



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, 2020

Chapter News

Winter Outing and Recessed Board Meeting

Members set an attendance record at this year's Winter Outing and Recessed Board meeting January 24-26 in Chandler, Arizona. In addition to the board meeting, group events included a Friday night social, Saturday night banquet, horseback riding, and golf. Board President Sally Miskavige had this to say about the weekend, "I love the winter outing. You can't place a value on the opportunity to get together and talk a little business with your peers, not to mention enjoying the warm weather and good company. It was great to see so many first-timers this year - what an amazing turnout with 48 members participating in the various events. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to come. I am already looking forward to next year's escape, it is -15 degrees as we speak!"



AGC of ND Testifies Before Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council Meeting

AGC of ND Executive Vice President Russ Hanson, along with members Harley Neshem and Scott Olin, provided testimony last week to the ND Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council. The Council is considering what recommendation, if any, to make to the legislature for addressing a perceived premium imbalance between positive and negative balance employers in the state. AGCND contends the differences between employers is addressed in the current premium structure with companies who utilize the program the most paying \$3,673 per employee per year (highest in the region and one of the highest in the country) and companies who utilize the program the least paying \$30 per employee per year (among the lowest in the nation). AGC members on the council include Susan Shearer (Harvey Sand & Gravel) and Stephanie Mageneau (Construction Engineers).



Operation Strength in Numbers Has Begun – By Molly Swanston, Membership Committee Chair

After having some conversations with Carey Burke, as well as other AGC of ND members, it feels like the time is right to put some strategy and initiative behind our Membership Committee. Our first action item is to grow the committee by opening it up to not only 1st and 2nd year board members, but any AGC member interested in participating. If you, or anyone at your organization would like more information about the Membership Committee, or have interest in attending our next meeting, please contact me or the AGC office. This Association is going through exciting times with the help of our amazing staff and the leadership of our dynamic and diverse Board of Directors, we should be accepting new members left and right! Especially now that we have the new group healthcare option, and the excitement surrounding the implementation of a CLC. We are a strong association, but who wouldn't like to get stronger? Operation "Strength in Numbers" has begun! Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

First Annual North Dakota Transportation Forum

In conjunction with National Infrastructure Week, the North Dakota Transportation Coalition is hosting its First Annual Transportation Forum on May 13, 2020 in Bismarck. Participants in the Transportation Forum will discuss strategies for addressing needs for roads, bridges, rail and air in North Dakota. Attendees will hear policy makers, industry representatives, local government officials, and state agencies discuss transportation needs in our state, how these needs impact them, and how North Dakota is addressing infrastructure.

Formed in 2019, the ND Transportation Coalition is comprised of the AGC of ND and 19 other statewide and regional trade associations, agricultural groups, political subdivisions, and business entities who all know how critical transportation infrastructure is to our future. The Coalition's purpose is to advance and enhance our state's transportation infrastructure through sustainable funding and public policy.

Click [here](#) to see the full agenda. Registration is now open.

Member Benefits

The following hotels offer discounts to AGC Members. [Click Here for a PDF](#) you can save to your computer.

Ramada Fargo 3333 13th Ave. S. Fargo, ND 58103

\$69.00 King or Double Queen

Call: 701-235-3333 ask for the AGC of ND rate

Holiday Inn Fargo 3803 13th Ave. South Fargo, ND 58103

15% Off Standard Rate

Call 701-282-2700 ask for the AGC ND rate or use this [link](#)

[Ramada Bismarck Hotel](#) 1400 E Interchange Ave. Bismarck, ND 58501
\$85.00 Double Queen \$95.00 King
Call: 701-258-7000 ask for the Associated General Contractors of ND rate

[Radisson Hotel Bismarck](#) 605 East Broadway Ave. Bismarck, ND 58501
\$85.00 All Room Types, Upon Room Availability
Call 701-255-6000 ask for the AGC rate or use this [link](#)

[Grand Hotel Minot](#) 1505 N Broadway Minot, ND 58703
\$76.00 Single or Double \$96.00 King Suite or Queen Poolside
Call 701-852-3161 ask for the Associated General Contractors of ND rate

New NDDOT Electronic Signature for Contracts

Effective for the February 7, 2020 bid opening, the NDDOT will be using an electronic signature process called DocuSign to execute NDDOT construction contracts and associated documents (Contract Bond and Fuel Cost Adjustment Affidavit). There are no costs for Contractors to use DocuSign. Nor is there any software to purchase or download. If you have any questions, please contact the NDDOT Construction Services Division at 701-328-2563.

Classes are Filling Up – REGISTER NOW

[Construction Supervision Fundamentals](#)

Classes in Bismarck, Fargo and Grand Forks are FULL. There is **ONE SPOT LEFT** in the Dickinson class March 24-26 ([Register Here](#))
Contact [Carey](#) to get on a wait list.

[Erosion & Sediment Control Certification](#)

All classes are FULL. Please let [Carey](#) know if you would like to be placed on a waiting list.

[Crane Operator Certification/Recertification](#)

Registration is now open for the AGC of ND Crane Operator Certification/Recertification Prep Class and Written Examination. Mobile Crane (restricted boom) and Service Truck operation will be covered. Classes are currently scheduled for March 31st – April 3rd in Fargo, and April 14th – 17th in Bismarck. However, since there is a minimum class size requirement, it's possible the two classes may have to be combined. Please fill out the registration form for the class of your choice and get it back to Carey as soon as possible so that decision can be made. **Registration Deadline is February 28, 2020.**

[March 31 - April 3 Fargo Registration](#)

[April 14-17 Bismarck Registration](#)

Dates to Remember

April 27, 2020 – [Scholarship Deadline](#)

May 6-7, 2020 – [Joint AGC/COE Meeting – Omaha, ND](#)

May 16, 2020 - [Touch A Truck - Mandan, ND](#)

July 15-16, 2020 - [AGC of ND Summer Outing Scholarship Fundraiser - Bismarck, ND](#)

December 7-8, 2020 - 71st AGC of ND Annual Convention - Bismarck, 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](#)

March 6, 2020
April 17, 2020
May 8, 2020

[MN-DOT](#)

February 28, 2020
March 27, 2020
April 24, 2020

[MDT](#)

February 13, 2020
February 27, 2020
March 12, 2020

[SD-DOT](#)

February 19, 2020
March 4, 2020
March 18, 2020

[WY-DOT](#)

February 13, 2020
March 12, 2020
April 9, 2020

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Member News

ACPA Names McCormick as 2020 Chairman

Greg McCormick, Northern Improvement Company, has been named 2020 Chairman of the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA). He accepted the ceremonial concrete gavel from 2019 Chairman Jim Mack (CEMEX) and thanked him for his leadership during a challenging year of transition for the Association. Greg takes the helm as ACPA's top volunteer leader at a time when ACPA continues its advancement of a state-by-state promotion plan, which began last April. He also will lead the association while its committee & task force structure is recast.



[Want to see your news here? Contact Carey.](#)

National News

Administration Releases New Waters of the U.S. Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finalized an AGC-supported rule to define "waters of the United States" – providing clarity when a federal permit is needed for work in or near federal waters. The new [Navigable Waters Protection Rule](#) better identifies federal waters, respects states' primary role in land use and pollution prevention, and balances major case law from the last couple of decades. Click "learn more" for further information on this rulemaking. The rule goes into effect 60 days from its publication in the *Federal Register*. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Plan Now to Attend the National AGC Convention in Las Vegas – March 9-12, 2020

The AGC Annual Convention is the place for construction superintendents, project managers, senior executives, and owners to hone their knowledge while making connections that open doors to new opportunities. From risk management to safety on the jobsite to the latest in project management solutions, AGC brings together experts from across the industry to share their knowledge and help prepare contractors to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. And CONEXPO-CON/AGG provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for your team to explore solutions from more than 2,800 leading construction equipment, services and technology solution providers. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the convention.



Toolbox Talk Series

AGC of America's Lean Construction Forum Steering Committee has developed a resource to introduce Lean Construction concepts to

the jobsite. The [AGC Lean for Trades Toolbox Talk Series](#) are 10-minute conversational huddles to help construction companies identify ways to improve processes, eliminate waste and adopt a Lean culture in the shop and field. Each Toolbox Talk session, released monthly, reviews a concept that can be used to create discussion, teach and grow your company's understanding of Lean and help you work more productively and collaboratively.

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

AGC WebEd/Podcasts

[CLICK HERE](#) to access all AGC of America WebEds

[CLICK HERE](#) to access all AGC of America PodCasts

ConsensusDocs

ConsensusDocs are one of the commonly used set of construction documentation forms. Brian Perlberg, the Executive Director of ConsensusDocs, discusses the history of form documents in the construction contracting world, in general, and more specifically, some of the philosophies that support some of the thinking behind the language and format of ConsensusDocs. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen.

Training/ Education Opportunities

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.

1,270
Training Hours YTD
Provided by AGC of ND

OSHA 10

February 5-6, 2020 - Minot - [Email Jack to Register](#)

February 11-12, 2020 - Bismarck - [Email Jack to Register](#)

Crane Operator Certification Class

March 31-April 3, 2020 - Fargo - [Register Here](#)

April 14-17, 2020 - Bismarck - [Register Here](#)

AGC/NDDOT Erosion & Sediment Control Certification Class

ALL classes are full. Email [Carey](#) to get on a waitlist.

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](#)

[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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