

Alternative Delivery Methods Seminar

Presenters Biographies

Senator Nikki Setzler

Sen. Nikki Setzler is Democrat who represents District 26 Lexington, Aiken and Saluda Counties. Sen. Setzler lives in West Columbia, is married to Ada Jane Taylor and they have four children. Sen. Setzler graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.A. Degree in 1968 and received his J.D. from USC in 1971. He was elected to the Senate in 1977 and has been serving District 26 for over 20 years.

His accomplishments and recognitions include mem., Adv. Group for Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Outstanding Leadership Award, Gov.'s School for the Arts, 1990; Legis. Award for South Carolinians with Disabilities by S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Assn., 1991; Outstanding Senator for Continued Support of Public Educ., S.C. School Bds. Assn., 1991; Award for Support for Educ., Palmetto State Teachers Assn., 1991; Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to Educ. Award by S.C. Council of Elementary School Principals, 1990-91; Future Farmers of America Hon. Chap. Degree, 1992; Appreciation Award by Cola. Coll. Bd. of Visitors, 1988-92; School Health Serv. Award, 1992; Hon. Doctorate of Humane Letters, Univ. of Charleston, 1992; Legislator of the Year Award by Independent Colls. and Univs. of S.C., Inc., 1993; Commendation by S.C. Counseling Assn., 1994-95; Outstanding Serv. Award by S.C. Agric. Educ. Progs., 1994;

Richard W. Riley Award for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment by S.C. Consortium for Gifted Educ., 1995; Carl Perkins Humanitarian of the Year Award for S.C., 1995; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of School Librarians, 1995; Hon. Doctorate of Educ., Cola. Coll., 1997; Public Servant of the Year by S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 1998; Award in Appreciation of Unrelenting Efforts on Behalf of the Parents and Young Children of S.C. by Dept. of Educ. Parenting/Family Literacy Initiatives, 1999; W. J. Castine Partner in Progress Award for Exemplary Serv. to S.C. Elementary and Middle Schools, 1999; Distinguished Serv. Award for Contributions to Higher Educ. and Student Fin. Assistance Progs., 1999; Award for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment to Tech. Educ., 1999; Award of Appreciation for support by S.C. FFA Assn., 2000; Hon. Amer. FFA Degree by Natl. FFA Organization, 2000; Friend of Reading Recovery Award for outstanding contributions, 2000; Outstanding Policy Leader from S.C. State Bd. of Educ., 2000; Award for Exemplary Serv. to Public Educ. by S.C. Assn. of Teacher Educators, 2001; Outstanding Serv. Award, S.C. Educ. Assn.-Retired, 2002; Friend of the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2002; honored by the Amer. Inst. of Architects, S.C. Chap., 2004; Recognition by S.C. School Nurses, 2002; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of the Deaf, 2005; Outstanding Contributions to Public Educ., Gov.'s Workforce Educ. Task Force & Supt. of Educ., 2005.

Keith McCook

Keith graduated from the University of Colorado in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned his juris doctorate in 1993 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Since 1998, Keith has worked as an Assistant General Counsel for the South Carolina Budget & Control Board. As the agency responsible for the state's centralized procurement function, the Board employs three Chief Procurement Officers, one each for supplies and services, construction (the State Engineer), and information technology. Keith serves as the primary legal counsel for all three officials, with his practice focusing on issues of public procurement, government contracts, construction, UCC - Sales, FOIA, and software licensing. Keith recently contributed the procurement chapter to a book published by the South Carolina Bar Association, *South Carolina Administrative Practice and Procedure* (2d ed S.C. Bar 2008).

Gordon Rutherford

Gordon graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1959 with a degree in Architecture. Following four years in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps, joined what is now the State Construction Office in Raleigh, North Carolina where I worked until February, 1970. Gordon attained registration as an Architect in North Carolina in 1968. From February, 1970 to July, 2001 Gordon served as the Director of Facilities Planning & Design at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gordon joined the University of North Carolina General Administration to assist with execution of the Higher Education Bond Program and guide implementation of the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method, a new delivery method in the public sector in North Carolina authorized by the 2001 session of the North Carolina General Assembly. Gordon retired from full-time employment in August, 2003, but continues on a part time basis with UNC - General Administration. Gordon is past member & Chair of the North Carolina State Building Commission and has received service recognition from several quarters including a 2007 Pinnacle Award from Carolinas AGC.

Thomas D. Quasney

Thomas D. Quasney is the Director of Facilities at the University of South Carolina. He provides leadership for the University's facility management organization, a 500-person, highly skilled professional and technical staff maintaining, repairing, renovating, the education and general academic facilities at the Columbia campus and operating five utility plants; and all construction at all eight USC campuses. He is responsible for \$3.8B in infrastructure and a \$40M annual budget.

Mister Quasney, a graduate of the University of South Carolina College of Engineering and the Air Force ROTC programs, retired from a distinguished career in the Air Force as a Colonel in June 2007. A career facilities engineer officer, he deployed to support Operations Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom three times, commanded two expeditionary groups and two squadrons, and served in a range of facility engineer positions at base level, major command and Air Staff to

include Executive Officer to The Air Force Civil Engineer. He was selected as Air Force's Top Engineer in 2001.

EDUCATION

1981 Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, University of South Carolina

1988 Squadron Officer School, Most Outstanding Contributor

1991 MS in Management, Florida State University, Honors

1996 Air Command and Staff College

1999 Air War College

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 2007- Present, Director of Facilities, University of South Carolina
2. Jun 2005 – Jun 2007, Director of Readiness, HQ Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall AFB, FL
3. Jun 2003 – Jun 2005, Commander, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
4. Jul 2000 - Jun 2003, Commander, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. Jun 1997 - Jul 2000, Environmental Program Manager, Executive Officer to The Civil Engineer, Office of The Civil Engineer, HQ USAF, Pentagon, Washington DC
6. Jun 1996 - Jun 1997, Commander, Operations Flight, 51 CES, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Society of American Military Engineers Newman Medal

Air Force Legion of Merit Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (6 each)

Air Force Commendation Medal (2 each)

Air Force Achievement Medal (3 each)

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Keith Powell

Keith was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1996, to the Kansas Bar in 1997, and to the South Carolina Bar in 2001. He is also admitted to appear before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Eighth and Fourth Circuits. He has been a member of the Council of School Attorneys since 1998.

After assisting a successful congressional campaign in 1996, Keith worked for the Fields & Brown Law Firm in Kansas City. The firm represented the Kansas City School District in its desegregation case as well as in union grievance, union negotiation, and employment discrimination matters. In 1997, Keith became the chief attorney for Missouri School Boards' Association's Policy Services Department. He later became the Director of Policy Services. Keith joined Childs & Halligan, P.A., in July 2000.

Practice Areas:

Education Law
Labor and Employment
Local Government Law

Keith works in all areas of school law, with emphasis on construction, procurement, finance, voting issues, and local legislation.

Education:

Tulane University, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude*, History, Philosophy, 1993
Oxford University, Mansfield College, Visiting Student in History, 1991-92
Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 1996

Professional Associations and Memberships:

American Bar Association
South Carolina Bar
Richland County Bar Association
Missouri Bar
NSBA Council of School Attorneys
SCSBA Council of School Attorneys

Personal Background:

Keith grew up in Columbia, Missouri and has strong family ties to public education. Two of his grandparents were lifelong teachers. Keith's mother is a retired media center director. He is proud to be a member of the Historic Columbia Foundation and the Leadership Columbia Class of 2005. Keith and his wife live in Northeast Columbia.

Born: Bloomington, Illinois, October 24

Chris Poe

Chris Poe is the Facilities Planning & Construction Officer for Beaufort County School District. He was born and raised in North Carolina. Chris received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from NC State University and his MBA from Wake Forest University. Chris is a Registered Professional Engineer in 8 states. His work experience includes:

- 12 years with Duke Energy Company in various engineering & marketing roles
- 5 years with Wake Forest University in charge of Operations and Maintenance
- 5 years in consulting engineering roles in commercial HVAC design

- Since 2007, employed with the Beaufort County School District as the *Facilities Planning and Construction Officer* in charge of:
 - Facilities Planning
 - Capital Projects
 - All construction & renovation projects

John White

Mr. White is a 1982 Civil Engineering graduate of Clemson University and a 1991 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of law. During his career, Mr. White has worked as an engineer for an industrial contractor and the City of Charleston; the engineering supervisor for the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development; the engineering supervisor for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks; an attorney for the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in their construction law section; and, for almost nine years, as the State Engineer for the State of South Dakota. Mr. White has been the State Engineer for the State of South Carolina since February 1, 2007.