



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

February 7, 2019

Chapter News

Successful Winter Outing

A record number of attendees conducted association business, networked, and enjoyed the sun at the annual Winter Outing and Recessed Board Meeting held this year in Chandler, AZ.

"We had many first-time attendees and youth which made for great conversation and fun. An enjoyable time was had by all," said Board President Steve McCormick Jr. "The only drawback was coming back to the minus 60-degree windchills!"

Highlights from the Board meeting include:

- Creation of a Membership Committee composed of first and second-year Board members
- Acceptance of new member applications
- Discussion of 2019 legislative issues affecting our industry

AGC of ND Active at North Dakota Legislature – by Executive Vice President Russ Hanson

The AGC of North Dakota has been a constant presence at the Capitol since January 3rd and the beginning of the 2019 Legislative Assembly. Currently, the chapter is involved with about 65 bills which is a tad lower than our norm (usually 80-85). While the bill count is down, the importance of those we are advocating for/against has never been higher. We are supporting funding for all forms of commercial construction valued at approximately \$1 billion in total, transparent bidding/ award process, and business-friendly Workers Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, and general business policy are all on the agenda.

Please be sure to read the AGC of ND Legislative Report sent each Friday to keep updated on the progress of our agenda. Also, when asked to respond, please do so. Our legislators respond when contacted by constituents affected by the legislation. Your participation makes a difference in the legislative success of the AGC of ND.

OSHA's Crane Operator Evaluation Rule – by National AGC CEO Steve Sandherr

Tomorrow, Feb. 7, 2019, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will require all contractors to evaluate crane operators under the new final rule regulating crane operator qualification and evaluation. As an AGC member, we want to ensure that you and your business not only know about how your association worked to make this rule less burdensome, but also share some valuable [AGC educational resources](#) that will help your company comply.

AGC of America has spent nearly 16 years working with OSHA under three different presidential administrations on the crane operator rule. In 2003, when OSHA established the Cranes and Derricks Advisory Committee (C-DAC) to update its existing crane rule, we were one of the few organizations on the committee and engaged in the rewrite. Our efforts did not end there. AGC continued to influence the outcome through the submission of public comments, participation in the public hearings, and flagging AGC member concerns with the final rule published in 2010 to achieve the least onerous rule possible with the most positive safety impact possible for our industry.

Our mission to help AGC members does not stop when the ink dries on regulations impacting your construction company. We also want to help ensure you have the information necessary to comply.

That is why I am today sharing this [summary of the crane operator and evaluation rule and a sample form for crane operator evaluation](#). These materials represent the hard work of many AGC member safety professionals and AGC staff who want to ensure that this industry is not only safer, but also in compliance with the law. And, more resources will be coming soon.

AGC/NDDOT Spec Committee Meeting Held

The joint AGC/NDDOT Spec Committee held its first meeting in more than a year in early January. AGC members submitted 12 issues for discussion mainly focusing on concrete pavement, traffic control, and signing topics. The NDDOT introduced various HMA density topics, as well as Special Provisions dealing with Utility Coordination and a Modified Class 13 specification.

"It was a good meeting. The DOT agreed to some of the changes we requested right there in the meeting. A couple of our submittals need a little more discussion," said Ted Billadeau, Spec Committee Chair. "The Special Provisions brought to the table by the DOT were concerning and we have had task force meetings on both since then. We're hoping for a favorable outcome," Billadeau added.

The next Spec Committee Meeting will be held in July in conjunction with the Summer Outing. If you would like to submit an issue for consideration, please do so early so the committee can work on it. If you have any questions, contact Spec Committee Chair [Ted Billadeau](#).

[Issue Submittal Form](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the Meeting Minutes as well as all the Issues submitted.

Rigger Level 1 & Signalperson Qualification Class

AGC of ND will be hosting a NCCCO Rigger and Signalperson Qualification class in Fargo February 27-28, and Crane Training for Owners, Superintendents, & Project Managers in Bismarck March 26-27. Contact [Carey](#) for more information and to register as soon as possible.

NDDOT Erosion & Sediment Control Certification Program - 2 Classes Remaining

This four-year certification is required of all Prime Contractor Erosion Control Supervisors, Subcontractor Erosion Control Supervisors working on NDDOT construction projects. To Register for an Erosion & Sediment Control Construction Program [Click Here](#). You will receive a confirmation email which will contain a link to pay for the class and a link to the hotel.

- February 19-20, 2019 – Ramada Hotel – Bismarck, ND
- March 12-13, 2019 – Holiday Inn Fargo - Fargo, ND - [Registration Full](#)

Dates to Remember

- March 18: Board of Directors Meeting - Bismarck, ND
- April 26: [Scholarship Application Deadline](#)
- 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](#)
- December 9-10: AGC of ND 70th Annual Convention - Fargo, ND

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

Bid Lettings

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

ND-DOT	MN-DOT	MDT	SD-DOT	WY-DOT
February 8, 2019	February 22, 2019	February 7, 2019	February 20, 2019	February 14, 2019
March 8, 2019	March 22, 2019	February 21, 2019	March 6, 2019	March 14, 2019
April 12, 2019	April 26, 2019	March 14, 2019	March 20, 2019	April 11, 2019
May 10, 2019	May 17, 2019	March 28, 2019	April 3, 2019	May 9, 2019
October 11, 2019	June 7, 2019	April 11, 2019	April 17, 2019	July 11, 2019
November 8, 2019	June 28, 2019	April 25, 2019	May 1, 2019	September 12, 2019

AGC of ND Board of Directors

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Member News

Swanston Equipment Holds Asphalt Paving & Compaction Seminar

Swanston Equipment will hold their 31st Asphalt Paving and Compaction Seminar on Wednesday, March 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo, ND (room block rate available). The Seminar will consist of over 10 different breakout sessions covering a variety of hot topics ranging from Intelligent Compaction, to Oil Distributor Application Calibration, to best practices for construction of longitudinal joints, and everything in between - led by top industry professionals. To see the full agenda or to register for the seminar [CLICK HERE](#). You can also sign up for the event by calling 701-293-7325. Register by March 1st for a chance to win a new Benelli Super Black Eagle 3 BLK, 12GA/28in.

Construction Engineers, Inc. Hosts NDSU Student Chapter AGC's January Meeting



ND One Call Announces Spring Excavator Banquets

The purpose of these events is to educate all excavators and utilities on any current ND One Call news, recent or upcoming changes to the one call law, and provide a chance for any questions pertaining to ND One Call. The banquets will be held in 10 different cities throughout the state and are FREE to attend. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Fardens Promote Careers in Construction at Kenmare High Career Fair



National News

OSHA Rescinds Part of the Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

On Jan. 25, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published its final rule amending the recordkeeping regulation by rescinding—in line with AGC recommendations—the requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit information from OSHA Forms 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) and 301 (Injuries and Illnesses Incident Report). [Read More](#)

President Issues Buy-American Executive Order for Infrastructure Projects

On Jan. 31., President Trump issued the "Strengthening Buy American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects" Executive Order. The order calls on federal agencies to encourage recipients of new Federal financial assistance awards to use—to the greatest extent practicable—iron and aluminum as well as steel, cement, and other manufactured products produced in the U.S. in every contract, subcontract, purchase order, or sub-award. [Read More](#)

Join AGC and the Building Division at the 100th Annual AGC Convention

As our premier event each year, the Convention is the ideal opportunity to see everything AGC can do for you and your business. From jobsite to the back-office to the halls of government, the AGC Annual Convention provides business-critical insights into the issues that commercial contractors are facing and the actionable strategies needed to deal with them. [Read More](#)



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

AGC WebEd/Podcasts

Dealing with Frivolous Underground Utility Damage Claims and Collections

February 26, 2019 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm - Have you or your company ever received a claim for excavation damage to an underground utility that you weren't responsible for? [Read More](#)

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

655
Training Hours YTD
Provided by AGC of ND

FAST Act Guardrail Safety Training Sponsored by Federal Highway Administration

May 21-23, 2019 - NDDOT will be hosting training on guardrail design, installation, inspection, and maintenance. The training is geared toward NDDOT standards and guidelines. Who Should Attend: NDDOT Engineering Personnel, ND Engineering Consultants, Federal Highway Administration – ND Division, ND Highway Contractors, ND Counties & Cities. The training is FREE to attend. Contact jrath@nd.gov for more information.

Erosion & Sediment Control Classes

February 19-20, 2019 – Ramada Hotel Bismarck - [Register](#)

March 12-13, 2019 – Holiday Inn Fargo - [Register](#)

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

Rigger Level 1/Signalperson Qualification Classes

February 27-28, 2019 - Delta by Marriott Fargo

Crane Training for Owners, Project Managers, Superintendents

March 26-27, 2019 – AGC Office Bismarck

