

"The Pipeline"

NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

January, 2023

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And were able to spend some time away from work with your family and friends. I hope that 2023 turns out to be a good year for all of us.

Winter came in strong this year with some extremely cold temperatures. It seems to have mellowed out a little now and hopefully it will stay that way. But regardless the short days are here for a little while longer. If you haven't, make sure you order a hoodie from Linda with the new logo on it. I got mine just in time for the cold weather. A big thanks to Paul Hunter for coming up with the logo, it looks great.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome several new members: SouthernCross Construction, Fuller & Co. Construction, Young Construction, Martin Landscaping, Excavation Marketing Pros., Dellinger, Bio-Nomic Services, Rangeline Group, and Dobbs Equipment. We would like to see you get involved and hopefully see you at our spring conference and Safety and Risk Management events. If you know any of these companies make sure that you welcome them. I would also like to thank those that have been reaching out and talking to others about joining. It is great to see our chapter growing. Keep up the good work.

Make sure you check out Greg Maready's info about safety and make plans to join him and the safety committee members at the Safety and Risk Management Meetings. The first one this year will be in February. Linda sent out the safety award application the other day. Make sure that your company participates in this and note the deadline for entries is February 10th.

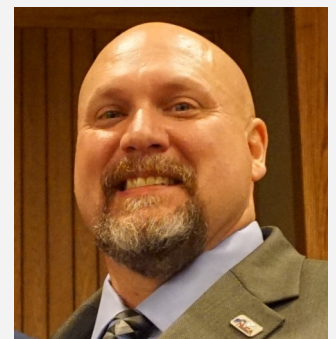
The National NUCA meeting is on March 13 which is just one day prior to the ConExpo-CON/AGC and is also located in Vegas. If you would like to attend and do not have the information, please let Linda or myself know and we can get it to you. A special thanks to Mike Hewitt for agreeing to be our NUCA of the Carolinas representative at National for another year. The National Convention will be held in October this year; check out their website if you would like more information.

Spring Conference is just around the corner and after the beginning of winter and the cold temperatures we have been experiencing it will be a welcomed relief. Make plans to join us in Myrtle Beach April 20th – 23rd. Linda will be sending out information when it becomes available.

If any of you have kids or employees that are in or starting college, make sure they submit a scholarship application. You can't win if you don't try. Also make sure to tell your coworkers about it.

Finally, the NUCA annual clay shoot is coming up soon. Linda will be providing information as soon as it comes available.

Stay Safe,
Scott Little
President-NUCA of the Carolinas
State Utility Contractors



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Happy New Year from the Young Leaders!

We have been busy the last couple of months, including our first philanthropic and outreach event. We are excited for a New Year of connecting, educating, and serving our industry and community.

On the morning of November 12th, 26 young leaders gathered in Raleigh, NC, excited to begin our first philanthropic event with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. We spent the day painting the interiors of four townhouses and installing vinyl siding. It was a full day of hard work accompanied by laughter and fun. Thanks to our sponsors for helping us raise over \$15,000 for Habitat for Humanity!

While the year was quickly coming to an end, we weren't quite finished making an impact on our community. On December 14th, Austin Merritt, Chase Boyer, Gunnar Barringer, James Bernash, and Ryan Mack met at the Career Center High School in Winston-Salem, NC. This gathering aimed to educate high school students about the utility industry and the different career opportunities we provide. We spoke with three total classes for approximately 45 minutes, each reaching over 100 students. The classes had a mixture of students from focuses on the major trades currently promoted by the state: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and masonry.

We are gearing up for an exciting year packed with events to engage the young leaders of our industry, share our passions with future generations, and support our community through philanthropic deeds. Below is a list of engagement events we plan on hosting this year. Philanthropic and outreach events will be added soon. More information will be announced on all these events, so stay tuned to our social media post, you can find us on LinkedIn and Instagram!

2023 Engagement Event Calendar

February 22, 2023 – Engagement Event in Charlotte, NC

March 22, 2023 – Engagement Event in Raleigh, NC

August 2023 – Engagement Event in Charlotte, NC

September 2023 – Engagement Event in Raleigh, NC

MEMBERSHIP! We are always looking for great people to connect with and join us. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a member of NUCA of the Carolinas Young Leaders, please reach out to one of our Board Members listed below.

The 2023 NUCA of the Carolinas Young Leaders Board Members

President: **Chase Boyer**, Indaco Risk Advisors

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Young Leaders



**YOUNG LEADERS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
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Young Leaders
Career Center High School in Winston Salem where they spoke to High School Students about careers in the Construction Industry!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Message from the Chairman

Happy New Year Everyone! Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season.

2023 is here! All of us in the Construction Industry have a lot to look forward to this upcoming year. Funding is being worked on as we speak regarding work related to the Infrastructure Bill and our National NUCA Staff and Board are actively seeking ways to make sure our industry companies and personnel are ready for the challenge that lies ahead.

No challenge regarding our work that lies ahead is as important as our attention to Safety and our Risk Exposures. We have seen an unfortunate increase in 2022 of Trench Excavation related fatalities and injuries. This increase is troubling to say the least. Efforts to educate our workforce in our industry in Trench and Excavation Best Management Practices and Safety Protocols has been in place now for over 30 years. Trench related safety issues has to be addressed at all levels of our industry; from efforts in the Heavy Civil Sector of our industry, to the home builders, and smaller sub tier contractors performing these operations. Trench work can kill you. And we are seeing way too much of these types of incidents and need to put forth our best efforts to steer our industry in a more favorable direction. One goal Jason and I have for our committee this year is to do just that. Reach as many folks as we can and help them understand this work is dangerous and it has to be performed in the safe manner we have adopted and know works to save lives.

2023 is certainly going to have its challenges. One area to keep in mind and is critical for our success is making sure we all remember the value of relationships in our industry. And that goes for every aspect of our days we get out and perform our work. From dealing with the general public, to our owners / clients, to our support personnel, and especially our workforce, the relationships we have can be the difference in success and failure. Earlier this week I saw a quote on LinkedIn from Retiring CEO Van Isley from Professional Builders Supply Co. and he stated... "This is a unique industry where relationships still win the day". Mr. Isley could not have stated it any better. Everyone of us as Safety Professionals knows the impact we have and the relationships we build with the folks that work with us each and every day. It can make a difference. Strive to keep those relationships on the forefront of all we do.

Spring Conference is right around the corner and will be held this year in Myrtle Beach. Safety Award Applications have already gone out to the membership. We have some outstanding contractors in our Chapter who are doing some amazing work. Please plan to submit a Safety Award Application this year and lets have another round of great companies and projects to present at our Annual Spring Conference!

On a personal note.... I just completed 12 incredible years at T. A. Loving Company. So humbled and thankful for the tremendous experience I had there with the staff and owners. I am moving on to the Risk Engineering side of our industry and have accepted a position with Zurich North America as a Senior Construction Risk Engineering Consultant. I am honored to have this role and serve our industry in this capacity. I will continue my role serving as committee chair to our NUCA of the Carolinas Chapter Board and look forward to seeing and spending time with all of you in the months and years to come. For those of you who have my phone number, please keep it. My number has not changed.

Our Safety and Risk Committee is an excellent opportunity to network and help keep our industry strong and viable through Productive Safe Work! We are here for you!

Stay healthy! Stay focused! Stay SAFE!

Greg Maready – NUCA Safety / Risk Committee Chair



SAFETY AWARDS

The NUCA of the Carolinas Safety Awards are for contractor members who want to document their commitment to safety and gain statewide recognition for outstanding performance. NUCA of the Carolinas aims to honor and properly recognize those of you who work diligently to provide a safe work environment for your personnel. The Safety Award is recognition from your own peers and for that reason the NUCA of the Carolinas Safety and Risk Management Committee encourages all Contractor Members to apply for this special award.

Go [HERE](#) for the application

Application Deadline is February 10th



S&RM MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

United Rentals Trench Safety

825 Purser Drive, Raleigh, N.C.

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Lunch provided by United Rentals Trench Safety

PLEASE RSVP By Friday, February 10th/Space is limited to 40 attendees

Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org

NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS CLAY SHOOT

MARCH 10, 2023

Beaver Pond Sorting Club

Snow Hill, N.C.

11:00—4:00



**Registration has been emailed and will be
available on line soon**



BBQ Lunch

PROVIDED BY JOHN KNIGHTEN—UNITED RENTALS TRENCH SAFETY

**We are so thankful to have John Knighten cooking his famous BBQ
lunch for us again this year!**

THANKS JOHN!!



SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 20-22, 2023

MARRIOTT GRAND DUNES, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!!

COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Have a plan for the below items:

Who is designated to monitor the weather and call off work for the day due to slippery conditions?

How is that communicated?

Who will inspect the project site and make safe prior to employees going to work?

Who will ensure proper supplies are on hand (ice melt, sand, cold gear, first aid, etc)?



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BE PREPARED

In the South we don't have much winter weather, but when we do – we really do. It causes accidents on the roads, around our homes, and at our construction sites.

Cold-Weather Emergencies Do Happen in The South

1. Have a plan
 - To assess and act on workplace hazards posed by sudden weather changes
2. Educate workers
 - Hypothermia, frost bite, trench foot, and chilblains
3. Be aware of weather forecasts
 - Routinely check National Weather Service forecasts
4. Require proper clothing and gear
 - Wear waterproof boots and wicking socks
5. Provide a heated break area
 - Consider mandated warm breaks
6. Remove snow and ice from the work site
 - Prevent slips, trips and falls with salt or sand and remove large pieces of ice
7. Have supervisors inspect the site
 - Ensure it is free of potential new hazards
8. Use a buddy system
 - Look out for one another and prepare traveling workers with cold-weather survival equipment
9. Prioritize recovery
 - Be mindful of physical and mental fatigue

Workers and supervisors involved with work in cold environments should be informed about symptoms of adverse effect exposure to cold, proper clothing habits, safe work practices, physical fitness requirements for work in cold, and emergency procedures in case of cold injury.

RECOGNIZE AND PREVENT

As the body burns calories and uses up water to stay warm, the cold dulls your sense of thirst. Refueling with carbohydrates, fruits, vegetables, and water is the first step to preventing serious incidents. Check the tread on footwear, keep your feet dry and supported. Look out for one another and be alert for the symptoms of cold injury. Include medical and environmental thermometers and chemical hot packs in first aid kits to help identify and treat cold-related ailments.

How to recognize a cold-related ailment:

- Shivering
- Impaired judgement, irritability
- Lack of coordination, slurred speech
- Fatigue, decreased physical function
- Unusual behavior, confusion

How to prevent a cold-related ailment:

- Hydrate, drink 4oz every 20min
- Cover ears, face, hands, and feet
- Snack on fruits and vegetables to replenish electrolytes
- Outer dress layers should be wind and water-resistant
- Wool or synthetic inner dress layers to wick away moisture



We at South Carolina 811 hope everyone had a joyous holiday and a happy New Year! After a long delay due to Covid, we celebrated the season together in person with gift exchanges, holiday meals, and even a game show standoff between our public awareness and special teams!

Out in the community, we visited Playcard Environmental Education Center's annual Swamp Fest where we got to have a great time interacting with kids and families who came out to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. We represented 811 at the Charlotte Build Expo in early December and held a public seminar on the importance of the one-call center's role in damage prevention. Finally, the Midlands Utility Coordination Committee held their year-end conference event in Columbia's Saluda Shoals Park, featuring fascinating speakers, great food, and lots and lots of gifts!

SC811 finished the year strong with nearly 1.25 million locate tickets – more than a 14.1 percent increase over 2021. Fiber/telecommunications and electric lead the majority of work types, with Greenville, Spartanburg, Horry, Charleston, and Richland Counties leading the state in ticket notices requested. We expect this trend to continue into 2023.

	September	October	November
Total Tickets Received	111,898 (+20.1% vs. 2021)	116,083 (+22.9% vs. 2021)	97,054 (+8.9% vs. 2021)

We look forward to taking on this challenge with the hard work and dedication of the SC811 family, and we thank all our partners in NUCA for their efforts as well. Have a safe and happy start to your year; we'll see you in 2023!

Misty Wise – Executive Director

NUCA NATIONAL ONE DAY MEETING AND CONEXPO

March 13th at 1:30 at the NUCA Annual Meeting in conjunction with ConExpo in Las Vegas.

Note: The NUCA room block is almost full, register today: www.nucadigs.com



Welcome to 2023! Some things change while others remain the same. We finished last year 7.1% over 2021 in terms of ticket volume. From everything we hear 2023 will also include a tremendous amount of fiber projects continuing across the state. While it's hard to predict, I wouldn't be surprised to see us around 8-10% over when the dust settles and the 2023 Christmas trees come down...

But I'm getting ahead of myself. My wife always tell me: "live in the moment." So at the moment we are getting prepared for more ticket volume in the spring! We have 4 new CSRs training at the moment and we are seeing online tickets at 78.6% in December with an average for 2022 of just over 76%. Wow. We are thankful for the tools we have to help us address volume increases while still allowing tickets to flow through the system as easily as possible for excavators.

Speaking of ease for excavators, a new Norfield product is on the way: Dig Logix. It is meant to help excavators manage their projects from design through final excavation. Visit norfielddp.com for more details.

One final note for those who are calling in tickets: please make sure to listen to the final read back from the CSR. This is your opportunity to catch any misheard or misunderstood instruction. It doesn't happen often but before you acknowledge the ticket is correct, make certain everything matches your work. If something is incorrect and the ticket is released you can still contact us to have a retransmit with the corrected info.

But why call in tickets? You all are pros! Use the digital tools, whether RTE, SAT, update Lite, revise... we have something you can use to save time and "do it yourself" as they say.

Stay safe! Stay warm! And we'll see you around the bend,

Louis Panzer
Executive Director
North Carolina 811
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Joint State UCC Conference

May 3-5, 2023

Harrah's In Cherokee

For registration/information <https://ncucc.org/joint-nc-sc-ucc/>

Be sure to attend your local UCC meetings

Don't miss out on discussions regarding various issues that impact your projects!

To view all meeting locations, visit <https://ncucc.org/county-uccs/>

Save The Dates!

FEBRUARY 14	S&RM MEETING (United Rentals, Raleigh)
MARCH 10	Clay Shoot (Beaver Creek, Snow Hill)
MARCH 13	NUCA Annual Meeting—Las Vegas
MARCH 14-18	CONEXPO—Las Vegas
APRIL 20-22	Spring Conference, Marriott Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach
MAY (TBD)	S&RM Meeting
MAY 15-17	Washington Summit
JUNE 19-23	Trench Safety Week
JULY (TBD)	NUCA Open
AUGUST (TBD)	S&RM Meeting
OCTOBER 12-14	NUCA Carolinas—Fall Conference, Omni Grove Park Inn
OCTOBER 25-28	NUCA National Annual Convention—Naples, FL
NOVEMBER (TBD)	S&RM Meeting

Scholarships



NUCA of the Carolinas Educational Foundation Scholarship Award Application and Eligibility Requirements

Who May Apply?

Any senior attending a North or South Carolina public or private high school, any college or university student who attended a North or South Carolina high school, or any high school, college or university student who is sponsored by a NUCA of the Carolinas Association member, who will be enrolling full time as an undergraduate in an academic institution. This may be a four-year college, university, or a community college. Scholarships will not exceed four years. Applicants should feel free to apply each year, including those who have been awarded in the past.

Go [HERE](#) for full application

Deadline is March 31, 2023

NEW LOGO!

Immediate Past President, Paul Hunter, announced our new Logo at the Fall Conference! Polo's, T-Shirts and Hoodies with the Logo on them are now available. If you would like to purchase any of them, please send the order form (on next page) to Linda at lgoslee@nuccarolinas.org



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Hoodie	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL

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NUCA ★ STAR

SAFETY TRAINING AWARENESS RECOGNITION

All NUCA members want to send its workers home safely every night. By participating in the NUCA STAR program you can reach those safety goals and raise the bar on safety best practices in the utility construction industry over time.

The STAR Program has been developed as a tool to aid NUCA members in evaluating, updating, and recognizing their safety program and practices. Companies who volunteer to participate in the evaluation process should see lower incident rates and accidents across the board.

KEY EVALUATION AREAS
Leadership + Culture + Procedures + Records & Database Management

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NUCA MEMBER CATEGORIES

WHICH NUCA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY IS RIGHT FOR YOUR COMPANY?



Contractor

Contractor members are at the heart of the NUCA mission. These companies are engaged in **bidding & performing**:

- Construction or rehabilitation of any/all types of utility systems
- Excavation
- Site Preparation



Specialty Contractor

Specialty Contractor members **employ & provide labor** that takes place on the job site. They **do not bid or perform utility construction, rehabilitation, or excavation work**. Examples of specialty contractors are:

- Paving contractors
- Surveying companies
- Traffic management/flagging companies
- Environmental contractors & more



Associate (Supplier)

Associate (supplier) members are companies involved with the utility construction/excavation industry but **do not provide labor or work on the job site** beyond the delivery of equipment or material. Supplies include:

- Equipment
- Materials
- Support services or software



Institutional

Institutional members are organizations that are involved in the utility construction/excavation industry. They include:

- Educational Institution (schools, universities)
- Government Agency (local, state, or federal)
- Associations, Non-profits

Whichever category, NUCA provides members and their employees in the utility and excavation industries with great value for their investment!

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