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President's Message

by Scott Millar

The NCEDA 2005 Fall Conference kicks off this week, and I am pleased that so many of you will be able to join us at the Grandover Resort for this fall's big event! Themed "Non-Traditional Economic Development: The Economic Impact of Sports in NC," conference chair John Hunter, combined with co-chairs Brenda Daniels and Bonnie Renfro, have put together an excellent program. Wednesday's business session will feature Former NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, who will offer attendees a highly anticipated update on the Bob Orr lawsuit. Additionally, the program includes a panel featuring various golf tournament directors who orchestrate high-profile events, like the Wachovia PGA Championship, and a unique presentation on the 2005 Motorsports Study and the recruitment of the NASCAR and ACC Halls of Fame.

On the legislative front, I continue to encourage the membership to monitor the Orr lawsuit as it unfolds, and do your part to support economic development in NC. We rely on NCEDA to help spread the word on the importance of economic development incentives and the strong results of our incentives poll released in August. Please continue writing letters to the editor or submitting op-eds to your local newspaper voicing your support. The NCEDA office has template letters to distribute if you need some help getting started.

Additionally, membership renewal season is just about wrapped up. We had a strong number of renewals and a high number of new members. It is exciting to have such a strong base returning to join us for another year of economic development activity. As the state's leading economic development association,

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we would not be able to continue without the support of your membership. Next up will be 2005-06 NCEDA Committee Signups. A signup form is included on page 5 of the newsletter, and we are counting on you to get active in the committee of your choice, as this is where the action of NCEDA actually unfolds!

In closing, for those of you making the trip to Greensboro for the Fall Conference, I look forward to seeing you soon. If you were not able to join us this year, we'll be sure to deliver an informative re-cap in next month's newsletter.

In the meantime, we look forward to serving you.

UPCOMING EVENTS



October 11-12, 2005
NCEDA 2005 Fall Conference
Grandover Resort
Greensboro, NC

November 10, 2005
NCEDA Professional Development Seminar
Cardinal Club
Raleigh, NC
Speaker: TBD

March 16-17, 2005
NCEDA 2005 MidWinter Conference
Pinehurst Resort
Pinehurst, NC

Meet Your Board

This month we feature board member Mac Williams, immediate past president of NCEDA.

Mac Williams is a native and lifelong resident of North Carolina having been born in Bladen County and raised in Scotland County. Mac attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduating in 1976 with a degree in Journalism (advertising emphasis).

He has spent his entire working career in North Carolina in a variety of jobs and settings directly in or related to community and economic development.

In 1984, Mac was hired as the first professional economic developer for the newly created Rockingham County Economic Development Commission.

Mac moved to Asheville in 1995 to assume duties as Vice President – Economic Development of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1999, he moved over to the City of Asheville taking on the role of Economic Development Director for the City of Asheville.

While with the City of Asheville, Mac was involved with several local and state-level economic development groups including North Carolinians for Jobs and Progress (a statewide group advocating for a constitutional amendment on the '04 ballot allowing for Project Development Financing).

In late 2004, Mac accepted a position with the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce, currently serving as their President and CEO. He is also the Immediate Past President of the North Carolina Economic Developers Association.

Mac and his wife Stephanie, Director of Sales for the Biltmore Estate, have two daughters, Daye (6 ½) and Hanna (5), both born in Asheville.

Patron Sponsor Profile

This month we feature S&ME, Inc.

Established in 1973, S&ME, Inc., is an award-winning engineering and environmental services firm employing more than 650 professional and support staff in 20 offices in Alabama, the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. Its headquarters are located on Spring Forest Road in Raleigh.

S&ME is owned by its employees and provides a broad range of geotechnical and materials engineering, environmental services, construction materials testing, quality assurance, and occupational health and safety services.

S&ME has performed geotechnical and construction services work for many projects throughout the Southeast, including commercial buildings and malls, factories, highways, marine port facilities, a major NFL stadium, major coastal area bridges and regional airports. Its environmental work provides clients with natural resources planning, remediation design and implementation, asbestos and lead-based paint solutions and regulatory compliance.

S&ME is listed annually in *Engineering News-Record* magazine among the nation's top 100 "Pure Design" firms.

Over the past decade, the firm has won more than 40 Engineering Excellence Awards from state chapters of the American Council of Engineering Companies for "achievements which demonstrate the highest degree of merit and ingenuity."

More information on S&ME can be found at www.smeinc.com.

Preservation North Carolina

Many of us across the district have historic abandoned textile mills in our counties. There is some growing interest in taking these mills and turning them into housing and retail shops.

Preservation North Carolina is sponsoring their Annual Conference in Gaston County on October 26-29, 2005. This year's theme is "New Life for Old Mills."

Founded in 1939, Preservation North Carolina is North Carolina's only private nonprofit statewide historic preservation organization. Its mission is to protect and promote buildings, landscapes and sites important to the heritage of North Carolina. It enjoys a national reputation, having been cited by the National Park Service as "the premier statewide preservation organization of the South, if not the Nation" and the National Trust for Historic Preservation as "the model organization of its kind."

Through its award-winning endangered properties program, Preservation NC acquires endangered historic properties and then finds purchasers willing and able to rehabilitate them. It has saved more than 450 endangered historic properties, generating an estimated \$100,000,000 in private investment.

If any of you are interested in attending the conference or learning more about Preservation NC, view their web site www.presnc.org. On the site you can access the brochure to the annual conference.

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NCEDA 2005 Fall Conference

Get ready to rumble! The NCEDA 2005 Fall Conference, themed "Non-Traditional Economic Development: The Impact of Sports in NC," will deliver a high-energy event focusing on the economic development impact of the sports industry in North Carolina. Join us in October at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro to hear from a variety of representatives from leading sports programs around the state. Additionally, attendees will have an opportunity to get an informative update on the Dell lawsuit and other pertinent legislative activities. With lots of networking opportunities, an exciting program, and a golf tournament to partake in, the NCEDA 2005 Fall Conference is an event you won't want to miss!

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Last Call: IEDC Recertification Points

Any NCEDA member who attended the NCEDA 2005 Annual Conference, held June 5-7, 2005, in Atlantic Beach, is eligible for International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Level III credit towards recertification. The IEDC recognition program recognizes organizations that continue to support, enhance and contribute to the profession of economic development.

If you qualify, please contact Kobi Enwemnwa, Certification Associate at IEDC for additional information on receiving your credits:

Phone: 202/942-9483
Email: kenwemnwa@iedconline.org

The deadline to redeem your recertification points is October 31, 2005.

NCEDA 2005-2006 Committee Signups

It's that time of year again to sign up for NCEDA committees! We value member participation, and much of the work of the association gets done by our committees. Attached is a list describing 2005-2006 NCEDA committees. Please indicate any committee(s) on which you would like to serve by checking the box next to each committee listed. A description of each committee can be found on NCEDA's Web site: http://www.nceda.org/about_committees.cfm. Once you have filled out this response form, please send it back to the NCEDA office. Additionally, this memo will be sent to the membership in the coming week.

Committees vary in their organizational format. Some will meet only by e-mail or conference call. Others may only meet during NCEDA conferences.

For additional information, please contact Abbie Hollins at the NCEDA main office: 888.246.2332.

Thank you.

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2005-2006 NCEDA Committee Response Form

Professional Development Committee

Membership Committee

Local Developers Advisory Committee

Allies Advisory Committee

2006 MidWinter Conference Committee

2006 Annual Conference Committee

Legislative Committee

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