ACEC Virginia ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jeffrey N. Lighthiser, PE, of Draper Aden Associates has been elected 2018-2019 President of The American Council of Engineering Companies of Virginia (ACEC/VA).

Lighthiser, a Virginia Tech graduate, joined Draper Aden Associates in 1975 as a manual drafter and worked his way up as a project engineer, eventually becoming the CEO in 2010. A key figure in opening Draper Aden's Richmond office in 1985, Lighthiser played an important role as it became the firms' largest office. As CEO of Draper Aden, Lighthiser has doubled the size of the firm. Despite these accomplishments as CEO, Lighthiser maintains that his greatest accomplishment as CEO has been the development of a values-based culture within the firm.

Lighthiser served on ACEC Virginia's Government Affairs, Membership and Education Committees and served in different roles on the Board of Directors. Providing education to engineers in the industry is one of Lighthiser's main goals as president of ACEC/VA.

Joining Lighthiser on the 2018-2019 Board of Directors are:

President-Elect: Donald F. Booth, Jr., AIA, LEED AP, DJG of Williamsburg

National Director Robert L. Burkholder, PE, LEED AP, Clark Nexsen of Virginia Beach

Vice President Eastern: Janet L. Webster, PE, Clark Nexsen of Virginia Beach

 Vice President Central:
 C. Eric Burke, PE, Moffat & Nichol of Richmond

 Vice President Western:
 Grant E. Walker, PE, ECS Mid-Atlantic LLC of Roanoke

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Vice President at Large: Julie W. Hartman, PE, Stantec Consulting Services of Richmond

Secretary: Victor K. Angell, PE,SE, Wiley|Wilson of Lynchburg

Treasurer: Jared B. Jamison, PE, Mason & Hanger of Richmond

Booth, President of DJG Inc of Williamsburg where he's worked for 22 years has been active in ACEC National since the early 2000's. Booth has been both ACEC Virginia and ACEC National's Political Action Committee Champion for raising funds to support engineering friendly legislators. He has served as ACEC Virginia Vice President at Large, chair of the Political Action Committee and is a Vice Chairman of ACEC National's Business Resources and Education Committee.

Burkholder, Principal and member of the senior management team at Clark Nexsen, where he's been for 24 years. He served as ACEC/VA's President during the 2017-2018 year and was the Eastern Vice President for several years prior. Burkholder participated on the education, membership, and executive committees and was a part of ACEC Virginia's first Emerging Leaders Institute in 2006, which has since become a staple of ACEC Virginia.

Webster, a Senior Project Manager and Principal at Clark Nexsen in Virginia Beach has been with Clark Nexsen for 10 years. Webster is a past president of the Structural Engineers Association of Virginia (formerly VSEC). She reconnected with ACEC Virginia when she went through the Emerging Leaders Institute in 2012, ACEC Virginia's premier leadership development program.

Burke, a Vice President & Business Unit Leader of Moffat & Nichol's Richmond's office has spent the last four years at Moffat & Nichol. He's presently in his 25th year working in the transportation industry. Burke was on ACEC South Carolina's Board of Directors from 2010-2013, their Legislative Chair in 2012, part of their Finance Committee in 2013 and participated in ACEC National's Congressional Delegation Fly-in Meetings in 2012 & 2013

Walker, a Senior Vice President at ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Roanoke has been with ECS for 22 years. Walker has been an active ACEC Virginia participant for the last 10 years, having served on the membership committee, and Board of Directors from 2013 to 2015. ACEC Virginia's lobbying efforts with the state and federal government are a main reason he has gotten involved with ACEC Virginia.

Hartman, a senior construction project manager based out of Stantec's Richmond office, has been with Stantec for close to four years. She's participated in ACEC West Virginia and joined ACEC Virginia's Transportation Committee in 2016, became the Vice Chair of the Committee in 2017, named the Chair of the committee in 2018 while also serving on ACEC Virginia's Board of Directors.

Angell, Senior Vice President Lynchburg's Wiley|Wilson in the firm's business development activities in the Federal Government sector and has been with the firm for 22 years. He's been involved in ACEC National's Federal Agencies & Procurement Advocacy Committee. In addition to participating in ACEC Virginia, Angel has been involved with the Society of American Military Engineers and the Design/Build Institute of America.

Jamison, Vice President of Operations at Richmond based Mason & Hanger (former Hankins & Anderson) has been an active participant in ACEC Virginia's Finance and Government Affairs committees. He's served as Treasurer on ACEC Virginia's Board of Directors for the last three years and is in his fifteenth year of working at Mason and Hanger.

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