



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

June 9, 2020

## Chapter News

### Summer Outing – Get Involved!

The Summer Outing Committee met last week to start planning another record-setting event and they want you to get involved!

- Donate to the Silent Auction (if you don't know what to donate – Call Carey!)
- Be an Event Sponsor
- Put together a team or Join a team
- Invite a non-member

The annual event kicks off Wednesday, July 15th with a CLC meeting at 1:30pm and General Assembly at 2:45pm, followed by Division Meetings at 3pm, and the Member Social and Silent Auction at 5:00pm. All current COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed so the event will be set up a little differently, but it still promises to be a good time. See you there!

## Summer Outing 2020

Join us for a great day of fun and help support the  
AGC of ND Education Foundation

Wednesday, July 15  
Radisson Hotel

3:00 pm - Division Meetings  
5:00 pm - Member Social  
& Silent Auction



Thursday, July 16  
Hawktree Golf Course

8:00 am - Registration & Breakfast  
9:30 am - Shotgun Start  
3:30 pm - Social & Dinner



Register Online!

www.agcnd.org | Entry Deadline: July 1st

\$185 Per Golfer  
\$250 Per Sponsorship

### Group Health Insurance Program

As your health insurance plan renewal date approaches, contact [Carey Burke](#) for more information on the AGC of ND Group Health Insurance Program.

### Work Zone Safety Press Conferences

The AGC of ND, the ND Department of Transportation, and the ND Highway Patrol held their annual Work Zone Safety Awareness press conference in Bismarck. This annual joint effort is held at the beginning of construction season to focus on the need for safety awareness in work zones. Although this year's event was scaled down due to COVID restrictions, there was still a good media presence and the effort received significant print, radio, and television coverage. Russ Hanson of the AGC of ND reminded motorists to avoid distractions at all times, "when you see a cone...drop the phone."

### Education Foundation Awards Scholarships

The AGC Education Foundation met the end of May and awarded over \$52,000 in scholarships to 24 students pursuing careers in the construction industry at NDSU, UND, NDSCS, BSC and, for the first time, the University of Mary. ([Full List of Recipients](#)) The awards included full-tuition scholarships for two seniors in Civil Engineering at UND, and one senior in Construction Management and Engineering at NDSU. Over \$17,000 of the scholarships awarded come from endowed funds, the rest are funded by one-time donations and proceeds from the Summer Outing. If you are interested in donating to the fund either through a one-time donation or commitment to a multi-year giving plan, please contact Carey. The Education Foundation is a qualified North Dakota Endowment Fund and donations of \$5,000 or more are eligible for a 40% tax credit.

### Trench Safety Stand-Down Webinar June 18th / 12:00-1:30pm

Excavation and trenching are among the most hazardous construction operations. Trench collapses, or cave-ins, are a significant risk and safety issue in the U.S. and cause dozens of fatalities and hundreds of injuries each year. These types of incidents are tragic—and they are preventable. Presented during the National Trench Safety Stand Down, this live webinar aims to increase awareness of trench and excavation hazards and reinforce the importance of using trench protective systems to safeguard workers. OSHA's Scott Ketcham will provide an overview of the National Trench Safety Stand Down, now in its fourth year. He will also share statistics on trench fatalities and violations of OSHA's standards. For more information: <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSP-Educational-Events-Calendar/Meeting-Details/productId/209459795>

### Call for NDDOT Spec Issues

The next AGC/NDDOT Spec Committee Meeting will be held in July. If you would like to submit an issue for consideration, please use the [Issue Submittal Form](#). If you have any questions, contact Spec Committee Chair [Ted Billadeau](#).

### Dates to Remember

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

January 29-31, 2020 - [Winter Outing](#) - Chandler, AZ

[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

June 12, 2020  
October 16, 2020  
November 13, 2020

### MN-DOT

June 26, 2020  
July 24, 2020  
August 28, 2020

### MDT

June 18, 2020  
July 16, 2020  
August 13, 2020

### SD-DOT

June 17, 2020  
July 15, 2020  
August 5, 2020

### WY-DOT

July 9, 2020  
August 13, 2020  
September 10, 2020

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## Member News

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## National News

### AGCA Puts Forth Construction Firm Liability & Workers Comp. Protections

On June 4, AGC provided key members of Congress with its recommendations and white paper detailing construction employer COVID-19 liability protections and unreasonable workers compensation burdens. Among other things, AGC called for Congress to:

- Assure low exposure risk businesses, like construction firms, that they will not face suits if they reasonably comply with relevant guidelines during the crisis and after reopening;
- Limit claims alleging COVID-19 exposure in the course of the provision of lawful business to situations of gross negligence, willful misconduct, intentional criminal misconduct, or intentional infliction of harm; and
- Bar states from enacting workers compensation claim presumptions that irrationally treat all job classifications the same – or at equal risk of exposure to COVID-19 – because higher risk jobs, like healthcare or morgue workers, are inherently different from lower risk construction jobs.

Without such legislative action, it will be more difficult for the construction industry to help stem the tide of job losses and build the path to economic recovery. That is why these protections are a top priority for AGC and its members.

### AGCA Victorious in Leading Congressional Passage of PPP Loan Improvements

On June 3, the Senate passed the AGC-backed Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act of 2020 (H.R. 7010) after AGC members sent tens of thousands of messages seeking improvements to the PPP. The measure makes significant improvements to the Paycheck Protection Program that AGC has been pushing for and its passage marks another legislative victory for the association. Among these improvements are:

- Extending the amount of time that loan recipients can spend PPP funds, and qualify for loan forgiveness, from eight to 24 weeks;
- Revising the uses of loan funds eligible for forgiveness from up to 75 percent in payroll costs/25 percent in non-payroll costs to up to 60 percent/40 percent, respectively;
- Creating a safe harbor for employers that made a good faith effort to hire or re-hire qualified employees;
- Extending the maturity of PPP loans from two to five years; and (5) allowing PPP loan recipients to defer payroll taxes through the end of 2020.

Having passed the House on May 28, the bill goes to the president for his expected signature as soon as June 4. AGC will continue to fight for additional, necessary improvements to this loan program.

### Registration Open for the 2020 AGC Virtual Construction Safety, Health and Environmental Conference July 14-16, 2020

AGC's [Construction Safety, Health & Environmental Conference](#) is the industry's foremost annual conference to hone in on the most critical safety, health, and environmental compliance and risk issues impacting the business of construction. As a leader in construction safety, health, and environment, our top priority is the safety and health of our members, attendees, speakers and staff. AGC has been closely monitoring the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and, due to phased re-opening restrictions in the host city, Louisville, Kentucky, will be pivoting to a completely virtual experience for the July 14-16 schedule of events. Join us, wherever you are, for the same superior educational content and peer-to-peer engagement that you have come to expect from AGC. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out further information on the conference, reduced registration fees, and to register.

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

## AGC WebEd/Podcasts

### How to Increase Lean Construction Engagement On The Jobsite

In our latest episode, three "Lean" practitioners and advocates share their personal stories on how to increase Lean engagement on construction jobsites to reduce waste, improve workflow and add value for project stakeholders. Hear Henry Nutt of Southland Industries, Keyan Zandy of Skiles Group, and Joe Donarumo of Linbeck explain their unique approach to getting earlier and more Lean buy-in from the "boots on the ground" leaders in the field, rather setting Lean performance goals by using a top-down approach.

Discover how a "Builder's Lean" model can produce immediate, positive change on your projects. Listen Here:

<https://soundcloud.com/agcofamerica/increasing-lean-construction-engagement-on-the-jobsite>

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

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## Training/ Education Opportunities

### Upcoming AGC of North Dakota Safety Training

June 10th – MSHA Refresher – Bismarck  
June 11th – Permit Required Confined Space – Bismarck  
June 16th & 17th – OSHA 10 Construction – Minot  
June 18th – Permit Required Confined Space – Minot  
June 23rd & 24th – OSHA 10 Construction – Fargo  
June 25th – Permit Required Confined Space – Fargo

4,173  
Training Hours YTD  
Provided by AGC of ND

As always, this training is provided at no cost to members. Classes will be limited to 9 participants so register early by emailing Jack at [jkolberg@agcnd.org](mailto:jkolberg@agcnd.org) or you can text him at 701-391- (SAFE)

## Member Benefits

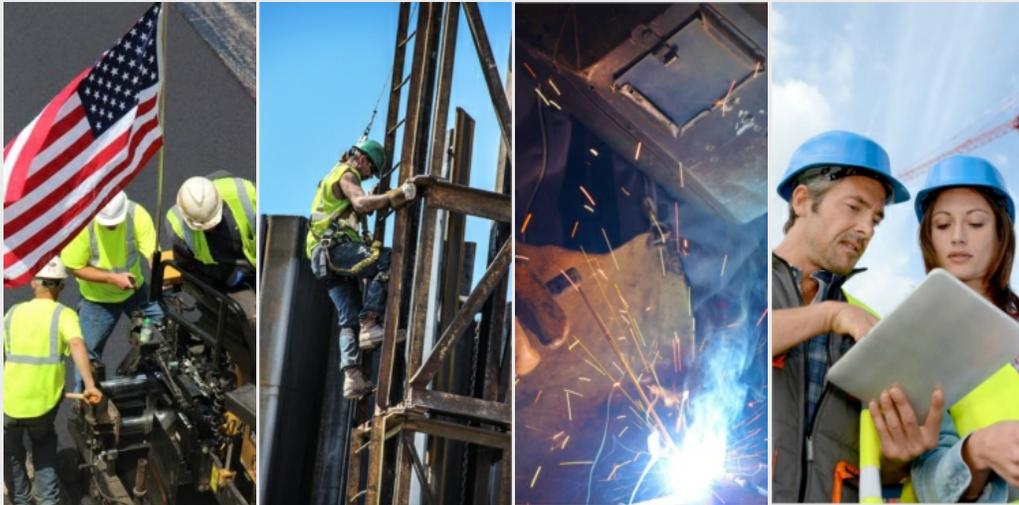
The following offers are some of the membership benefits of the AGC of North Dakota. Check them out and start getting the advantages now.

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