

# NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS PIPELINE

December 2012

## PRESIDENTS REPORT



As the year 2012 draws to a close here at NUCA of the Carolinas, I find it important to look back and thank a few folks for a job well done. Thanks to Rob Goslee and Linda Goslee for moving the association forward this year in such a powerful way. These two are very special people to us all, who go above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks to each Board of Directors member for your continued dedication, commitment and service and I look forward to working with each of you over the coming years. We are extremely lucky to have such great leadership and participation from so many great people. I would like to also recognize Gray Lewis for moving over to the Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer and also our new Board Members Chris Munaretto and Tim Haechten for joining our team this coming year. And finally, thank you to all our great members and associates for your continued support of this great industry we get to enjoy as a vocation.

In 2012 the Safety & Risk Management committee was one of the best things we had going and we would like to thank Chris Humbert for the outstanding job he did in leading this group. As 2013 begins, we are excited to see Mike Bearak come on board and lead the S&RM group into great success and activity for our future programs. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities coming from this committee and get your organization involved every chance you get.

We are excited at what the first quarter of 2013 will bring to NUCA of the Carolinas as we embark on a membership drive of great proportion. We have partnered with National NUCA and the Oliver Group to conduct a "Direct Drive" membership drive in late February or early March for North and South Carolina. Look for more information on this soon!! We need your help with this effort! If you are willing to help, please let Linda Goslee or myself know as soon as possible. This is an exciting event and an exciting time as we combine forces with all our friends and constituents in S.C.

As we move forward we all face many challenges and NUCA of the Carolinas is not different. We plan to serve each and every member through the executive committee, legislative, safety & risk management, conferences, training, and our board of directors. As my friend Rob Goslee says, "our strength lies in our dedication to the utility construction industry". Friends, please let us know how we can serve you better; please let us know how we can help.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Steve Brown**



## 2012/2013 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

### OFFICERS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Steve Brown—State Utility Contractors
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Joe Williams—Concrete Pipe & Precast
<b>SECRETARY/TREASURER</b>	Gray Lewis—Patterson & Wilder Construction Co.
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<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	Matt Mueller—Distribution Construction Co.

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<b>Scott Thomas</b>	Gregory Poole Equipment Company
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<b>Kenneth Smith</b>	KBS Construction Company
<b>Jarrold Williamson</b>	Godwin Pump/Xylem
<b>Chris Humbert</b>	Park Construction Company
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<b>Brad Barringer</b>	BRS, Inc.
<b>Jerry Smith</b>	T.A. Loving Company

### **NATIONAL NUCA OFFERS**

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Ryan Schmitt—Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Engineers, FL
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<b>PAST CHAIRMAN</b>	Dan East—Layne Heavy Civil, TX

# Safety & Risk Management

*The Safety & Risk Management committee met on November 15, 2012*

**THANKS TO FLOYD BAKER WITH NEFF RENTAL FOR SUPPLYING THE MEETING ROOM!  
THANKS TO DOUG BARTHOLOMEW WITH MERSINO, INC. FOR DONATING LUNCH!**

## ATTENDEES

Chris Humbert—Park Construction  
Wes Sells—BRS, Inc.  
Dan Hinson—State Utility Contractors  
Steve Brown—State Utility Contractors  
Floyd Baker—Neff Rental  
Mark Turner—Neff Rental  
Linwood Smith—T.A. Loving  
Roger Richards—Saunders Construction  
Tom Savage—NCDOT  
Mike Bearak  
Linda Goslee—NUCA

**“Safety is a full-time  
job, don’t make it a  
part-time practice”**

The S&RM Committee has made some changes to the 2013 Safety Application which will be sent out in early February. Please make sure you look at the NEW application and plan to submit it timely for a chance to be the 2013 NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS Safety Winner!



## **NEW S&RM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**MIKE BEARAK**  
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Let Mike know if you have any suggestions/ideas for upcoming meetings! We need your input!

## *NEXT MEETING*



**FEBRUARY 9, 2013**  
**Location to be Announced**

## *A MESSAGE FROM MIKE—S&RM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN*

How safe is your company? Since you are reading this Pipeline you have an incredible safety tool already at your disposal through NUCA of the Carolinas, the Safety and Risk Management Committee. This group meets each quarter to discuss various safety topics and issues that are facing our members. The group is comprised of contractors, suppliers, vendors and other representatives and together we pool our knowledge and resources to make all of us stronger and safer. This group is open to both members and non-members and they are always worth your time. Beyond the quarterly meetings the group will be hosting trainings throughout the year and at the spring and fall conferences they offer additional training opportunities for attendees. Normally the quarterly meetings run about 2 hours and provide you with information to make your workplace safer and to help ensure all employees go home safely each night.

The meeting locations do alternate around the state and North Carolina and hopefully South Carolina going forward. One member usually sponsors the location and another usually sponsors the lunch. Besides a normal list of agenda items a presentation is normally made by either a member or a guest during lunch to help broaden our understanding of safety. It would be a fantastic sight if all of our members had a regular representative on the Safety & Risk Management Committee. It is the intention of the group to grow in numbers, safety is not a necessary evil but rather an intricate part of daily operations and by actively participating on the Safety & Risk Management Committee you are making an outward demonstration of your lasting commitment to safety and risk management.

In 2013 our meetings will be held on February 19th, May 21st, August 13th, and November 12th. While the locations are not been set they will be in the weeks and months to come so please watch the upcoming Pipelines for more information.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Safety and Risk Management Chairman, Mike Bearak, at [mikebearak@gmail.com](mailto:mikebearak@gmail.com) or 803-517-3962.

We hope to see you there!

Mike

# *Legislative News*

The Working Group, working on revisions of the NC One Call Law met November 19th and again December 3rd. I had asked FMI to compile a chart comparing the damages per 1000 calls to the Tolerance Zone in the 34 states that submitted information. Their chart was built on information submitted to DIRT and OCSI. The chart was a clear indicator that states with an 18" TZ experienced less damages per 1000 calls on average than states with either 24" or 30". The facility representatives of the Working Group would not accept the chart as having any value, saying there were too many other factors involved, that TZ alone was not an accurate indicator. In part, they are correct but it appeared, at least to me, that nothing we presented would be acceptable. The Electric CO-OP member held out for keeping the TZ at 30" as long as he could but finally yielded to the rest of the room and by consensus 24" was accepted along with some safe digging practices. At the December 3rd meeting the CO-OP rep announced that he was withdrawing his approval and digging was moved to the "Parking Lot" in order to move along with other issues. I sent the CO-OP rep a note saying I was appalled that he reneged on his position and that if he had done the job he had accepted he would have met with his group long ago and debated the issues so he could represent them without delay. I said that either by ignorance or design he had destroyed all the progress the Working Group had made.

My mail set off a firestorm. I am now said to have gotten too personal in my attack. I am unreasonable and too outspoken even though my mail stated that I am not a member of the Group and trusted my representative to act in my best interest without having to come back, after the fact, for my approval.

As things stand right now, I am being blamed for the lack of progress and I may very well be blamed for the total failure to get any legislation in the next session. It's the same old story, they each refuse to yield on their favorite issue. They delay and they pick some incident to blame for the failure to get anything done. In SC they made a big issue of Allen Gray having a tape recorder even though he had not used it. These people are all about liability and not at all about safety.

The saga continues....

Brad

***Coming Soon!***

**2013 NUCA CONVENTION**

**February 10-14**

**Phoenix, Arizona**

**Details—[www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com)**

**Membership Drive**

**"March Madness"**

**“Combing forces to build a better Carolinas”**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR  
DIRECT DRIVE TRAINING DAY  
JANUARY 24, 2013**

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**Gregory Poole Equipment—Garner Location**

**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

Dear NCUCA/NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS Members,

Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve as your Executive Director of this most wonderful association for the past 2 years! Has it really been 2 years? I appreciate everyone's support and confidence in me to assist with the daily operations and plan all the events of the organization. I have been truly blessed to have the opportunity to work for and get to know each and everyone of you. I could not ask for a better group of people to work with. The construction industry is tough in many ways and the people that work in it are even tougher! NUCA members continue to fight the fight to succeed! Even when times are hard, you fight for what you believe in and one of those is NUCA. You all have been so gracious to help when we ask for help with meetings and conferences. The attendance and sponsorships for the Conference at Pinehurst was proof of that. I am proud to be able to say that I am a part of your association.

We have a busy year ahead of us. I am extremely excited about adding SC to our Chapter territory. I have high hopes of recruiting a lot of new SC members and sharing this great association with them during our upcoming "March Madness" Membership Drive. We are working on all the details, but we do know that the "training day" will be January 24th at the Gregory Poole Equipment facility in Garner, N.C. I know I can count on all of you to make this a great success.

Please send me anything you would like to share with your fellow members and I will get it in the next Pipeline. If I can assist you with anything, please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime.

Thanks again for allowing me to be a part of NUCA of the Carolinas!

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