**FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

September, 2020

**State of La FP&C (FPC)**

The Facilities committee has been meeting virtually throughout 2020 to review and provide comments relative to Rule changes being proposed by FPC.  ACECL submitted two response letters to address multiple changes proposed by FPC.  Craig Campbell and Doreen Brasseaux participated in the public comment meeting with Mark Moses, Stephen Losavio, and Lisa Smeltzer on September 1, 2020 to review ACEC’s comments regarding the new Rules anticipated to take effect at the end of 2020.

FPC agreed to important edits requested by ACECL in our comments.  FPC is adding standard of care definition to their Rule and will also reference the definition in the Policy Manual following the Rule changes. They also changed the Rule to allow designers to use alternates, when approved by FPC, to get to the AFC.  FPC will be overloaded with hurricane recovery work for the remainder of this year so there may not be much opportunity to meet, unless they need our support in their recovery efforts.

Mark Moses will be a speaker at the ACECL Fall Conference November 5.

**State Fire Marshall (SFM)**:      ACECL is participating in the reconvening of the “Incidental Committee” along with AIA, LSBAE and LAPELS.  The committee is considering adding Joe Delaune, LASFM chief architect, to the committee if he will agree to enforce the language that comes out of the committee’s work and subsequent adoption by LSBAE and LaPELS.  The first reconvening meeting of the Incidental Committee was held September 9 and was fairly productive.  Although AIA and LSBAE opposed the incidental committee definition of “incidental practice of engineering” that they helped create (because Joe Delaune said he would prefer the group start over to create prescriptive definitions of incidental) they are now open to see if it makes sense to proceed with the current language.  ACECL meet internally with LAPELS on September 14 and the Incidental Committee will meet again October 7.