



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

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## Chapter News

### Your Membership Comes with Benefits

More often than we'd like to admit, we get asked, "what am I getting for my dues?" Sure, there are the national discounts at Fed Ex, GMC, hotels, etc., but your AGC of ND staff also works hard every day to stay educated on ever-changing legislative, regulatory, safety, workforce and environmental issues so that you can tend to the everyday business of doing your job. If you ever have any questions or suggestions, call us! Or drop by – we love visitors. We need to know what you're thinking. It is our goal that one year from now, every member will know exactly what their dues are getting them. January and February are busy months for your AGC of ND staff. Following are some of the things we'll be doing to help represent and improve our industry.

### AGC of ND Will Be Active at 2019 Legislature - By Russ Hanson, Executive Vice President

As we have since the AGC of ND's inception in 1951, your association will be a constant presence as the leading organization representing all types of commercial construction. AGC of ND will be at the Capitol every day during the 2019 Legislature representing the best interests of your business.

You are a key to this success. With a citizen legislature, the House and Senate members truly listen to citizens when they contact them about issues affecting their industry. AGC of ND sends a weekly legislative report each Friday afternoon. The report includes an overview of key activities of the week, a preview of the upcoming week, and a status report on all the legislation the association is monitoring. Please take a few minutes each week to review the report. When asked to contact your legislators, please do. The process of contacting them is very easy and included in the weekly email. It takes but a few minutes.

There are many issues we will be involved with including: adequate funding of all types of construction, maintaining reasonable WSI policies to ensure the best workers compensation rates and benefits in the nation are maintained, taxation, general business policies, maintaining an open/transparent bid process, and generally *"keeping the government out of your business when it is not necessary."*

In addition, if you have thoughts, suggestions, or input on any legislation during the 2019 session – please contact me at [rhanson@agcnd.org](mailto:rhanson@agcnd.org) and I will be certain to share it with the AGC of ND Board leadership for consideration.

Working together, we will have much success again in 2019!

### Spec Committee Meeting

The joint AGC/NDDOT Spec Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on January 9th in Bismarck. NDDOT agenda items include:

- Bid Opening Sign on System (BOSS) for DBEs
- E-Ticketing
- Utility Coordination Special Provision
- Concrete Pavement Joint Sealant NTPEP provisions
- Asphalt Crack Sealant
- Various HMA Density Topics: Intelligent Compaction Program, Percent Within Limits Spec, Longitudinal Joint Density Spec
- State Optioned Aggregate Sources
- Type 2 Glass Beads for Pavement Markings

If you have any questions, comments or would like to participate in the meeting, please contact Spec Committee Chair [Ted Billadeau](#).

### Safety Training

**FREE** is a four-letter word we all love to hear. The following training sessions are **FREE** as part of your membership with the AGC of North Dakota. If you would like more information on any of the sessions or to register, please contact [Jack](#).

- H2S, Benzene, and GHS (HazCom) - January 8th - Minot
- H2S, Benzene, and GHS (HazCom) - January 9th - Minot
- OSHA 10 - January 15th-16th - Grand Forks
- Silica and Permit required Confined Space - January 22nd - Minot
- Silica and Permit required Confined Space - January 23rd - Minot
- MSHA Refresher - January 24th - Bismarck
- ECCS Refresher - January 25th - Bismarck
- OSHA 10 - February 5th-6th - Fargo
- Trenching and Excavating - February 12th - Minot
- OSHA 10 - February 13th-14th - Minot
- Trenching & Excavating - March 4th - Grand Forks
- Trenching & Excavating - March 12th - Grand Forks
- OSHA 10 - March 12th & 14th - Grand Forks

### NDDOT Erosion & Sediment Control Certification Program

This four-year certification is **required** of all Prime Contractor Erosion Control Supervisors, Subcontractor Erosion Control Supervisors working on NDDOT construction projects. Topics include: Regulations & Special Provisions, temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures, SWPPP, and project management. Because this class is offered in conjunction with the NDDOT, the cost is \$300.00.

To register for an Erosion & Sediment Control Certification class [Click Here](#) then choose "Register Student" and select the class you wish to attend. After you've registered for a class, you will receive a confirmation email which will contain a link to pay for the class and a

link to the hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved under NDDOT-ESCC for each date.

- January 15-16, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND – **OPENINGS AVAILABLE** ([contact Carey](#))
- January 22-23, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND - Registration Deadline 1-8-19
- February 12-13, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND - Registration Deadline 1-29-19
- February 19-20, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND - Registration Deadline 2-5-19
- March 12-13, 2019 – Holiday Inn Fargo - Fargo, ND - Registration Deadline 2-26-19
- March 19-20, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND - Registration Deadline 3-5-19
- April 2-3, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND - Registration Deadline 3-19-19

#### Rigger Level 1 & Signalperson Qualification Class

We will be hosting two NCCCO Rigger and Signalperson Qualification classes. The cost for the class is \$300. A minimum of 15 participants is required for the classes to take place. Please contact [Carey](#) to register as soon as possible.

- February 25-26 in Bismarck – Registration Deadline 2-18-19
- February 27-28 in Fargo – Registration Deadline 2-18-19

#### AGC of North Dakota Annual Convention

Our 69th annual convention held at the Grand Hotel in Minot last month was a huge success thanks to our attendees, sponsors, and speakers. Follow the links below to see all the convention pictures and sponsors.

[Photo Gallery](#)

[Sponsors](#)



#### Dates to Remember

January 25-27: [AGC of ND Winter Outing/Recessed Board Meeting - Chandler, AZ](#)

May 8-9: [Joint AGC/COE Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE](#)

May 18: [Touch a Truck - Mandan, ND](#)

July 17-18: [AGC of ND Summer Outing Scholarship Fundraiser - Bismarck, ND](#)

[For a complete list of AGC of North Dakota events click here](#)

#### Bid Lettings

<a href="#">ND-DOT</a>	<a href="#">MN-DOT</a>	<a href="#">MDT</a>	<a href="#">SD-DOT</a>	<a href="#">WY-DOT</a>
February 8, 2019	January 25, 2019	January 24, 2019	January 16, 2019	January 10, 2019
March 8, 2019	February 22, 2019	February 7, 2019	January 23, 2019	February 14, 2019
April 12, 2019	March 22, 2019	February 21, 2019	February 6, 2019	March 14, 2019
May 10, 2019	April 26, 2019	March 14, 2019	February 20, 2019	April 11, 2019
October 11, 2019	May 17, 2019	March 28, 2019	March 6, 2019	May 9, 2019
November 8, 2019	June 7, 2019	April 11, 2019	March 20, 2019	July 11, 2019

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## Member News

Want to see your news here? [Send Carey your news!](#)

## National News

#### Supreme Court Ruling Sets Limits on Critical Habitat under Endangered Species Act

A recent U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) decision found that critical habitat must be actual habitat for a species and that decisions not to exclude areas from critical habitat are subject to judicial review—a ruling that many are heralding as a check on regulatory overreach. In *Weyerhaeuser Co. v. the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*, the plaintiff challenged the FWS on its designation of an unoccupied area, not currently habitable to the species, as critical habitat for the dusky gopher frog. The Fifth Circuit court deferred to the Service. However, SCOTUS remanded the case back to the circuit court to determine the meaning of "habitat" specific to the facts in this case and whether FWS's designation of critical habitat was "arbitrary and capricious." [Read More](#)

#### Volunteers Needed To Serve on Association's Environmental Steering Committee

Each year, AGC seeks nominations for qualified and motivated individuals from the AGC Environmental Forum to serve on the steering committee for the forum. Would you like to play a leadership role in AGC of America's environmental advocacy, education and outreach efforts? [Read More](#)



[For a complete list of AGC of America events Click Here](#)

## AGC WebEd/Podcasts

#### The Opioid Crisis & Construction

Check out the [latest episode](#) of the ConstructorCast for an in-depth look at how the opioid crisis is impacting the construction industry and what firms can do to help protect their employees. Hear from four experts from across the country about prevention, treatment, and the importance of communication when it comes to tackling this increasingly threatening problem. Search for ConstructorCast in your

podcasts app or stream or download the episode [here](#).

### OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica

February 27, 2019 – 2:00pm ET – Free to AGC Members This webinar will cover:

- Respirable Crystalline Silica's Definition and Associated Health Hazards
- Principal Elements of 2 OSHA Standards to Protect Workers from Exposure to
- Respirable Crystalline Silica: one for Construction (29 CFR 1926.1153), and one for General Industry / Maritime (29 CFR 1910.1053)
- Types of Required Control Measures and Respiratory Protection for Respirable Crystalline Silica and more. [Continue Reading](#)

## Training/ Education Opportunities

9,316  
Training Hours YTD  
Provided by AGC of ND

### Erosion & Sediment Control Classes

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April 2-3, 2019 – Ramada Hotel Bismarck - [Register](#)

### Professional Crane Operators Certification Classes

January 15-18, 2019 – Delta by Marriott Fargo – [Register Today](#)

### Rigger Level 1/Signalperson Qualification Classes

February 25-26, 2019 - Grand Forks

February 27-28, 2019 - Delta by Marriott Fargo

### Crane Training for Owners, Project Managers, Superintendents

March 26-27, 2019 – AGC Office Bismarck

March 28-29, 2019 – Fargo

## 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 Discounts](#)

[National Purchasing Partners – AGC of North Dakota](#)

[General Project Advertisements - View and list project opportunities](#)

[AGC Career Center - Find a Job, Post a Resume or Job Opening](#)



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