

National Director's Report

It has been a pretty quiet year in terms of voting items for the ACEC National Board. In October, the Board voted to change the wording of three of the Strategic Goals to the following:

- Strategic Goal #4: Grow ACEC/PAC to a \$1 Million-Per-Year PAC by ~~2010~~-2015, While “Capturing the Influence of Our Most Politically Active Individual Members.”
- Strategic Goal #5: Grow the Minuteman Fund to Respond to Critical State Issues and Federal ~~Appellate~~-Cases While Maintaining a “War Chest” of \$1 Million.
- Strategic Goal #6: Grow the Number of Member Firms by 2% Each Year, Grow the Number of Member Firm Employees by 3% Each Year, and Recruit 90% of the Eligible *ENR* Top 500 Design Firms as ACEC Members by ~~2010~~-2015.

In March, the Board voted to further modify Strategic Goal #5 to read ...”a ‘War Chest’ of \$2 Million by 2015.”

As a reminder, Colorado benefited from the Minuteman Fund with a donation of \$50,000 from ACEC to help defeat the Amendment 60, 61 and 101 ballot issues. Another success this year for the fund was the defense of the P3 delivery option in California. The state union had filed a motion for a permanent injunction on a P3 project.

The national arm of ACEC has successes to report over the past year, and is continuing to work on other issues on our behalf:

- In conjunction with ASCE and APWA, ACEC launched a new organization – the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. The ISI is developing and will administer a new sustainability rating system. There will be many opportunities for member firms from this project, so be sure to keep an eye open for news in events in the *Last Word*.
- ACEC worked hard to get the 1099 requirement in the health care bill repealed. They have been successful in both the house and senate, and it now awaits the President's signature.
- Current priorities include a long-term infrastructure funding bill, elimination of the 3% withholding requirement, and inclusion of QBS in FAA funding.

Be sure to check out the *Last Word* and *Engineering, Inc.*, for updates on these issues, as well as information on other priorities in Washington.