



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

July 9, 2019

Chapter News

Summer Outing

The Wednesday and Thursday you've been waiting for all year are next week – It's Summer Outing time! A couple reminders for each day:

Wednesday, July 17th: Prior to the Division Meetings starting at 3pm, there will be a **General Assembly at 2:45pm** in the Renoir/Russell Room to select two Elected Governors to the AGC of America Board of Governors.

Thursday, July 18th: This is a fundraiser for the AGC of North Dakota Education Foundation, so **bring cash!** Volunteers will be asking for donations on several holes with all proceeds going to scholarships. In return, you have the opportunity to jump a tee and earn your donation back.

If you haven't registered yet, [CLICK HERE](#).

Northern Valley Career Expo Exhibitor Space Available

More than 1,700 high school students from around the Northern Valley region will be at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks on October 30th to explore high-wage, in-demand careers. The AGC of North Dakota is once again sponsoring this expo and offering booth space to members at no cost. If your company would like to help promote the construction industry and network with future employees, contact [Carey](#). Space is limited..

Let MSHA Know How You Feel

On February 24, 2017, President Trump Signed an act entitled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda." This act enables mine operators to express concerns and suggest regulatory changes for the Mine Safety & Health Administration. The AGC of ND Safety Committee is preparing a document to be submitted with suggestions not only to MSHA, but to our Congressional constituents in Washington as well. If you would like to have your thoughts or concerns included, please email our safety consultant Jack Kolberg at jkolberg@agcnd.org.

Great News for Employers: Rate Reductions & Dividends from Workforce, Safety, & Insurance

WSI's consulting actuaries completed the WSI 2019-20 annual premium rate review. The 2019/20 indications were for a statewide average rate decrease of 8.5 percent. The WSI Board recommended the actuarial recommendation and that recommendation was approved by the Governor.

All premiums for the 2019/20 reporting period will be calculated using a payroll wage cap of \$36,400 which is an increase of \$900 per covered worker from the 2018/19. The net effect of the 8.5 percent average statewide rate decrease combined with the change in the payroll cap will result in an average statewide premium decrease of approximately 7.1 percent.

Proposed rate changes for individual rate classifications vary, ranging anywhere from a decrease of 23.5 percent to an increase of 6.5 percent. Under this proposal, rates for 113 rate classifications will be decreased, rates for 22 classifications will be increased and rates for 6 classifications will remain the same.

In other good news, the WSI Board of Directors made a recommendation to issue a 50% premium dividend credit to policyholders. This recommendation is pending approval by the Governor.

The dividend credit will be applied against policyholders renewing during the FY 2019-20, who are in good standing with the agency and are not minimum premium accounts. The credit will reflect 50% of the prior year's premium less safety discounts, ensuring no account total is less than \$250 after the dividend credit is applied.

Including this recent dividend, total dividends issued in 14 out of the last 15 years will amount to approximately \$1.4 billion. This includes the estimated \$118 million dividend for the 2019-20 policy year.

Bison Tailgating

The AGC of North Dakota, NDSU's College of Engineering, and the AGC Student Chapter are working to put together a member/alumni tailgating event at a football game this fall. If you have a tailgate spot and would be interested in "hosting" the event, please contact [Carey](#).

July Member Benefit Spotlight

AGC's Utility Division Safety Committee has selected **Compatica** as a recommended solution for **Workplace Incident Recording and Management**. Compatica has been designed by industry experts to prevent the negative outcomes of delayed and inaccurate Workplace Incident reporting, including upwards-spiraling claims costs, opportunities for fraud, contentious utility damage claims, and avoidable legal actions. The AGC has negotiated a significant fee discount for its members, guaranteeing its affordability. To learn more about Compatica, sign up for a free webinar at <https://www.compatica.com/agc/>

Dates to Remember

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

December 9-10: AGC of ND 70th Annual Convention - Fargo, ND

January 24-26 – Winter Outing & Recessed Board Meeting – Chandler, AZ

May 6-7, 2020 – Joint AGC/COE Meeting – Omaha, ND

Bid Lettings

Bid Envelopes are available at the office, contact [Stacey](#).

ND-DOT

July 12, 2019
August 9, 2019
September 13, 2019
October 11, 2019

MN-DOT

July 26, 2019
August 23, 2019
September 27, 2019
October 25, 2019

MDT

July 11, 2019
August 15, 2019
September 5, 2019
September 19, 2019

SD-DOT

August 21, 2019
September 4, 2019
September 18, 2019

WY-DOT

July 11, 2019
August 8, 2019
September 12, 2019
October 10, 2019

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Member News

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National News

Support the Workforce for Expanding Economy Act

According to a recent survey conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America, 78 percent of construction firms are facing difficulties hiring workers. Currently, our nation's immigration system provides the high-tech sector, agricultural businesses, and seasonal employers with options for legal, work authorized immigrants - **It does not for construction.**

The [Workforce for an Expanding Economy Act](#) has been introduced in Congress. This legislation is beneficial for the construction industry because it would:

- Allow contractors to hire year-round construction guest workers, who otherwise have no legal immigration avenue.
- Provide industries, like construction, access to tens of thousands of new temporary workers while protecting American jobs.
- Alleviate incentives for individuals to illegally enter the country.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit the pre-written message and tweet to your members of Congress or customize it with personal information on how this issue impacts you and your company.

Contractors Need Not Apply

On June 25, the U.S. Employment and Training Administration issued a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to establish a process for recognizing Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs) that would operate in parallel with the existing registered apprenticeship system. However, the construction industry would not "initially" be eligible to participate in this proposed IRAP process. In a statement, AGC CEO Stephen E. Sandherr noted that "[a]t a time when the vast majority of construction firms report having a hard time finding qualified workers to hire, it is deeply troubling that the Trump administration has opted to not include the sector in its new apprenticeship proposal." For the complete AGC statement, [CLICK HERE](#). AGC will submit comments on the proposal by the August 26 deadline.

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

AGC WebEd/Podcasts

Subcontractor Bond Forms

Many general contractors continue to consider bonds the best way to guarantee their subcontractors' performance. In recent years, as construction projects have increased in size and owners have tightened schedules, shifted risk and increased their liquidated damages for any unexcused delays, some have questioned whether subcontractor bonds can continue to meet contractors' business needs. Watch [AGC of America's WebEd recording](#) to explore the bond forms and business practices that both promise and suggest that the answer is "yes." As the speakers will explain, bond forms can authorize a significant measure of self-help without depriving sureties of their opportunity to investigate.

Practical Implementation - Lean on Construction Projects - July 31st - 1-2 pm CST

Are you looking to incorporate a lean approach on your construction projects? Lean strategies on a jobsite help reduce the scramble of tight timelines, waste in terms of time and talent and helps trade partners communicate better with greater accountability. Implementing Lean on a project team can be both challenging and rewarding. In this [AGC WebEd](#) learn how VJS Construction Services successfully implemented lean strategies.

Training/ Education Opportunities

6,023
Training Hours YTD
Provided by AGC of ND

AGC of ND Safety Services Class Schedule

Please contact [Jack](#) if you would like to register or if you need training that is not listed. As always, these classes are free to AGC members.

- July 9 & 10 - OSHA 10 - Fargo
- July 10 - Trenching & Excavating (P.M.) - Fargo
- July 23 & 24 - OSHA 10 - Dickinson
- July 24 - Trenching & Excavating (P.M.) - Dickinson
- July 30 & 31 - OSHA 10 - Minot
- July 31 - Confined Space (P.M.) - Minot
- August 1 - Trenching & Excavating - Minot
- August 6 & 7 - OSHA 10 - Williston
- August 7 - Trenching & Excavating (P.M.) - Williston
- August 8 - Permit Required Confined Space/Fall Protection - Williston
- August 13 & 14 - OSHA 10 - Bismarck
- August 14 - Trenching & Excavating (P.M.) - Bismarck
- August 20 & 21 - OSHA 10 - Fargo
- August 21 - OSHA Recordkeeping (P.M.) - Fargo
- August 27 & 28 - OSHA 10 - Grand Forks

August 28 - OSHA Recordkeeping (P.M.) - Grand Forks
September 3 & 4 - OSHA 10 - Minot
September 4 - Trenching & Excavating (P.M.) - Minot
September 10 & 11 - OSHA 10 - Bismarck
September 11 - Forklifts (P.M.) - Bismarck
September 17 & 18 - OSHA 10 - Dickinson
September 18 - Trenching & Excavating - Dickinson
September 23-27 - OSHA 30 - Grand Forks

CFMA Conference - October 16-18, 2019 Las Vegas, NV

The Construction Financial Management Conference is jointly sponsored by the AGC of America and the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA). This conference is specifically for financial professionals in the construction industry to dialogue and address situations unique to the industry. If you are an owner, CFO, controller, CPA, auditor, consultant, banker, surety or legal professional, this conference is for you.

Member Benefits

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

[AGC of America Member Discounts](#)

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



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