

# "The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

May, 2019

"Well done is better than well said," a quote stolen from Benjamin Franklin. Over the last year or so your board of directors has been talking about how to improve NUCA of the Carolina's from across the board. Whether it is socials, safety meetings, or conferences we have committed to providing our members with an improved association and experience. Spring Conference 2019 – MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. Thank you all who provided time and resources to make this an unbelievably successful conference. Sanders Utility and United Rentals, thank you for our key note speaker Eric Giguere. Are you a contractor member? Are you an associate member? Doesn't matter, this conference provided you with something to take home and make your company better. We were reminded that each day, no matter what we are doing, there is someone that is expecting us to return home safely. We were reminded that our decisions, in a split second, can affect so many. Get in a hurry, try to save a dollar: you are more than likely dead, buried 6 feet deep– it's a harsh reality. We had the opportunity to learn from the safety programs of others; what can we apply to our companies to be sure everyone returns home safely? Are you insured correctly, something to think about...Can you save a dollar on taxes instead of safety, something to think about...All topics provided at our spring conference. How all this is possible: Linda Goslee: job WELL DONE again!

So, here it comes, as I mentioned in October: What's next? Glad you asked. Louis Panzer, 811 extraordinaire, mentioned he was "preaching to the choir" during his presentation. Well, our job is to continue to grow the choir. During 2019 we have added 6 contractor members. We are approximately almost half way to our 2019 goal of 15. Beat the drum, share the secret of NUCA and help us grow! I am willing to bet that not a single contractor involved in the unfortunate accident in Durham has been to a single NUCA event. Would it had prevented the accident, nobody knows, and nobody would dare suggest it would have. Could those folks all benefit from NUCA? Absolutely!

May 7 and May 9 will be the NC Department of Labor construction forums, with a focus on safety that NUCA is actively involved in. Thank you Wes Sells for being involved. Members, prospective members, please support this program and send your employees. See the following pages and the NC Dept. of Labor web page for additional information.

May 21-23 several of us will be traveling to Washington, D.C., not to drain the swamp, but to swim in it; meeting with representatives to share about NUCA, to share about the needs of North and South Carolina, and to discuss additional funding for infrastructure and water and sewer. Do you have the last minute urge to join us? Please do so.

Wes, and I will be doing a webcast in early June in conjunction with the Department of Labor in an effort to continue to grow the NUCA brand. This should be a good time, just before the trench stand down, to listen in and "grow the choir."

Other upcoming events that we will be leaning on you for support include the NUCA Open on July 25, 2019, and then the Fall Conference at The Omni Homestead in October. Folks, I cannot stress enough the knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm that was present at the spring conference. As president I will challenge everyone on the Board to bring even more to the fall conference. Is it a challenge? Absolutely it is, but it is our job as an executive board to meet that challenge and we will.

What's next? Grow, listen, learn, support, participate...dig the Carolinas.....SAFELY!

**Chris Sellman, Smith Kesler and Company**  
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### Spring Conference Golf

First Place Team  
(Presented by Joe Williams)  
Brian Roznowski, Mike Evans, Matt Marion and  
Chris Broom (not shown)



### JIM LOWRY SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

"TOP GUN" - JULIE RICKETSON



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# Safety & Risk Management

NUCA of the Carolinas had 8 applicants for the Safety Awards this year. The Judges picks for the presentation part of the awards process were: Over 150,000 Manhours—State Utility Contractors and Pipeline Construction. Under 150,000 Manhours—SR&R Environmental and Gen3 Utility Services. After presenting their programs at the Spring Conference, the following were the overall results. (Unfortunately, GEN3 Energy Services were not available to make a presentation)

**OVER 150,000 MAN HOURS FIRST PLACE  
PIPELINE UTILITIES (BJ BREWER)**



**OVER 150,000 MAN HOURS—Honorable Mention  
STATE UTILITY CONTRACTORS  
(Chris Ricketson, Scott Little & Steve Brown)**



**UNDER 150,000 MAN HOURS—FIRST PLACE  
SR&R ENVIRONMENTAL  
(Randy Wright)**

## **NEXT SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2019—11:00—1:00**

**NC811 OFFICE—5009 HIGH POINT ROAD, GREENSBORO, NC**

**Lunch and Learn by NC811**

**Live locating demonstration by Mike Pratt/USIC**

**RSVP—Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org by May 10th**

# Safety & Risk Management Report

Well Spring has sprung and the NUCA Safety and Risk Management Committee will be busy the next few weeks. The NCDOL will be conducting Construction Forums on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Concord and May 9<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh. I have Greg Maready with T.A.Loving, Roger Richards with Sanders Utilities, and Brett Sondergard with United Rentals helping me train at these Forums. We will be training on Trenching and Excavations. These Forums are free to attend and everyone is welcome. This is all part of the NUCA of the Carolinas and the NCDOL Alliance Agreement. I would like to Thank Greg, Roger, Brett and their companies for allowing the time to help at these Forums. Thanks Gentlemen!!

On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have our next Safety and Risk Management Committee meeting in Greensboro, NC at the NC811 facility. The Committee meetings are open to all members who would like to attend. Please come if you can. Thanks to Louis Panzer and Ann Rushing with NC811 for hosting the Committee meeting.

For a quick safety note, the heat and humidity will be rising soon. Keep your employees hydrated. Make sure your new hires understand the importance of hydration. Energy drinks are not good for hydration. Water is the best for keeping hydrated, then replenish the body with your favorite sports drink.

From the Trenches,

Wes Sells  
Chairman  
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## Trench Safety Stand Down

2019 Trench Safety Stand Down  
June 17-21

### What is a Safety Stand Down?

A Safety Stand Down presents the opportunity for employers to talk directly to employees and others about safety. These Stand Downs will focus on trench & excavation hazards and reinforce the importance of using trench protective systems and protecting workers from trenching hazards.

### How to Conduct a Safety Stand Down

Companies will conduct a Trench Safety Stand Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity to draw attention to the specific hazards related to working in and around trenches/excavations. We ask that companies provide feedback about their Stand Down, such as when it was held, how many workers participated, how you shared information with employees. NUCA will collect the information, publicize the overall total number of participants, and publish the names of the companies that held a Trench Safety Stand Down. You can find all the appropriate documentation in the **TSSD Forms** section. stems and protecting workers from trenching hazards.

## 2019 NUCA OPEN

**THURSDAY, JULY 25TH**

**GRANDOVER RESORT, GREENSBORO, NC**

**Registration and Details Coming Soon!!!**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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**N.C. 811 reported to NUCA during the spring meeting about the challenges faced today by all parties in working toward improving damage prevention in the state.**

**The leading issue today is how enforcement can become more efficiently administered through a funding initiative. We continue to monitor the law to ensure that N.C. 811 is not included directly in the funding process moving forward. It is encouraging that language is being considered to fund this initiative.**

**Other aspects of HB 872 include the ability to accept emergency and 3 hour notices electronically.**

**Any changes that are approved and put into law will take effect October 1 2019.**

**Volume is still showing an annual increase of roughly 18%.**

**Excessive updates remain a challenge and we continue to monitor and educate around aligning actual work with the 811 process: primarily interested in making sure the work is going to take place during the time frame of an active ticket.**

**Delayed locates are also contributing to stress on the process and we hope that this will become under better control as we move forward.**

**Overall the concept of shared responsibility means that all aspects of the process need to be managed to work effectively.**

**Louis Panzer  
Executive Director  
North Carolina 811  
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