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68th Annual Convention and a Great Time but Cold and Slippery

Thanks to hospitality of the Alerus Center and the Canad Inn of Grand Forks the AGC of North Dakota completed a very successful convention on December 4-5, 2017 even with a smaller than registered attendance due to some very slippery roads and cool weather. The convention attendance was down due to the winter weather but those in attendance did a great job of filling their time with a quiet welcome party night, well attended Safety Breakfast, seminars, division meetings, Keynote Luncheon, Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet signaled the end of Rob Rebels reign as Association President and the kick-off for Tom Todd's year in the spot-light. Everyone needs to know that Rob Rebel is not quite done with his Board service so don't relax too much as he still has time to pull some kind of Rob prank on you as he serves in his role as Immediate Past President. Rob thanks a lot for your service to the AGC of North Dakota and the fun, laughs and leadership. Tom Todd of Northwest Contracting, Inc. although somewhat quieter than Rob will (if you watch for it) provide outstanding leadership and I know we'll have some fun during his term. Thanks to both Rob and Tom for helping to make the 68th Annual Convention a great event. I'd be remiss if I didn't express out complete gratitude and wonder at the performance of Dirk Elsperman AGC of America Vice-President who not only filled his normal AGC of America duties but provided the best Keynote Luncheon presentation ever. Dirk thanks for stepping in and filling the void for our absent Chad Greenway. Thanks to all those in attendance, the many member event sponsors, including the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau for the \$1000 grant, the wonderful member seminar speakers including: Josh Welle – Welle Law; Paul Meyer – Larkin Hoffman; Wes Anderson – BMO Harris Bank; and Jack Kolberg – Sustainable Safety Solutions, LLC (filling in for absent Bob Emmerich). Great seminars all and we are sorry for the lower than expected numbers but we just haven't mastered controlling the weather yet and will work on that as soon as we get our hands around getting the ND Legislature to pass all the bills we support. Thanks for all our member support and please know this weather trend just can't continue and we'll work on making the 69th Annual Convention the best ever and pray that Mother Nature cooperates better than in the past 2 years. View [Convention Pictures](#) (this flickr link in on AGC of ND homepage bottom)

View Event Sponsors;

- [Safety Breakfast](#)
- [Keynote Luncheon](#)
- [Awards Banquet](#)

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AGC of North Dakota Board Members and Officers Elected

During the recently completed 68th Annual Convention the AGC of North Dakota elected the following new directors to the Board:

- Building Division – Scott Kringstad – Construction Engineers, Inc. – Grand Forks
- Highway Division – Trevor Christianson – Mayo Construction Company, Inc. – Cavalier
- Municipal/Heavy Division - Sally Miskavige – Opp Construction Company – Grand Forks



Mission Statement:

"The AGC of North Dakota is the unified voice of the construction industry promoting quality, integrity, and commitment to completing projects successfully and safely."



Area DOT Bid Letting Dates

**ND-DOT
Bid Letting Dates
2018**

- February 2
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13

**MN-DOT
Bid Letting Dates
2018**

- January 26
- February 2
- March 23
- April 27

**MDT
Bid Letting Dates
2018**

- February 8
- February 22
- March 15
- March 29

**SD-DOT
Bid Letting Dates
2018**

- January 24
- February 7
- February 21
- March 7

- Associate Division – Subcontractor – Susan Shearer – Harvey Sand & Gravel, Inc. – Harvey
- Elected National Governor – Donn Diederich – Industrial Builders, Inc. – Fargo

At the December 5th Board of Director’s Meeting the following were elected as your 2018 Association officers:

- President & Building Division Vice President – Tom Todd – Northwest Contracting, Inc. – Bismarck
- Senior Vice President – Highway Division Vice President – Steve McCormick, Jr. – Northern Improvement Company – Bismarck
- Municipal/Heavy Division Vice President – Mike Gowan – Gowan Construction, Inc. – Oslo
- Associate Division Vice President – Jon Shilling – General Equipment & Supplies, Inc. – Fargo
- Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Lauwers, Dawson Insurance, Fargo.

These individuals are ready to work hard for the AGC of North Dakota and you. Please get involved and help them keep the construction industry in North Dakota sustainable, safe and successful.

2018 AGC of North Dakota Board of Directors



Back Row: Russ Hanson – Executive VP, Brad Beyer, Paul Hartmann, Donn Diederich, Steve Hsu
Middle Row: Nancy Slotten, Jeremy Stigen, Mike Gowan, Paul Diederich, Scott Kringstad, Trevor Christianson
Front Row: Sally Miskavige, Wayne Lauwers, Steve McCormick, Jr., Tom Todd, Rob Rebel, Susan Shearer

Dinah Roberson AGC of ND Accounting Manager to Retire February 1, 2018



The retirement of Dinah Roberson the AGC of ND Accounting Manager was announce at this year’s Annual Convention Award Banquet. The membership recognized Dinah for her years of service to the Association and offered her best wishes for the future. The AGC of ND staff wishes to thank Dinah for her leadership, service and friendship. Dinah was always upbeat and helpful in the office and at all of the many Association events. Dinah it’s been wonderful having you at the AGC and wish you well in the future. We will miss you

and will always be grateful you became a part of our lives.

Happy Trails!
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March 21

**WY-DOT
Bid Letting Dates
2018**

February 8
March 8
April 12

Milt Gowan Receives Honorary Member Award

This year's Awards Banquet found Milt Gowan, President of Gowan Construction, Inc. receiving the Associations Honorary Member for distinguished service and leadership in North Dakota's construction industry. Like Milt's father Roy, Milt has worked hard to improve the efficiency, sustainability and safety in the State's construction practices and policies. So, a big thanks to Milt for his past work and congratulations for being a member of a very impressive group of individuals who've receive this high award.



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OSHA Sets Compliance Date for Crane Operator Certification Requirements

OSHA recently issued a final rule determining that Nov. 10, 2018, as the date for employers in the construction industries to comply with a requirement for crane operator certification. The final rule became effective Nov. 9, 2017.

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Workplace Fatalities Increase 7 Percent from 2015 to 2016

According to OSHA, there were 5,190 workplace fatalities in 2016, a 7 percent increase from 2015. The fatal injury rate also increased from 3.4 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers in 2015 to 3.6 in 2016. More workers lost their lives in transportation incidents than any other event in 2016, accounting for about one out of every four fatal injuries. Workplace violence injuries increased by 23 percent, making it the second most common cause of workplace fatality. The report also shows the number of overdoses on the job increased by 32 percent in 2016, and the number of fatalities has increased by at least 25 percent annually since 2012.

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Make Plans to Attend the ND CGA Safety Summit!

January 31st to February 1st, 2018

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Tax Reform's Impact on Your Construction Business & Market

Complimentary AGC WebEd: Jan. 30 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET

Register today for this complimentary AGC webinar. Congress recently passed the most far-reaching tax reform legislation since 1986. No matter what your construction market—public or private—or construction firm—C-corporation, S-corporation, LLC, LLP, or partnership—the new tax reform law will have an impact on you. During this webinar, you will hear tax and accounting firm CBIZ's Cord Armstrong—a CPA and leader in the firm's National Construction Industry Practice Group—AGC's lead infrastructure and tax policy experts—Sean O'Neill and Matt Turkstra, respectively—and AGC Chief Economist Ken Simonson discuss:

- The impact of the new law on your construction business—no matter the type, C-corp, S-corp, LLC, partnership or so forth;
- Things your business should consider before converting to a C-corp, such as the 20 percent pass-through deduction and how it works;
- Changes to tax incentives for public and private construction, including but not limited to private activity bonds and the historic tax credit;
- Ambiguities in the law to be aware of and the chances of this Congress enacting "technical corrections" to address them;
- What's next for the Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service when it comes to issuing guidance and regulations to help you understand how to comply; and
- How AGC advocated for your construction business throughout this process and continues to do so.

For more information, [click here](#) or contact Matt Turkstra at matt.turkstra@agc.org.

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Section 232 Report on Foreign Steel Imports Reaches Trump's Desk

On Jan. 11, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross delivered his "Section 232" report on the national security threat posed by foreign steel mill product imports to the president. Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act allows the president to utilize his "statutory authority to adjust imports" without Congress' approval if a government-led inquiry yields sufficient evidence of a threat. President Trump now has 90 days to review the Commerce Department's findings and recommend remedies, likely in the form of tariffs, quotas, or some sort of hybrid package. Should the administration act on the report, the construction industry may see an increase in steel prices. [Read More](#)

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2018 National Safety Stand Down to Prevent Falls - May 7-11, 2018

OSHA has announced the dates for next year's Safety Stand Down. This is a voluntary event that encourages employers to have a conversation with their workers about fall hazards and prevention. The week-long event is sponsored by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and CPWR (The Center for Construction Research and Training).

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WebEd/Video Conferences

[WebEd: Tax Reform's Impact on Your Construction Business & Market](#)

January 30, 2018 - 2:00pm to 3:30pm

[WebEd: The Survival Guide for General Contractors](#)

February 15, 2018 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

[WebEd: You Don't Know What You're Talking About: How Data Defuses Difficult Conversations](#)

February 21, 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm

[WebEd: Scheduling Best Practices](#)

March 13, 2018 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

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Don't Forget These Great Member Benefits

The following offers are some of the membership benefits in the AGC of North Dakota. Check them out and start getting the advantages now.

- [AGC of America Member Discount Page](#)
- [National Purchasing Partners – AGC of North Dakota](#)

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Construction Project Manager Course

January 21-26, 2018
Crown Plaza Hotel Atlanta SW
Atlanta, GA

Conference on Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management

January 29-31, 2018
Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort
Naples, FL

2018 NDCGA 811 Safety Summit

January 31 – February 1, 2018
Bismarck Event Center
Bismarck, ND
(More Later)

AGC of America 99th Annual Convention

February 26-28, 2018
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

AGC In-House Environmental Managers Meeting

February 28, 2018 - 9:00am to 4:00pm
Hyatt Regency New Orleans SW
New Orleans, LA

Construction Project Manager Course

Sunday, March 18, 2018 to Friday, March 23, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia

ND Asphalt Conference

Ramada Bismarck Hotel
April 10-11, 2018

Federal Contractors Conference

May 1-3, 2018
Ritz-Carlton
Pentagon City, Virginia

Annual AGC/Corps of Engineers Meeting

Omaha, NE
May 9-10, 2018

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