

"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

September, 2021



With the hottest days behind us I hope everyone had a safe and productive summer. I am sure we are all looking forward to the cooler days of Fall. Our 2021 NUCA open Golf Tournament was a great success. Thanks to all our sponsors. XYLEM the tournament sponsor; all the Platinum and Hole sponsors and to B.R.S., TA Loving and Foremost Pipeline for lunch and the reception. We would also like to thank Kevin Cripps for arranging an appearance by Mark Walker to talk about his upcoming run for office. Congratulations to Team KBS Construction and Team Palmetto Rock for the first and second place winners; Doug Smith and Glenn Foley for closest to the pin; Will Mitchell and Mark Bell for longest drive and Matthew Reaves for the putting contest. A special thanks to Chris Sellman & Kevin Cripps for their leadership and supervision of the event.

I have heard great things about the Crew Leader Training classes Linda and NUCA National put together. We appreciate James River Equipment and BRS, Inc. for letting us use their facilities for these events. NUCA National's new safety director Mike Flowers attended the classes. While he was in town Linda, Mike and I had an opportunity to visit some of the projects we have underway. I think Mike will be a great addition to NUCA National.

We are looking forward to the Fall Conference at the Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia. Most of the rooms in our block have been sold. Make sure you book now if you plan to attend. Please get your registrations to Linda soon if you have not already. Don't forget to let Linda know how many raffle tickets you need for the Gun Raffle.

Paul Hunter set up the Clay Shoot for December 3rd at Beaver Pond in Snow Camp, N.C. The registration will be coming out soon.

It has been an honor to serve as the President of such a great organization. I will continue to serve and support NUCA of the Carolinas until Linda says it's time to go. Hope to see all of you at the Fall Conference.

Brian Wilkerson—President/NUCA of the Carolinas

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Fall Conference

October 21 –23, 2021

The Omni Homestead Resort

Hot Springs, VA

Go [HERE](#) for registration/rooms information



S&RM MEETING

Linder Industrial Machinery

November 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.—Noon

5733 Davidson Hwy.

Concord, N.C.

Lunch & Learn

By Linder Industrial Machinery



Save the Date!

2021 Annual Clay Shoot

December 3, 2021

Beaver Pond Sporting Club—Snow Camp, N.C.

Registration coming soon!

2021 NUCA Open Golf Tournament



Kevin Cripps and Chris Sellman
Representative Mark Walker



Brian Wilkerson, Mark Walker,
Doug Carlson & Linda Goslee



Putting Contest Winner
Matthew Reaves—TA Loving



FIRST PLACE TEAM
KBS Construction



SECOND PLACE TEAM
Palmetto Rock



CLOSEST TO THE PIN
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NUCA OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 29, 2021

“The Cardinal by Pete Dye”

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Safety & Risk Management

CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

It is great to see the hot summer slowly coming to a close and Fall weather approaching. Those of us down east are still battling some hot humid days, but cool weather is starting to creep in and show us some nice cool nights and mornings across the state. I know all of you are like us, ready for some nice cool Fall weather and some nice days to keep making production.

Safety continues to be at the forefront of our work and our attention each and every day. All of us are bombarded (and tired) of the Covid 19 updates, validates, and now what appears on the horizon as mandates. At this time, no one really knows how Executive Orders, Federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), State OSHA guidelines and standards, and the overall impact of vaccination diplomacy will pan out. Our NUCA Chapter has a great working relationship with our NC and SC State Departments of Labor and our OSHA Staff members that serve us all and assist us in times of need. I encourage everyone to stay focused on the task at hand... Staying healthy across the board with our respective staff personnel and our families. Do what we can do to help prevent the spread of Covid and stay on top of the latest information that can shed some light on the final details of what all of this will look like in the end. Those of us who perform work on Federal facilities need to pay very close attention to our clients and their respective guidelines as they may change first and prior to other entities involving the public. Your Insurance Carriers and Brokers and our own connections to our folks with the NCDOL and OSHA will be helpful in following any possible changes to our current protocols for Covid responses forthcoming.

September is quickly coming to a close. Please continue to remember that Heat Stress is real and we will continue to have some warm days until the mid to end of October. Staying healthy, hydrated, and getting good rest does as much for our crews safety as anything. Maintaining good health keeps us alert, responsive, and productive. Pass along to your workers the importance of these three areas and encourage them to make Health, Hydration, and Rest a priority so their work performance can be a "Safe Day" for everyone!

As October is just around the corner, Fire Prevention is observed in the month of October and we all need to remember the importance of how fire response training is a crucial part of our industry. I encourage everyone to take some time early in the next month to reiterate how important fire protection procedures are for maintaining a safe work environment and what to do in the event you have a fire on your job site.

Thank you all for your hard work and answering the call to provide clean water and a healthy environment for all of us! Keep Digging! Greg

Greg Maready



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**NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS WELCOMES MIKE FLOWERS—
NEW SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR NUCA NATIONAL.**

**THANKS TO BRIAN WILKERSON AND MIKE COATES FOR
SHOWING MIKE AROUND SOME RALEIGH, NC JOBSITES!**

**MIKE WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE FALL CONFERENCE ON
“Critical Incident Response & Command”
Come and meet Mike!!**



**CREW LEADER CLASSES—Thanks to all that partici-
pated in the Crew Leader Training classes at BRS,
Inc. and James River Equipment. There was a total
of 45 students between the 2 classes which were a
big success!**

**If you are interested in a class, please contact
Linda Goslee—Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org**

**Trainer—Jacob Ponce/Team Safety
Mike Flowers—NUCA Safety Director**





2021 GUN RAFFLE

**BROWNING MAXUS II
12 GAUGE AUTO**

DONATED BY BRS, INC. AND TA LOVING COMPANY

Tickets

\$10.00 EACH

Only 1,000 Tickets to be sold!

Drawing to be held October 23rd/Fall Conference

Do not have to be present to win!!

FOR TICKETS TO BUY OR SELL

Please contact Linda Goslee

Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org

Or purchase at www.nucacarolinas.org



Welcome to September! Some cooler temps and as always an eye on the Atlantic and Gulf coast for weather. NC 811 continues to see strong activity in terms of volume with plenty of work happening from Manteo to Murphy. We also continue to watch the Delta variant. At this time we have all CSRs and operations working back at home. Covid has struck many of us close to home and we aren't out of the woods yet. Based on a poll of the Board members, NC 811 has elected to hold the Q3 Board meeting as a virtual only event. We are hopeful that in January a hybrid meeting can be held in Greensboro.

The Underground Damage Prevention Review Board (UDPRB) continues to address new complaints and it seems that the web format is adding to the numbers submitted. Also, it is very important to make sure the correct information is provided when submitting. Specifically the address of the entity being complained against. The UDPRB has had some returned mail due to incorrect information. Just a heads up. As always we hope situations can be resolved before this step and encourage participation in local and state UCC meetings as well as the Locate Resolution Partnership Committee.

Meanwhile continue to do what you do best: working safe to protect yourself and your workers. And bring on the fall!

Louis Panzer - Executive Director

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NUCA National

House Agrees To Vote On Core Infrastructure Bill By Sept. 27

On Aug. 24, the House passed an agreement to hold a vote on its bipartisan \$1.2 trillion core infrastructure bill (Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, or IJA) no later than Sept. 27, days before the surface transportation bill is set to expire on Sept. 30. This bill contains \$55 billion for water infrastructure and lead pipe replacement, plus another \$65 billion to install modern broadband infrastructure. It also contains \$300 billion for highway projects over the next five years. However, this bill still faces an uncertain fate, as this agreement is non-binding and may face difficulties as progressive House Democrats also demand a vote on the much more contentious \$3.5 trillion "social infrastructure" bill that has no GOP support. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) identified for Congress a wealth of tangible, state-specific benefits of the IJA that range from job creation to improved safety and mobility for decades to come. [Read more here](#) about your state's benefits.

\$3.5 Trillion "Social Infrastructure" Bill Advances

On Aug. 24, the House passed the Senate's massive \$3.5 trillion budget resolution in a 220-212 party line vote, sending it to both chamber's committees to begin building out the details of the legislation. The actual details of the legislation are being negotiated by House and Senate Democrats this week and next, but reportedly will include part of the NUCA-opposed PRO Act, as well as new federal paid leave mandates for businesses, and increased capital gains, individual, and corporate tax rates. This bill is running into Senate opposition, particularly from Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) who is worried that such a massive increase in federal spending will negatively affect inflation and the national debt. Sen. Krysten Sinema (D-AZ) also said she would not support a \$3.5 trillion bill, causing the passage of this bill to be in doubt with the two Democratic defections. NUCA has not yet taken a stance on the as-of-yet-unwritten \$3.5 trillion package, but of the details that are currently known NUCA has major concerns over some of the more overzealous climate provisions, labor policies, and proposed tax increases.

Make Plans To Attend NUCA's Fall Washington Summit, Nov. 2-3

Capitol Hill will be back in-person this fall and infrastructure will remain on top of Congress's to-do list! Join us in Washington D.C. Nov. 2-3 for NUCA's Fall Washington Summit and meet your lawmakers in person. Let them know that infrastructure and workforce development is a top priority for you and their constituents. NUCA secured the Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12th St. NW, Washington, DC) to serve as our Summit headquarters. Register for the Summit and hotel rooms at nuca.com/summit.

Sign Up For NUCA's Muster Advocacy Program

With infrastructure the hot topic in Congress this fall, 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](#).

Read NUCA Chairman-Elect Kinning's Editorial on Workforce Development

The *Omaha World-Herald*, the largest paper in Nebraska, published on Sept. 4 an editorial by NUCA Chairman-Elect Ryan Kinning on the importance of workforce development, a timely subject to write about especially in light of the industry's expected increase in water and broadband infrastructure investments over the next few years. "We are thankful for Congress's recognition that our nation's pipes and highways need more resources, and we are eagerly awaiting this money to be allocated to projects by state infrastructure fund managers. But we're going to need more Americans to join us on these new job sites," opined Kinning. Our industry already faces challenges in finding employees to undertake existing projects, and will face even tougher challenges once new projects are added to state and local project schedules. [Read more here](#).

NUCA Association News

NUCA Welcomes George Hamilton as Our Membership Development Director

George Hamilton has joined NUCA to lead the association's membership and chapter development programs. "As director of membership development, George will help NUCA and its chapters identify many more of these business executives and connect them with the value of NUCA membership," [said NUCA CEO Doug Carlson](#). Hamilton's extensive background in association membership and marketing will serve the membership goals of the association. NUCA expanded its membership last year by six percent, and is expecting increased growth this year as utility construction businesses expand their post-pandemic operations and projects. Before joining NUCA, Hamilton led the membership department for the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and served CFRE International as their marketing and membership manager. George can be reached via email at george@nuca.com.

2022 NUCA Convention Summer Special Rates Good Until Sept. 6th

As your trusted mentors told you, "the early bird gets the worm," and now you can use that advice for good effect by registering early for the Mar. 2-5, 2022 NUCA Convention in San Antonio, Texas. NUCA encourages you to take advantage of our frugal Summer Special registration rates, now in effect until Labor Day, Sept. 6. Register [here](#).

NUCA Webinars: Online All The Time, Registration Open For Sept. 8 Event

If you missed the August webinar sponsored by NUCA National Partner Cemen Tech, you are in luck thanks to NUCA's online presence! August's webinar, "How Volumetric Technology Benefits The Industry," is available anytime on NUCA's YouTube channel. Our September 8 (2pmET) webinar sponsored by NUCA National Partner Tenna, "Construction Technology and the Coming Tide in Equipment Management," is now open for your registration. Go here for both webinars: <https://www.nuca.com/webinars>

NUCA Is At The Utility Expo in September: Come By And See Us

If you are attending @TheUtilityExpo Sept. 28-30, be sure to stop by NUCA's booth B1215 and say hello! Cemen Tech is kindly hosting our NUCA reception at the Expo on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4:00pm in booth K164. This will be an opportunity to connect with NUCA members and NUCA CEO Doug Carlson. You can find out more about this enormously large industry event (including registration) at www.theutilityexpo.com. See you in Louisville, Ky., NUCA members!

NUCA WINS 2.1: Now More Incident Reporting Capability

NUCA WINS 2.1 builds upon the innovation and success of the original smartphone app, adding to its existing injury, safety and utility strike capabilities, the ability to record vehicular, third-party liability, property damage, and environmental incidents. With the version 2.1 release, NUCA WINS now has the ability to link, document and track multiple incidents under the umbrella of a single episode. The app records all incident information, including pictures, witness statements, sketches, audio recordings and responses. Once you use NUCA WINS, you'll wonder how you managed your jobsites without it. For more information, please call NUCA at 703-358-9300 or go online to NUCAWins.com.

Expanded NUCA Advantage Member Benefits Program

Our association's popular benefits program is expanding to help address our members' many business needs. The expanded program is now online at www.NUCAAdvantage.com and includes the online portal to an expanded healthcare benefits options, payroll, wellness, compliance, benefits administration, online learning, OSHA logs, and includes a wealth of free benefits available only to NUCA members.

NCUCA PAC

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Please contact NUCA's membership department for more information about your many new NUCA Advantage benefits.

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With real-time engagement analytics and the ability to export campaign and contact data — your organization can measure ROI, discover new supporters, and benchmark member engagement.

What Muster Does for NUCA Members

Muster – our new grassroots campaign platform – will allow NUCA to mobilize its membership for grassroots messaging campaigns, conduct geotargeted member surveys, and easily communicate with NUCA members on state and national issues. Our new convenient platform gives you a direct line to your Members of Congress and the Administration, and makes it easy to join other NUCA members in making your voice heard about the issues that matter to you and your business.

Muster messages will consist of email broadcasts and targeted online messaging campaigns which allow you to send letters to your state and federal lawmakers with only a few clicks, helping you to contact your representatives on issues that matter while only taking a few minutes out of your busy day. At a time when everything is virtual, your participation in our grassroots campaigns will be more effective than ever in pushing for positive change on NUCA issues.

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

NUCA will be using an OPT-OUT system –

Please contact your ED as soon as possible if you do not wish to be contacted with NUCA grassroots communications. If you wish to opt-out in the future, please email zack@wymanassociates.net with your name and NUCA Chapter.

Note: this option will also remove you from member surveys and news broadcasts sent out through Muster