

# THE FIRST WORD

August, 2015

## Brent Schniers Takes Reins As ACEC OKLAHOMA Chairman of the Board

Brent Schniers, Vice President & Transportation Group Leader, Garver, Tulsa assumed the role of Chairman of the Board of ACEC OKLAHOMA at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in June. Schniers succeeds Joe Davis, Triad Design Group, Oklahoma City, as ACEC OKLAHOMA's top elected officer.

He has worked in Garver's Tulsa office for 9 years and plays a significant role by providing strategic planning and design development for transportation infrastructure projects.

A Texas native, Brent entered Texas Tech University as an architecture/engineering dual major but after his second semester concluded his creative side was not as strong as the rational side; thus he became an engineering major and followed in his father's footsteps. He was drawn to civil design with the goal of contributing to civilization and seeing designs become reality.

Active in the Tulsa community, Brent has been a volunteer sports coach over the last seven years with his two boys, Ryan and Cole. He attends the Church at Midtown and participates with his family in a monthly outreach program serving dinner to the homeless at the Tulsa Day Center.

As Chairman of the Board, he hopes to continue a strong leadership role for the organization, to continue the education process for both members and those considering the engineering profession, and to increase awareness of member benefits.

Others elected to serve on the 2015-16 ACEC Board of Directors include:

Chairman Elect - Marty Hepp, CEC, Oklahoma City

Vice Chair Membership - Brandon Claborn, Meshek & Associates, Tulsa

Treasurer - Keith Angier, MacArthur Associated Consultants, Oklahoma City

Vice Chair Business Practice - Jim Hemphill, Poe & Associates, Tulsa

Vice Chair Education - Chad Grinsteiner, White Engineering Associates, Oklahoma City

ACEC National Director - Tom Hendrick, Wallace Engineering, Tulsa.

Joe Davis will continue on the Board as Immediate Past Chair.

## ACEC OKLAHOMA August Meeting To Feature ODOT Senior Leadership

ACEC OKLAHOMA's August Board and General Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, August 20th at the AGC Office in Oklahoma City. The lunch meeting will begin at 11:45am, and be preceded by the Board of Directors meeting.

Executive Director of ODOT Mike Patterson will update ACEC OKLAHOMA members on a variety of topics including progress (if any) on the federal highway funding legislation, ODOT's update 25 year plan, progress on the current 8-year plan, and more. The entire ODOT Senior Staff will also be attending, and possibly Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley.

Registration information has been sent to all ACEC OKLAHOMA members, and registration deadline is Monday, August 17th

Look forward to seeing you August 20th!!!



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## 2015-16 ACEC OKLAHOMA Meeting Calendar

Below are the dates and locations for the regularly scheduled ACEC OKLAHOMA and ACEC meetings, including the annual ODOT/ACEC OKLAHOMA Partnering Conference.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates!

### Thursday, August 20, 2015

Board & General Membership Meeting (Lunch)  
9:00am Board Meeting;  
11:45am General Meeting & Luncheon  
Oklahoma City

### October 14-17, 2015

ACEC Fall Conference  
Boston

### Thursday, November 19, 2015

Board & General Membership Meeting (Lunch)  
9:00am Board Meeting;  
11:45am General Meeting & Luncheon  
Tulsa

### Thursday, January 28, 2016

Board & General Membership Meeting and EEA  
2:00pm Board Meeting;  
5:00pm General Meeting & Dinner  
Oklahoma City

### February, March, and April, 2016

Leadership For Engineers

### Thursday, April 14, 2016

Board & General Membership Meeting (Dinner)  
2:00pm Board Meeting;  
5:00pm General Meeting & Dinner  
Tulsa

### April 17-20, 2016

ACEC Annual Convention  
Washington, DC

### Thursday, May 12, 2016

ODOT/ACEC OKLAHOMA  
Partnering Conference  
Tulsa

### June 2-4, 2016

ACEC Midwest States Annual Convention  
Branson, MO

## ACEC Fall Conference October 14-17, 2015 Boston

With more than 30 bottom-line focused business management sessions, the ACEC 2015 Fall Conference in Boston, Oct 14-17, provides an exceptional opportunity to earn more than 17 professional development hours (pdhs) towards state licensing requirements.

Sessions cover a broad spectrum of business issues, including risk management, mergers and acquisitions, trends in recruitment and retention, technology, international trends, business development, and firm management. For a complete list of sessions, [click here](#).

The Conference features leading industry speakers, CEO panels, CEO roundtables, the CASE Convocation, and numerous ACEC coalition, council, and forum events.

Additionally, two individuals who are world-renowned in their fields will speak at the Fall Conference, and their programs alone will be worth the cost of attending the Conference.



Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, historian, and political commentator Doris Kearns Goodwin will give a keynote speech. Kearns Goodwin, who has written biographies of Lyndon Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt will address Leadership Lessons from the White House.

Dr. Robert Ballard, making a return visit to ACEC, is world renowned for his deep-water discoveries of dozens of shipwrecks, including the *Titanic*, *Luisitania*, *Bismarck*, and the *USS Yorktown*, as well as for his revolutionary discovery of new life forms on hydrothermal vents on the Pacific Ocean. He also pioneered distance learning in the classrooms of America and around the world with the JASON Project, sharing the thrill of scientific discovery with more than 1 million students annually. In his keynote address, Dr. Ballard will share his personal experiences to highlight how to motivate young people to choose careers in math, science and engineering.



Registration information has been sent to all members, and can also be found on the ACEC Website: [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org)

It will be an outstanding meeting, and we hope to have a large ACEC OKLAHOMA delegation in attendance.



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