

WWEMA 2018 FINANCE & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL MEETING Speaker Bios



Philip (Phil) Beck is a partner in the Atlanta, Georgia office of Smith, Currie & Hancock, LLP. His practice focuses on construction law, government contracts, and commercial litigation. Phil is experienced with a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes representing clients on a wide range of public and private construction projects. Phil is a past Chair of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and immediate past Chair of AGC's Contract Documents Forum.



James (Jim) Brown is the former General Counsel for SUEZ/Degremont North America. In this capacity he provided commercial legal services for six SUEZ/Degremont entities: Infilco Degremont, in Richmond, VA; Ozonia North America, in New Jersey; Water & Power Technologies, in Utah; Ameri-Water in Ohio; Anderson Water Systems in Toronto; and Degremont, Ltee in Montreal.



Kelsey Byars has been with Xylem Inc. since 2011 and has held various positions in the Accounting and Finance departments, including Accounts Payable Clerk, Accounting Clerk, and Finance Administrator. She became interested in contract administration when she began attending WWEMA's annual Finance and Contract Administration Council Meeting in 2015 alongside Susan Button and Cathy Ross. She joined Susan and Cathy on the Contracts Management team in July 2017 as Junior Contracts Administrator.



Randal (Randy) Kaltenmark is a partner in the Tax Department at Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He represents taxpayers in federal, state, and local tax controversies and provides tax planning for both public and private clients, including high net worth families and family offices. Randy is recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of tax law.



Daniel (Dan) Rawlins is a registered Architect with over 40 years experience in the design of public facilities. He is a Senior Project Manager with the Indianapolis office of K2M Design, Inc.®, and since the passage of the Indiana Public Works Design-Build Law in 2006 has served as Owner's Criteria Developer on over 100 public design-build projects collectively valued at over \$600,000,000. He is a Designated Design-Build Professional (DBIA Certification) and serves the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) as Treasurer of the Great Lakes Region. He is a nationally certified continuing education instructor and past co-chair of the national DBIA Tools and Resources Task Force. He is the author

of several of DBIA's continuing education courses and webinars. Dan received the 2017 TAP Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Trade Association Professionals.



Cathy Ross has been in the water and wastewater equipment manufacturing industry for over 15 years. She is currently a Contracts Administrator for Xylem Inc. and is an active member of WWEMA. Prior to joining Xylem, Cathy worked in the water, software, and medical industries as a Customer Service Manager, Import/Export Compliance Officer, CRM Administrator, Project Manager, Trainer, and Sales Representative.



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Brian Schmidt is a partner in Katz, Sapper & Miller's Business Advisory Group and has been in public accounting since 1994. Brian provides tax, accounting, and consulting services to a wide variety of business and industries. These services include tax planning and strategies, tax compliance, financial statement analysis, mergers and acquisitions, and financing assistance.



Regina Sharrow is a business attorney and partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP who represents companies in diverse industries. She has advised clients in mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances and joint ventures, private offerings, corporate governance, and general contract negotiations. Regina's experience also includes representing governmental units in varied and multi-faceted public-private partnerships (P3s). In her role as a P3 legal advisor, Regina has assisted clients with the initial analysis as to the advisability of a P3, community outreach/education, advising and educating council

members on the P3 process, drafting requests for expressions of interest and/or requests for proposals and managing those processes, negotiating definitive agreements and other necessary documentation, and ensuring a smooth transition post-closing.



William (Bill) Shepler is a Registered Engineer whose career as a planner, designer, contractor, and manager has provided him with a wide range of extensive experience in developing, designing, financing, managing, constructing, and closing out a multitude of public and privately-owned projects. Bill's entire professional career has been focused on serving project owners by providing them with the assurance that their needs are addressed, their interests are protected, and their project risks are being managed. His planning and management skills and procedures have led to many successful projects. Bill has extensive planning, development, management, and implementation experience of

projects ranging from governmental, justice, educational, medical, religious, corporate, and commercial facilities. As the President and CEO of PMSI Inc. he takes pride in the professionalism, integrity, and success that PMSI brings to a project and to his client's capital investments.



David Spooner is a partner at the Washington, DC office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, and Co-Chair of the International Trade Practice Group. David represents trade associations and corporate clients on international trade matters including trade remedies, trade policy, and customs issues. He uses his past experience as a high-level political appointee in the Executive Branch and on Capitol Hill to assist clients with their advocacy efforts before both branches of government.