

"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

July, 2021



Summer is here!!! The days are getting longer and the mercury is rising. I hope everyone is wearing sunscreen and staying hydrated. As we enter the busiest time of the season we need to make sure we all keep the safety of our employees and our families in the forefront of our minds. Since the last newsletter we attended the Washington Summit virtually in James River Equipment's "ZOOM Room". I would like to thank Greg Fuller & Brian Dillenback with James River for setting up the conference room and providing lunch for us. Thanks to Linda for setting up the meetings with the members of congress in the House and Senate. Thanks to Glenn Foley, Gregory Poole Equipment; Mike Hewitt, Garney Construction; Greg Voltz, Fortiline and Keith Vandergrift, Ferguson Waterworks for attending as well. We made NUCA of the Carolinas voice heard along with all the other chapters across the country. The emphasis was on increased federal infrastructure support not only for roads and bridges, but for water sewer and broadband as well. We voiced concerns with the "Buy America Only" approach as well as the current difficulties the industry is having procuring and shipping materials. With the everchanging description of infrastructure it will be hard to tell what the end legislation will look like. Hopefully it will be focused on tangible assets the country truly needs.

NUCA would like to thank all the companies that participated in the Trench Safety Stand Down. It is important to take time to focus on safety not only for our employees, but our entire industry as well. Please send your information to NUCA National for recognition.

We are looking forward to the 2021 NUCA Open Golf Tournament toward the end of the month. Thanks to Chris Sellman, Kevin Cripps and Linda for organizing the event at The Cardinal by Pete Dye in Greensboro. The support has been terrific with all slots filled. Thanks to all that have helped sponsor this event! Xylem, Inc. is our "Tournament Sponsor" this year!

Linda has also arranged for The NUCA Institute for Leadership Development to offer a 2 day "Leadership Skills for Crew Leaders" program. The course will be held at James River Equipment. Please contact Linda if you are interested in sending someone.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and productive summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the NUCA Open. As always, please reach out to others in the business and tell them about our great organization.

Brian Wilkerson
JF Wilkerson Contracting
NUCA of the Carolinas President

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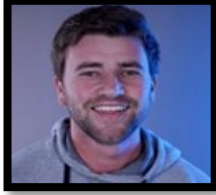
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NUCA of the Carolinas
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Wilmington, NC 28404
Visit our website: www.nucacarolinas.org

August 26 - 27, 2021 / 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Training Location:

James River Equipment
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Garner, North Carolina

Registration Fee: Members: \$725.00 / Non Members \$825.00

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Trench Safety Stand Down

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NUCA OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

2021 NUCA Open Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 29, 2021

“The Cardinal by Pete Dye”

5700 Cardinal Way
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NUCA Members I'm very excited to announce that Congressman Mark Walker & Rep. Jon Hardister will be joining us at the NUCA Open this year. This is the first time having a Representatives join us for the event. I would like to see about donating from our PAC to both of their Campaigns. But to do that we need to raise some money for the PAC. Let see what we can raise over the next two months for our PAC. If you have any questions, please contact Linda or myself. Also, just to start it off I will donate \$1,000 dollars. Thanks, Kevin Cripps



PAC Contribution form on page 14

SAVE THE DATE! FALL CONFERENCE

October 21 -23, 2021

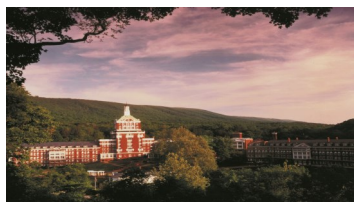
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Safety & Risk Management

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMEN

Summertime has arrived, that means the heat and humidity are also with us. We need to make sure our workers are staying hydrated. OSHA recommends 8oz of water every 20 minutes. Make sure the employees are also replacing lost fluids with some type of Sports drink and not Energy drinks. We need to train our employees on how to recognize the signs of Heat Related Illnesses such as Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, and Heat Stroke. You send out some Tool Box Safety Talks for the workers to discuss. National NUCA has revamped the Tool Box Safety Talks on their website. You, as a member, have access to them, so use them. That's what your membership dues help pay for.

I hope that everyone took a time out and held a Trench Safety Stand Down. I enjoy this type of training. I get to train in the workers environment and most of the time, it's right beside their Trench. National NUCA is compiling the total numbers on participation, but I think that we had some great involvement. Our Associate members that deal with Trench Safety really helped promote the TSSD. I really appreciate our Associate members!!! Thanks for all that you do for us. I truly believe that we can make a difference if we will keep promoting Trench Safety. If it prevents just one trench fatality, it was worth our time and effort.

On May 26th, the NCDOL held a virtual Construction Safety Forum. The NCDOL had over 50 attendees in this virtual class. I had a 15-minute session in which I promoted NUCA of the Carolinas as well as our Trench Safety Stand Down. We had several Companies respond that they would be participating in the TSSD. NCDOL also promoted the TSSD on their website. I say thanks to NCDOL for promoting the NUCA Trench Safety Stand Down and thanks for your continued support of NUCA of the Carolinas through our Alliance Agreement.

On Tuesday, August 17th, we will have our next Safety and Risk Management Committee meeting at the NC811 office in Greensboro. Please make plans now to attend. These meetings are very informative and interactive so please come or send someone from your company.

I know that everyone is very busy with work, but I encourage to continue to train and educate all of your employees. The next several months of heat can be a very tough environment to work in, especially for your new hires. I hope everyone has a safe and productive Summer. Keep digging safely!!

From the trenches—Wes Sells, BRS, Inc. NUCA Safety Committee Co-Chair

TOOLBOX

Talks

Be sure to check out NUCA's Toolbox Talks [HERE](#)
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July and August! Two months we all anticipate and look forward to with regards to some vacation time off and the start of Football Season! July and August are the heart of the HOT months we have here in the Carolinas and because we all push hard for productive days in the field, it is imperative that we do all we can to remind our employees of the Dangers of Heat Illness. Heat rash, Sunburn, Heat cramps, Heat exhaustion, and Heat stroke are areas we must all take seriously this time of year. It boils down to creating an awareness through Education for our employees to know that Drinking plenty of fluids, taking frequent breaks, and cooling down in the shade is critical for staying hydrated, alert, and healthy. Everyone please take time these next few weeks to make your employees aware of these Heat Illness areas and what to do if they begin to experience Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, or show signs of a Heat Stroke. Summer is a great time to make production, work long days, and even take some time off. None of us can do any of these things if we are sick from Heat Illness.

Stay healthy! Stay focused! Stay SAFE!

Greg Maready – NUCA Safety Committee Co Chair

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Half way through the year. Hard to believe but here we are. Volume still up over last year with anticipated increase as we see multiple projects either beginning or underway. NC 811 is continuing to hire CSRs with an eye to increasing the number of bilingual agents. We anticipate receiving a PHMSA grant which will be used partially for Spanish billboards to go up around the state. We are excited to see water tanks and tailgates sharing the 811 message all over the state and an increased awareness among homeowners. August 11 is on the horizon and with it another opportunity to educate as we roll through the summer. Is it just me or does it seem like just yesterday we were celebrating New Years? Getting old...

We are hopeful to see meetings beginning to take place live. The event center is configured to allow for hybrid meetings and NUCA is hosting one of the first in August. This may be a new reality but I am hopeful it becomes a rear view mirror situation with more companies allowing for travel in the fall.

Meanwhile I look forward to seeing folks at the NUCA open on July 29th! Stay safe, stay hydrated and may all the storms avoid making a major presence in North and South Carolina!

Louis Panzer - Executive Director

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Trench Safety Stand Down Week Ends On A Safe Note

From all initial reports, it looks like the fifth annual Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) held June 14-18 delivered to thousands of our industry's employees what NUCA sought: an increased attention to safety around jobsite excavations. So far, NUCA has TSSD 2021 reports from 238 companies, instructing 13,550 employees at 1,200 jobsites. We know more NUCA members took time during the workweek to keep their employees safe--please send NUCA your completed TSSD reports by the end of July (and event photos, too)! Submission information can be found at www.nuca.com/tssd.

Congratulations to our 2021 Scholarship Recipients!



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Volatility in the Marketplace: Lessons Learned from Price Increases of Past Pandemics (PDFs): [Summary](#) | [Full Paper](#)

Both documents will be printed in the Summer 2020 *NUCA Business Journal*.

Past Webinars are available [HERE](#) on the NUCA National Website

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With infrastructure the hot topic in Congress this spring, make sure you sign up to NUCA's Muster legislative action alert service. It's easy to do, and we'll then alert you by email to upcoming infrastructure legislation that you can help promote and support. We've even completed a pre-written letter that you can send to your federal lawmakers with a click of your mouse. Sign up today to make your company part of getting America back to work! Sign up [HERE](#).

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Infrastructure Package

Negotiations in both the House and Senate continued over the Independence Day recess, with a bipartisan House group, the Problem Solvers Caucus, announcing they support the Senate's own centrist group \$1.2 trillion (over eight years) core infrastructure plan. The caucus, which includes 29 Democrats and 29 Republicans, is significant for the GOP support, which may be enough to pass this package in the House. However, details of the package beyond a framework remain remains unknown, since no legislation formalizing this deal has been introduced in either chamber. And news reports continue to highlight that payment for the plan remains in question. [Read more here](#).

U.S. House Approves \$168 Billion for Water

On July 1, the House passed its INVEST in America Act (H.R 3684), which included a reauthorization of the surface transportation bill advocated by NUCA members during the spring Washington Summit. The bill also includes a whopping \$117 billion for the Drinking Water state revolving fund (SRF) and lead pipe replacement projects, and \$51 billion for the Clean Water SRF. These are significant increases from past funding levels, and is strongly supported by NUCA.

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While the bill does include some labor policy changes not supported by NUCA, H.R. 3684 now heads to a conference committee to work out the differences, remove partisan language that will not pass a sharply divided Congress, and merge it with the Senate's version (S. 1931). NUCA expects that Senate bill to be voted on by the upper chamber later this month before their August recess. NUCA will keep our members apprised on its progress in the weeks ahead.

SAVE THE DATE—FALL WASHINGTON SUMMIT—NOVEMBER 2-3, 2021

NUCA leadership recognizes the significant importance of this year in Congress for infrastructure funding topics, especially for certain bills we've been advocating for over the last 20 years. Please mark your calendar for November 2-3 to be part of NUCA's first in-person visits to your lawmakers' offices on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The momentum we've built in Congress for water, wastewater, and broadband issues will only grow over the summer--and we need you to help seal the deal. Held in conjunction with the NUCA fall Board of Directors meeting and Chapter Development Conference (Nov. 1), the fall 2021 Washington Summit promises to be one of the most exciting ones held in many years. We will release more details about the event in the following weeks, including hotel location and registration fees.



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What We Need from NUCA Members

Your contact information – name, email address, mailing address (for geotargeting purposes), and phone number – please ensure that your Chapter has your latest information, as Chapters will serve as our database

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