the luncheon for his many years of service.

Liz Conner put in countless hours advertising the request for entries, receiving, and organizing the entries for judging, and arranging everything for the awards luncheon. Paul recognized Liz at the luncheon as well, but most of her work goes unheralded.

This year we had 13 entries from seven different firms representing seven of the 12 available categories. At the EEA luncheon, the award recipients were given an opportunity to take two or three minutes to share with the audience any unique, interesting, or challenging aspects of their project and to recognize supporting consultants and the sponsoring agency.

This year's awards and recipients are described in the award summary at the end of the committee report packet.

To: ACEC Idaho

From: Bryan Foote, ITD/ACEC Committee Chairman



Date: October 11, 2021

MEMORANDUM

Subject: 2021 Annual Report for ITD/ACEC Committee

Despite all the challenges, 2021 was a successful year for the ITD/ACEC committee. Our committee was able to hold each of our quarterly meetings remotely, and continue to advance ACEC's interests with ITD. The following represents a summary of the more significant accomplishments this year:

1. The committee was fully engaged with ITD in supporting the significant transportation funding legislation successfully passed in the 2021 session of the Idaho Legislature.
2. ITD requested support from ACEC to serve on a task force to develop a new standard scope of work for consultants (SOW). ACEC has enlisted Mike Arneson (JUB), Pete Szobonya (T-O) and Bob Beckman (NV5, W&H) to serve on the standard SOW task force with ITD. This work is ongoing and should be completed next year.
3. ACEC helped welcome ITD's new Chief Operating Officer (COO) Dan McElhinney to ITD. Dan has been participating on the ACEC/ITD committee meetings.
4. The committee clarified how consultants can recover over time (OT) premium pay on ITD CE&I projects requiring large amounts of overtime by consultant staff. ITD indicated that they allow for overtime premium pay, as long as it is negotiated in the contract. OT premiums need to be included in the contract negotiations and should be included in the loaded fee spreadsheet. No overhead or fee on the overtime hours is allowed.
5. ACEC was able to engage with ITD management to strategize how to procure consulting firms to deliver the new bonding projects for ITD funded in the 2021 legislative session.
6. ACEC has asked ITD if they plan to use Design Build or CMGC for delivery on the new bonding program. ITD leadership has indicated ITD isn't ruling it out Design-Build or CMGC when it is justified. However, ITD does not currently have any projects slated for alternate delivery in the bonding program at this time. ITD is working on an Alternative Contracting Manual. ITD is getting close to having something out for review.
7. ACEC has been working with ITD to keep the RFP forecast up to date to enhance communication with the consulting industry on upcoming project opportunities with ITD.
8. ACEC has been communicating to ITD the staff retention, recruiting and compensation challenges in the current job market for engineers in the consulting industry. ACEC is working with ITD to allow increased contract flexibility for both mid-year and retention raises for staff. This work is on going and we hope to resolve this at our next meeting on October 21st.
9. ACEC is working with ITD on the benefits of lump sum contracting and how it has been applied with other DOTs in the west. This work is on going.
10. ACEC has been working on ITD to allow budget for the EOR to attend pre-con meetings on ITD projects. ITD Leadership on the committee has committed to support this going forward.
11. ACEC is working with ITD to help support the upcoming Project Delivery Conference that ITD plans to hold this spring. This work is ongoing, we are continuing to push for consulting firm participation in this conference however ITD is wanting to keep this an internal conference.

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12. ACEC is supporting ITD in the reinstatement of the ACEC/ITD Materials Liaison Committee. ACEC was able to recommend Idaho consulting engineers to serve on this new committee which began meeting again in 2021.
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ACEC Fundraising Committee 2021 Annual Report

2021 Committee Members

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<i>Board Liaison – John Barker, Jacobs</i>	john.barker@jacobs.com

Year Summary

Fundraising Events-

2021 has been another year that required a little extra effort from this committee due to the lingering COVID-19 pandemic and the associated impacts on our planned fundraising events. We had more meetings than average to discuss schedule changes to events and refinements to our Trap and Skeet Shoot event based on modifications that were implemented last year due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Fortunately, we were able to bring back the annual golf tournament this year which was a benefit to this committee and our members. Also, the Trap and Skeet Shoot went off without a hitch and was again our most successful fundraising event. Finally, we were also able to turn a profit with our PSMJ Bootcamp training and Engineering Excellence Awards events.

Our flagship event, the Trap and Skeet Shoot made a **net income of \$10,968**. This represents an increase of over 20% compared to 2020! **Figure 1** shows a comparison of the estimated net income over the last three years.

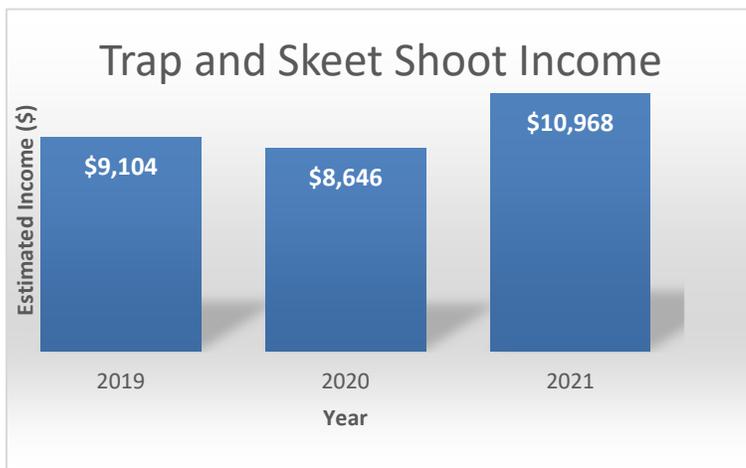
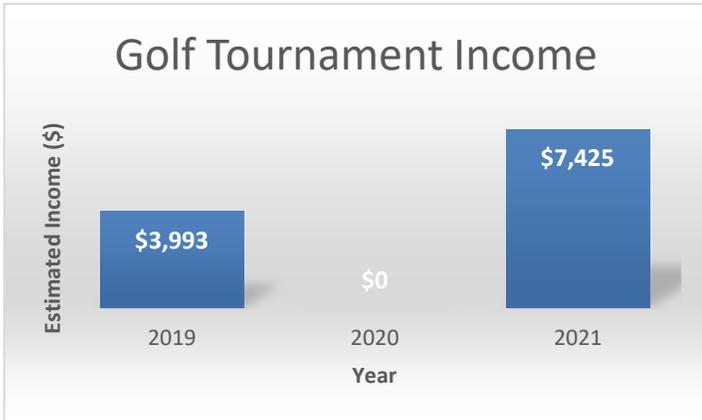


Figure 1. Trap and Skeet Shoot Net Income

After discussions with this committee and several members, we collectively decided to continue implementing a few modifications to the format of this event that were originally implemented to increase safety in response to COVID-19. This included extending the duration of the event to add a morning session (along with morning practice sessions). The thought was this would allow attendees more space by spreading out the teams. Also, the BBQ dinner was replaced by individual boxed lunches from Goodwood BBQ and tables and tents were set up outside. Finally, the awards announcement and raffle drawing were moved to a virtual setting after the event. Feedback

from attendees has again been very positive regarding the modification in format. Attendees from outside the valley, Twin Falls, for example, commented they really liked the option to attend the morning session, grab lunch and socialize,

then still be able to make it back home in the early afternoon versus late at night in previous years. As an active and inclusive way of gaining feedback from those that attended the event, Liz prepared a “sticky poll” allowing individuals show their preference for keeping the format as is or if there was a preference to go back to the old format. The results showed a clear preference for keeping the format as is currently. With that feedback, the committee will again discuss making some of these changes permanent moving and where we have opportunities for further refinements. One example is cutting one of the morning time slots for trap and skeet as no teams signed up for the first time slots.



The other primary event we were happy to host again this year was the golf tournament held at Shadow Valley Golf Course. After this event was cancelled last year following discussions with Shadow Valley over logistical concerns due to COVID-19, it was great to provide an opportunity for the members to attend a fundraising event again. And to top it off, we raised the most money in the history of the event! This event raised a whopping **net income of \$7,425**, which is nearly double the average from previous years. **Figure 2** shows a comparison of the income from the golf tournament over the past three years.

Figure 2. Golf Tournament Net Income

In 2016 the committee first coordinated an event in which ACEC hosted a PSMJ Public Works Project Management Boot Camp and offered the training to members. The committee felt this would be an opportunity to make some additional income for ACEC Idaho while providing our members a valuable service. This event turned out to be a success with great attendance by members. The training generated over \$3,500 and proceeds were allocated to the government affairs account. For 2021, we decided to offer another round of training and settled on the Project Management Bootcamp training based on a poll that was sent to members in 2020 with three options. Keller Associates again graciously hosted this event and we had good attendance that ultimately resulted in a projected **net income of \$4,492**. For 2022, the committee will discuss the merits of offering another PSMJ training course. The concern is that after hosting an event one year, will there be enough interest to make it worthwhile to host another training the following year?

Finally, we are happy to report that the Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) event turned a solid profit this year that positively contributed to the fundraising efforts. After expenses, the EEA event resulted in a **net income of \$1,0410**.

PAC Contributions-

A primary goal of our fundraising is to fund the ACEC PAC by providing a way for our members to contribute to the PAC through their participation in events, rather than writing a check directly to the PAC. The PAC contributions come from personal (non-company card/check) payments associated with the events. The 2021 PAC goal of \$7,096 is the same as the goal for the past several years. For 2021 to date, ACEC Idaho contributed a total of \$4,965 to the PAC, with additional funds pending from the Trap and Skeet shoot event payments. Once those payments have been collected, it is anticipated the 2021 PAC goal of \$7,096 will be reached once again due to the generous support of our membership.

Opportunities for 2022

Following a survey of members in 2015 that indicated little interest in adding fundraising events, the focus since has been maximizing the participation and sponsorship for the existing events. The committee remains mindful that there is some concern that having too many events may reduce sponsorship and participation in our most profitable existing events. By all measures and despite some logistical COVID-related challenges, the 2021 fundraising efforts were a

success. As things continue to return to “normal” (hopefully), the committee will continue to focus on how we can increase attendance, sponsorships, and make the existing events even better for 2022. Certain changes to the Trap and Skeet Shoot, for example, will likely be implemented permanently moving forward.

Beyond the traditional fundraising events, the committee will consider whether we continue to host educational classes, such as the PSMJ in-depth management training. The PSMJ training events continue to produce a profit if we can generate enough interest and attendance. The committee will need to determine if we continue to offer the training or if interest from member firms will wane due to firms running out of individuals to send to the training. Likely a similar survey will be sent out in Q1 of 2022 to solicit interest from member firms and a decision will be made based on the feedback from that survey.

Therefore, the following opportunities are being considered for 2022:

- Evaluate whether we want to host the congressional reception in 2022. This event was scrapped for 2021 so this will require input from the board regarding whether we should focus on organizing this event for 2022.
- Look to lock in the date for the golf tournament in June vs. July due to more favorable weather. It was great to host this event again in 2021 but it was hot!
- Maintain or increase the income from the trap and skeet shoot. Implement several changes made this year moving forward based on input from the membership.
- Determine whether ACEC Hosts another PSMJ training class, or similar continuing education course, to increase income through member participation.

Summary

In summary, the Fundraising Committee completed another successful year of raising funds for the PAC as well as other expenses despite some lingering COVID-related challenges. Through the fundraising efforts described above, in addition to the voluntary contributions made by committee chairs and members, it is anticipated that ACEC Idaho will once again meet the PAC contribution goal. 2022 will likely present some similar challenges but we will apply several lessons learned from 2020 & 2021 to address those challenges. There remain opportunities to expand and enhance the fundraising efforts, which will require some input by the membership.

ANNUAL REPORT

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SUBMITTED TO

The Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors

and the

Idaho Society of Professional Engineers

Fiscal Year

2021

September 9, 2021

**The Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors and
The Idaho Society of Professional Engineers**

Dear Professional Society Members:

Pursuant to Section 54-1210(3) of the Idaho Code, the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors has the honor of transmitting to you the following Annual Report of the Board covering activities from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**



George Murgel, Ph.D., P.E. Chairman



Richard "Dick" L. Jacobson, P.E., Secretary

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

From May 25, 2020 to May 24, 2021

- George Murgel, PE, PhD Chair..... Boise
Appointed to the Board 2012. Reappointed to the Board in 2017. Term expires May 24, 2022.
- Glenn Bennett, PLS, Vice- Chair.....Boise
Appointed to the Board 2014. Term expires May 24, 2019.
- Richard “Dick” L. Jacobson, P.E., SecretaryBoise
Appointed to the Board 2019. Term expires May 24, 2023
- John T. Elle, PE, PLS, Board Member..... Pocatello
Appointed to the Board 2011. Reappointed to the Board in 2016. Term expires May 24, 2021.
- Raymond J. Watkins, PE, Board Member.....Coeur d’Alene
Appointed to the Board 2016. Term expires May 24, 2020.
- John Tomkinson, Board Member Star
Appointed to the Board in 2016. Reappointed to the Board in 2018. Term expires May 24, 2023.
- R. Thomas Ruby, P.L.S., Board MemberFiler
Appointed to the Board in 2020. Term expires May 24, 2025

BOARD STAFF

- James L. Szatkowski, PE.....Interim Director
- Jennifer A. Rowe Administrative Assistant
- Edith WilliamsTechnical Records Specialist

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BOARD ACTIVITIES

During the 2021 fiscal year, the Board met for six regular meetings and three special meetings (all via Zoom) to conduct Board business, review applications, grant licenses and consider complaints.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were: 8733 Professional Engineers of which 2,642 were Idaho residents; 609 Professional Land Surveyors of which 254 were residents; 18 combined Professional Engineer/Professional Land Surveyors of which 12 were residents; 872 Engineer Interns of which 590 were residents; 22 Land Surveyor Interns of which 20 were residents; 2,041 engineering and/or land surveying business entities of which 437 were physically located in Idaho and 840 persons who had elected to take Retired Status of which 356 were residents. All renewals, except business entities, are on a biennial basis. Business entities renew annually.

Licenses were issued to 755 engineers by comity with other states, to 104 who successfully completed the examination process as well as 5 individuals that were granted a faculty restricted license; 20 land surveyors by comity with other states and there were 12 individuals that took the examination. There were 178 Engineer Intern certificates issued to successful examinees in the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and 3 Land Surveyor Intern certificates was issued to successful examinees in the Fundamentals of Surveying examination. In addition, Certificates of Authorization were issued to 173 business entities to perform professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in the State of Idaho.

The Board received a total of 10 complaints against engineers, land surveyors, business entities and unlicensed persons in fiscal year 2021 and 6 were carried over from previous years. Of these 10 complaints, 2 were dismissed or terminated without consent agreements or formal hearings and 8 were pending resolution at the end of the fiscal year. No complaints were closed following issuance of Final Orders of the Board accepting Consent Agreements.

In fulfilling its Strategic Plan, the Board published two quality News Bulletins on the website and notified all license and certificate holders (over 11,000) as well as a number of public officials of its availability. A limited number of News Bulletins were printed and sent to various organizations such as business entities that hold a Certificate of Authorization from the Board, engineering and surveying departments at Idaho universities, other state agencies and other licensing boards. The Board Members and staff made 51 presentations to groups or organizations to explain the function of the Board or further the mission of the agency. The legislature passed, and the governor signed into law one bill, S 1011, in the 2021 session. The bill removed the annual report to the Governor requirement of the Board, revised the Idaho Plane Coordinate System (IPCS) and provided for rules to implement the IPCS system. The legislature didn't approve the administrative rules again and the Governor again issued the rules as an omnibus temporary set of rules. The results of a Satisfaction Survey indicate that 95 percent of those to whom we provide applications are satisfied with the services they receive. All applications are now online, making them easier to use. Online payments are now all made through the state's vendor, Access Idaho. The Board and staff remain active in regional and national organizations which prepare the licensing examinations and otherwise influence the trends of licensing in the professions of engineering and surveying. Dr. George Murgel, P.E. chaired of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Examination Policy and Procedures Committee. Keith Simila, P.E. served on the

Member Board Administrators Committee, and Jim Szatkowski P.E., served on the Examination Audit Committee.

STATE OF IDAHO
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Fiscal Year 2021)

Summary of Receipts

CERTIFICATE, APPLICATION, COMITY AND RENEWAL FEES	\$1,040,911.68
PENALTIES (INCLUDING \$2,500.00 DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL FUND)	<u>59,105.72</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,100,017.40

Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year

PERSONNEL COSTS Salaries and Wages, Personnel Benefits	\$507,231.22
OPERATING EXPENSES Travel, Professional Services, Other Services Communications, Materials and Supplies, Rentals, Repairs and Maintenance, Misc. Operating	283,658.44
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$790,889.66

Summary of Operations

Free Fund Cash Balance as of July 1, 2020	\$ 790,825.71
Add: Revenues	\$ 1,100,017.40
Less Amount Deposited to General Fund	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total to account for	<u>\$1,888,343.11</u>
Less: Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year	<u>\$790,889.66</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$1,097,453.45
Less: Encumbrances Carried Forward to FY 2022	0.00
Free Fund Cash Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$1,097,453.45



QBS Facilitator Council Achievements Report April, 2020-21

The Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Facilitator Council has been in existence since 1999. We are a non-profit coalition of organizations partnering in our efforts to educate governmental entities on the value of qualification-based selection practices.

To contact us for information or assistance on QBS please call the QBS office at 208-321-1736 or email us at facilitator@idahogbs.com. Our website is www.idahogbs.com.

Partners:

Nine partners have committed their time, energy and/or funding for over 20 years to the education of the benefits and process of QBS in Idaho. The partners include:

- American Council of Engineering Companies of Idaho (ACEC)
- American Institute of Architect, Idaho (AIA)
- Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors
- Idaho Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE)
- Structural Engineers Association of Idaho (SEAI)
- American Public Works Association/Association of Idaho Cities Public Works Association
- Idaho Montana Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)
- Association of General Contractors - Construction Managers

Technical Assistance

Since June of 1999, our founding year, we have had 713 total requests for information or assistance for an average of 36 requests a year we have fielded. In 2020-21, we fielded 24 requests for assistance (compared to 31 in the same period last year). Of these:

- 15 of these were suspected violations of the law – 13 of the 15 were indeed violations and all changed their RFQ or bidding document. 2 were dismissed due to lack of documentation.
- 7 requests were from agencies asking for general information/interpretations or to help them comply before the RFQ was written or for interpretations. The majority had to do with a phased/associated project or a hiring roster.
- 2 were for support of legislative efforts and an article submitted to NSPE/PE magazines or periodicals.

Of these requests (details are available upon request):

- 16 concerned engineering services (67%)
- 2 concerned architectural services (8%)
- 2 concerned land surveying services (8%)
- 0 concerned landscape architectural services
- 1 concerned construction management (4%)
- 3 were general requests involving all disciplines (13%)
- 0 involved planning services (0%)

Services:

We provided QBS education to all those who contacted us.

Funding:

In 2020 we had to increase the annual request from each of our partners. Currently we are funded by the following resources per year:

- ACEC - \$6000 (64%)
- AIA - \$1000 (11%)
- ISPLS - \$1200 (13%)
- ISPE - \$550 (6%)
- IMASLA - \$300 (3%)
- SEAI - \$300 (3%)

ACEC of Idaho – Annual Conference – Membership Meeting
Shore Lodge - McCall, ID
October 15, 2021
Government Affairs Committee – Annual Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Paul Wasser, PE – STRATA (Chair)
Bryan Foote, PE - Horrocks
Dave Butzier, PE – AECOM
Tim Haener, PE – J-U-B Engineers
John Ringert, PE – Kittelson & Associates
Paul Ashton, PE - Parametrix
Paul Woods, PE - Jacobs
Justin Walker, PE – Keller (Board Liaison)

PARTNERING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Idaho Board of Professional Engineers & Professional Land Surveyors (IBPEPLS)
Idaho Liability Reform Coalition (ILRC)
Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI)
Idaho Associated General Contractors (AGC)

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

QBS Legislation Revisions – SB1042aa – PASSED!

This was a sweet success thanks largely to the efforts of Jeremy Chou and a few representatives from our member firms! Over two legislative sessions we worked with the QBS Council, AGC, ACHD, ITD and Representative Young to develop a draft bill that everyone could support. Senator Jim Woodward (District 1) sponsored our bill in the Senate and, surprisingly, Representative Julianne Young (District 31) agreed to sponsor it in the House. We even received a +1 rating from the Idaho Freedom Foundation!

The bill was signed into law by Governor Little at a bill signing ceremony in the Governor’s Office (State Capitol) on April 14, 2021, with several industry representatives present.

Transportation Funding:

1. H0308 – allocated \$126MIL to ITD in one-time funds
2. H0326 – ITD Appropriations Bill – \$813MIL in total, \$30MIL in increased funding for ITD (3.9% increase) and includes \$11MIL for public transportation grants and \$17MIL in bridge funding.
3. H0362 – TECM Bonding Fund Increase – increased State Sales Tax Fund allocation from 1.0% to 4.5% with \$80MIL minimum allocation to ITD. Provides for bonding approximately \$1.6BIL for large infrastructure projects on the state highway system. With time, additional funds of more than \$80MIL will be allocated to the locals.

Idaho Division of Professional Licensing (IDOPL)

This has been the Governor's initiative and Jeremy Chou has helped us quietly navigate this process. We had an initial meeting with the new Division Administrator, staff and new Section Head on Dec 21, 2020, to review and discuss the 3 or 4 proposed bills (drafts were not available) and express any initial concerns.

A second meeting was held on January 8, 2021, and included Russ Baron, Director, MiChell Bird, Construction Manager, Tim Frost, Government Affairs and Nicole Gallaher (staff) from IDOPL. Representatives from IDABO, ISPLS, AIA, IMHA, TVMPA, ACEC of ID and ISPE attended.

Meeting Conclusion: [The] assurances [from IDOPL Director and staff] came as a relief for most, if not all, of the organizations on the call that were concerned about losing a voice from their industries in the reorganization. We offered to work with Mr. Barron and Ms. Bird as they begin to look at job descriptions and staffing to provide our input. We will continue to monitor the progress to assure that these commitments are followed.

A third meeting was held on June 28, 2021, and included IDOPL representatives, Paul Ashton, PE – President of ACEC of ID, most of the ACEC of ID Board, Jeremy Fielding, PLS - President of ISPLS, and Joe Canning, PE - President of ISPE. The primary concern expressed as the meeting was filling of the vacant Board PLS staff position that resulted from the recent resignation of Tom Judge, PLS. Following the meeting, ACEC of ID, ISPLS and ISPE sent a joint letter dated June 29, 2021, to Russ Baron, IDOPL Director summarizing the concerns expressed at the meeting.

Overall, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (IDOPL) staff, including Director Baron, have been readily available to listen to industry concerns regarding transition of the independent Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors to become part of the new IDOPL organization has progressed without significant adverse effects to our industry. Ongoing vigilance and engagement with IDOPL should continue.

2021 IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

The First Regular Session of the 66th Idaho Legislature began on January 11, 2021. The session concluded on May 12, 2021, when the Senate adjourned sine die while the House recessed, making it possible for the House to call the Senate back to work sometime later this year. The Legislative Session Status Report (Sine Die Report) can be found at:

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sessioninfo/2021/sinedie.pdf>

Currently, Idaho House Speaker Scott Bedke and Senate President Pro Tem Chuck Winder are working to reconvene the legislature to address The Biden Administration's recently proposed OSHA workplace rule that would require employers of 100 employees or more to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or be tested for COVID-19 on a regular basis.

OTHER ACTIONS:

Meetings with Congressional Representatives

None – due to COVID-19 pandemic

PARTNERSHIPS:

Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) – ACEC of Idaho’s participation in IACI continues to be a benefit to our member firms. Representation on IACI’s Legislative Committee allows ACEC to efficiently track bills during the legislative session that may have an impact on our member firms and to hear the concerns of other members of the business community regarding proposed legislation. The interests of our members often align with IACI’s perspective and chosen direction, and this partnership gives ACEC the ability to inform our Board and membership on issues pertinent to our industry with time to act, when necessary.

Idaho Association of General Contractor (Idaho AGC) – Collaborated on the QBS and Transportation Funding legislation. Joint Legislative Reception was not held due to pandemic.

Idaho Liability Reform Coalition (ILRC) – no action this past year.

Idaho Board of Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveyors (IBPEPLS) – provided support and industry input regarding transition of IBPEPLS to the new IDOPL organization.