

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Since my last update, I'm excited to share the news that the 53rd ECC Conference has moved to the **Gaylord Texas Resort** in **Grapevine, Texas** on September 8 – 11, 2021. The ECC Executive Board of Directors are hard at work planning for this in-person event in Texas, which promises to provide thought-leadership, extensive networking, and fresh perspectives on how to transform and thrive in these times.

The theme of the conference is **Performing While Transforming: Executing Now, Evolving for Tomorrow**. Disruption and upheaval have impacted every organization. Our industry is transitioning, and we must adapt and position for the future. Our success will depend on how we as leaders transform to meet these demands. Conference sessions will focus on reinventing capital project delivery, contracting insights, future-proofing organizations, the energy transition, cultivating inclusive leadership and more!

2021 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Dan Yergin - Vice Chairman, IHS Markit and Pulitzer Prize Winning Author
Ian Bremmer - Eurasia Group
Bill Taylor - Co-Founder and Best-Selling Author, Fast Company

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I hope you were able to join us for the ECC mid-year meetings in late April, where we explored the following:

- In the **Sponsors Only Session (SOS)**, an engaging group of owner panelists from BASF, Dow and P66 joined KPMG to discuss achieving success in capital project execution throughout the pandemic and share what owner companies are doing to position for 2021 and beyond.
- **The Academia and Workforce Development Committee (AWDC)** focused on connecting the ECC stakeholders with Academia and Industry trade organizations to collaborate on ways to attract, train and retain the craft and professional workforce in the capital projects industry. Panelists from CII, Fluor, Louisiana State University, Kiewit and Louisiana Community and Technical College System shared perspectives on best-practices to train the future workforce, and how to advocate for industry needs.
- **The ECC Future Leaders (FL)** mid-year meeting was the official kick-off of the Future Leaders program, including a thought-provoking session on growth through resilience and adaptability, and a panel discussion by Chevron and Strategic Project Solutions moderated by PPI on how to modernize construction.

There is still time to partner with us and continue the dialogue at SOS, AWDC and FL workshops in September. The Sponsors Only Session and the Future Leaders Program are benefits of being an ECC Sponsor and you can learn more about becoming an ECC sponsor here: [ECC Conference Sponsorship](#)

I look forward to seeing you in September in Texas! Until then, stay safe and well.

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