



Atkins Takes Helm of CASE Executive Committee

As of the CASE events at the ACEC convention in Colorado Springs, **Leonard C. (Lance) Atkins** becomes chairman of CASE for 2004-05. He is the owner of Atkins Engineers located in Coral Gables, Florida. His firm provides structural engineering and threshold inspections services. They also provide due diligence inspections for property acquisitions and litigation support services. He is a graduate of Marshall University and registered in six states. He has also served double duty as chairman of CASE's contracts committee, which has just completed a major updating of CASE contracts.

Supporting Mr. Atkins will be:

James E. Trant as Chairman-Elect. He is Vice President and senior structural engineer for the Boston office of Carter & Burgess. He has a Masters and Bachelors in civil engineering from Northeastern University. He is licensed in 24 states and serves on the structural exam committee for NCEES.

Edward W. Pence, Jr. as Vice Chairman. He is Senior Vice President for Stroud Pence & Associates in Virginia

Beach, Virginia. He has an engineering degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a Masters from Old Dominion University. He is registered in 15 states, and is also chairman of the CASE programs committee.

Chris D. Poland as Secretary. He is CEO of Degenkolb Engineers in San Francisco. Mr. Poland is past president of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and chairs the ASCE Seismic Rehabilitation Standards Committee. He has a Bachelors degree from the University of Redlands and a Masters from Stanford.

Bob Barnett as Treasurer. He is the owner of Barnett Associates in Pell City and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is a charter member of CASE having served on several committees, and has been president of ACEC of Alabama. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Alabama Hospital Association. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

James C. Parker as Director. He is a principal with the firm of Simpson Gumpertz and Heger in Boston, Massachusetts. He has performed seismic assessments worldwide including Izmit, Turkey and Kobe, Japan. He has an engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati and a Masters degree from Cornell University.



Leonard C. (Lance) Atkins

ACEC Amendment Promotes A/E Tax Relief

An ACEC-backed amendment to extend a special tax rate reduction to the A/E industry has been introduced in the Senate. The Hutchison-Landrieu-Smith amendment to the Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act (S. 1637) provides that A/E services performed in the U.S. for domestic projects are eligible for a benefit equivalent to a three percent tax rate reduction.



The JOBS Act repeals the Extraterritorial Income Tax Exclusion (ETI) in response to a 2002 World Trade Organization decision finding ETI in violation of international trade rules. ETI currently benefits exporters of certain goods and services, including A/E services.

As Congress works towards a tax benefit to replace ETI, the focus is on job growth in domestic manufacturing, but ACEC and industry allies are working to ensure that A/E firms benefit as well. ACEC citizen lobbyists followed up the introduction of the Hutchison-Landrieu-Smith amendment with a letter campaign urging their Senators to support the bipartisan measure.

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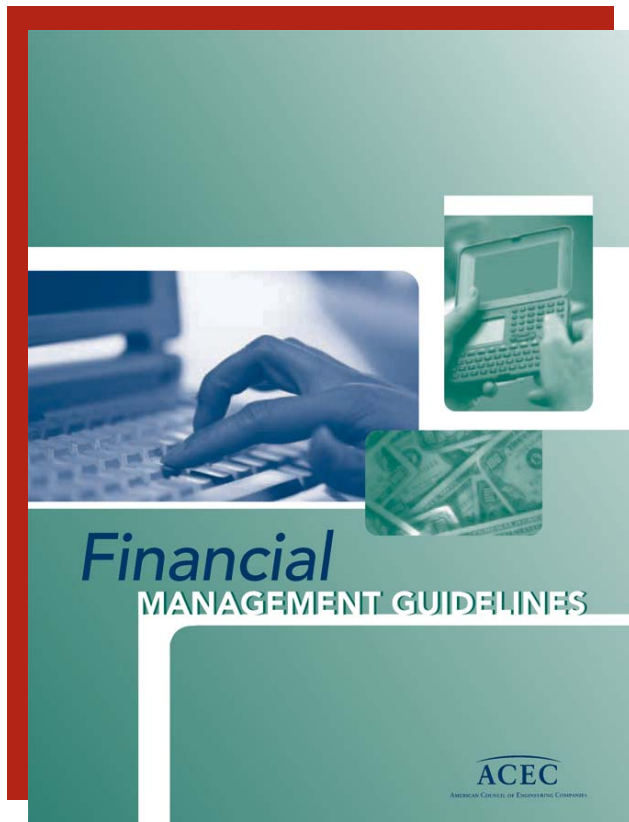
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Christopher Marx, Former Chairman of CASE

In Appreciation

There are few people you meet in your life that really know what is the right thing to do. As far as his involvement with CASE and structural engineers, Chris Marx was one of those people. He was the chairman of CASE 1993-94 and, before that, chairman of CASE's contracts committee. He was also a vice president of ACEC 1983-85. He was a charter member and involved in the founding of CASE and NCSEA.

Chris won the CASE 1999 Past Chairmen's Award for outstanding contributions to the profession. He was responsible for producing the initial versions of many of the CASE contracts, and through his task mastering pulled together the volunteer efforts of his committee and made the contracts into

a coherent set of documents that are widely used all over the country. He was the consummate follow-up person, and you knew that if he gave you a task you could depend on Chris checking with you until it was done.

Chris and his wife Addie were seen at many ACEC/CASE conventions and if you were a friend of his, you knew that if you needed help, if he could he would. There were fewer people more loyal and dedicated to the engineering profession than Chris Marx.



Christopher Marx

"The profession has lost an advocate and a friend."

