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2007 Membership



Thank you to all members for renewing your membership in the Association for 2007. The NUCA of NM Membership Directory goes to print on March 1st and should be ready to distribute by the middle of March. If you know of a contractor or associate that would be interested in joining the Association, please contact the association office at 505 888 0752, for membership packages.

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President's Message



January and February have gone by so fast, and I'm sure that March will be just the same. The 2007 legislative session will be wrapping up in a couple of weeks, and that means it is imperative that you get your voice heard on the issues that you have been hearing about through the NUCA of NM Legislative Email Updates.

This organization is fueled by issues pertaining to our industry that are

sometimes too large for any one company to tackle. Although these issues may have a small impact on each company, collectively they often have a huge impact on the industry. The strength and value of this organization is built, sustained, and funded solely by its members. The Association's goals and objectives are reached through the work of the Board of Directors, Committees and volunteers. I invite you to get involved in the Association at any level you can; from my personal experience, I can say with confidence that you will be glad you did.

Welcome New Members

Ahern Equipment
Calvert Menicucci. P.C.

Check out the online member list

March 2007 Membership Meeting

As most of you may have heard already, the Albuquerque Petroleum Club has closed its doors and therefore, we will be holding the association membership meetings elsewhere. This month, we will be meeting at the Sheraton Uptown on March 15th, 2007 at 11:30am for Lunch. Vice President of Albuquerque Economic Development, Bob Walton, will be our guest speaker.

Register online for Membership Meeting March 15th

Eye on New Mexico



By Carla J. Sonntag

The last day for legislative introductions was February 15, 2007. There were 2813 items including 2589 bills and 224 miscellaneous memorials and resolutions. These also included 98 generically titled bills, "Public Peace, Health, Safety and Welfare" introduced and not yet printed. These bills are introduced by legislators who can decide at a later date what the bill will be used for. Unfortunately, the title won't be changed when put into use. The only way to find out about them is to continually check to see if they have been printed and read their content to see if they will affect your industry.

Keep in mind as you read legislative reports, alerts and calls to action that the position stated is determined by your Legislative Committee and/or Board of Directors to best represent the majority of your membership. Each member, whether a contractor or trades associate, can determine the position they will take individually on any piece of legislation. We provide these positions so that you know what NUCANM's position on the legislation is and what will be represented to the legislature.

The session will end 3/17/07, whether or not we have obtained our goals. There are several bills that will be of tremendous help to contractors, such as the Workers' Comp bills designed to correct damage done to the law by trial attorneys and judges. Other good bills for your industry include bills that would make participation by underground facility owners in the New Mexico One Call system mandatory.

There are a number of really bad bills that could change the way you do business. These include bills that mandate all employees of contractors on school jobs be provided health insurance. And other bills require on Public Works projects that company's without an "approved" employee health plan make payments to the Labor and Industrial Division who will deposit the funds in a newly created Public Works Health Care Coverage Fund.

If you think you're too busy to get involved and make phone calls to support NUCANM's efforts to support or oppose this legislation, think of how it will affect you if it becomes law – or fails to pass for lack of support. Don't let the legislative process happen without your involvement. It would be money well spent to have an office employee make the calls or write the letters for you, if you can't find time to do it yourself.

Stay focused on the goal and you'll achieve the victory!

Rio Rancho

The City of Rio Rancho recently made changes to the manhole specifications. There has been no time allotted for suppliers to make the new cones available for ongoing or proposed jobs; the changes were effective immediately. There are not any 6' or 8' diameter cones readily available in New Mexico. There is only one precast manufacturer making a 72' cone at this time; however, the

problem with using a 72' inch cone is that they have a 6" wall, and all local supplier manholes have a 7" wall that would prevent a proper fit. At this time, the City of Rio Rancho will not accept flat tops.

Also, economically, there are not enough 6' or 8' cones to justify the initial expense of forms for the City of Rio Rancho. In the City of Rio Rancho detail drawing S-3 (revised 01/07) line 10 states that manhole types can be C (flat top) or E (cone). Further, under general notes, #1 states type E (Cone) is not to be used for depths less than 6'.

In an email from Paula Dodge-Kwan, P.E. City of Rio Rancho Department of Public Infrastructure, she states: "We do not want the 30" flat tops installed even temporarily. We will however, allow the 24" cones to be placed temporarily. We will not be accepting any project until the proper 30" manhole cones are placed; nor will we be releasing the bond until they are installed. If the contractor forgets to make the changes and paves around the 24" manhole cones, it will be the contractor's responsibility to make the correction and to repave the area."

This is causing problems for suppliers and contractors, but the City of Rio Rancho insists that there are no problems with the changes in the specifications. NUCA of NM has requested a meeting, and has written a letter to the City of Rio Rancho voicing the concerns regarding the changes and lack of an interim for the industry to adjust to those changes. You may contact the City directly regarding this matter by calling CORR Engineering Department 891-5016.

At this time, we are still trying to set up a meeting with the City of Rio Rancho to discuss this issue.

JIFFY GOLF



Time to dust off the clubs and get out on the greens. Join NUCA of NM for JIFFY golf at the beautiful ISLETA Eagle Golf Course on March 23rd.

Tee Times available in morning or afternoon. Call 888- 0752 to register or you may register online. Price will be dependant upon your requested Tee Time.

Register Online

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March Dates

- | 03/08/07 Education Committee

- | 03/09/07 Planning Committee
- | 03/11/07 Daylight Savings - Change your clocks!
- | 03/14/07 Safety Committee
- | 03/15/07 Membership Meeting
- | 03/16 - 03/17 Crew Leadership
- | 03/23/07 OSHA 10 Training
- | 03/23/07 JIFFY Golf
- | 03/30/07 Next Step - Farmington NM

You can also register for OSHA 10 Training in Spanish Instruction for April 20, 2007. Register early as this training usually fills up fast.

Register Online

NUCA Convention



The NUCA Convention in Las Vegas was a great success for NUCA and was a trip well worth it for attendees. NUCA of NM was well represented and each National Committee was attended by NUCA of NM members. If you would like information on National Committees, contact the Association office at 505 888 0752 or visit the NUCA web page at www.nuca.com

Left Jim Giannelli and L.D. Alexander, both of RMCI Inc. pose with DIGBY at the opening of the Vendor hall at the

NUCA Convention in Las Vegas. Thanks to Jim Giannelli and RMCI Inc. for provided the funds to bring Digby 'back to life' with a new costume.

DIBGY had his new debut at the National Convention and handed out books and order forms for the coloring book.

"Digby" was created by RGUCA now NUCA of NM as a means of making children aware of the dangers of construction sites such as heavy equipment, hazardous materials, and trenches. It is formatted to keep a child's interest by including experiments, a seek-n-find, a maze, and great pictures. Most importantly, it teaches safety. As a community service, contractors distribute copies of "Digby" to schools or neighborhoods where they are working. The booklet contains a parent/teacher guide to help the adult, as well as the child, to understand the dangers around construction sites.

You can order coloring books if you are planning to work in an area close to a school. At this time there is a 4-6 week delivery time, so call in advance.

The next National meetings will take place at the Washington Summit 2007
 Wednesday, May 16, 2007 - Friday, May 18, 2007
 Arlington, VA
 The Westin Arlington Gateway
 Capitol Hill Day - Thursday, May 17

At the Washington Summit, groups from each state visit their Congressional Delegation to ask for support on issues that will benefit the industry including SRF Funding, Infrastructure Funding, Association Health Plans, Highway Reauthorization, Permanent Death Tax Repeal, and others. If you are interested in representing your company and New Mexico at the Washington Summit, please contact the Association office for more details.

February Committees

NUCA of NM February 2007 Committee Summary

Planning:

- | Discussed speaker for March 15th Membership meeting – Gary Tonjes, AED; John Stomp, City of Albuquerque Water Division Manager. The meeting will be moved to the Sheraton

Uptown for the month of March due to the fact that the Albuquerque Petroleum club has closed. Jane Jernigan will try to secure future meetings at the Courtyard Marriot at Journal Center (booked for March)

- | Last Ditch Open will be held September 21, 2007 at Isleta Eagle Golf Course. The Committee discussed possible LDO Committee members to recruit.

Safety:

- | The Next Step instructors met on February 8th to teach new instructors: Rick Pope, Richard Jockisch, and Howard Gentry on the program. The PowerPoint presentation still needs some finishing touches and Jane Jernigan and Richard Jockisch will get it finalized. The schedule for the Next Step program for 2007 is as follows:
 - March 30th - Farmington
 - May 4th - Albuquerque at the NMRCGA
 - August 24th – Hobbs
 - November 16th - Albuquerque
- | The Committee discussed holding a meeting in Las Cruces which led to offering Safety Training in Las Cruces which could also serve as a recruiting event. Several committee members will refer potential members to Jane Jernigan so that she can contact them directly.
- | Steve Moore gave a short synopsis on the NUCA convention. NUCA now has a combined confined space and excavation safety refresher course available.
- | Crew Leadership will be held in Albuquerque March 16-17 at the RMCI training facility. NUCA will send a flyer to NUCA of NM and then it will be distributed to members.
- | Bill Devinney announced that House Memorial 55 has been tabled for the 2007 session.

Education:

- | The Committee continues its work on the UNM Student Chapter:
 - Internship programs for students
 - Send invitation letter to Dr. Rounds again
 - Research the other student chapter at UNM

Legislative:

- | The Legislative Committee has been reviewing bills that affect the industry. The lists that come from Carla Sonntag are reviewed and then a each issued is sent to Board of Directors for a vote of oppose, support or neutral.
- | All members of NUCA of NM are also sent legislative alerts at least once a week and also sent alerts with call to action.
- | Once a decision has been reached by vote of the Board of Directors, NUCA of NM sends out a letter of their position.
- | At this point, Carla Sonntag suggests that NUCA of NM narrow down the issues it is most concerned with and either strongly support or oppose.

NMRCGA



The New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance was established in 2005 to promote public safety, environmental protection and the integrity of underground infrastructure and facilities by promoting effective damage prevention as a shared responsibility.

The 2nd Annual New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance EXPO is scheduled for May 3-4th at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

If you dig in New Mexico then you need to attend this event!

The Expo kicks off with a golf tournament at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on May 2nd from noon to

5pm.

Classes and scheduled events include:

- | Keynote speaker at breakfast on May 3 - Ben R. Lujan, Jr. Chairman, Public Regulation Commission
- | WMD Awareness
- | Master Meter
- | Pipeline Group Systems
- | NTSB Session
- | Keynote Speaker at lunch, Gary Tonjes, Albuquerque Economic Development
- | Marking Standards
- | DMP
- | Exhibit Hall activities
- | NUCA of NM's Next Step Program
- | Liability Insurance
- | Emergency Response Planning
- | CGA Best Practices
- | Excavation Law
- | Highway Watch

Follow these links for more information:

- [NMRCGA Home Page](#)
- [Conference Brochure](#)
- [Registration Form](#)
- [Exhibitor Registration](#)

Visit the NMRCGA Web Page for online Registration

Crew Leadership Training



The NUCA Crew Leadership Program is coming to Albuquerque on March 16th and 17th. The training is for two full days and the price includes all instruction, materials, and breaks and lunches.

Leadership Skills for Crew Leaders Sponsored by the NUCA Institute for Leadership Development

Program Outline Day 1 (8 Hours)

Chapter 1 – Orientation to the Job
Overview of the Construction Industry Today
Historical Importance of the Construction Industry
Growth & Economics of the Construction Industry
Changing Values of Workers What employees want;
Crew Leader's role
Role and importance of Training
New Technologies
The Internet/E-Mail/E- Commerce
Other Communication Sources

- | Gender, Age, and Minority Issues
- | Communication Styles: Men vs. Women
- | Language Barriers
- | Simple Communication Skills
- | Cultural Differences
- | Sexual Harassment
- | Types of Construction Projects
- | Common Characteristics of Construction Projects
- | The Construction Organization
- | Organization of the Underground Utility Construction Crew

- i Division of Responsibility within the Company
- i Authority and Responsibility of the Crew Leader
- i Job Descriptions – Purpose and Content
- i Utility Crew Job Descriptions
- i Company Policies and Procedures – What they are and what the mean

Chapter 2 – Leadership Skills

- i Supervisory Roles in Utility Construction
- i Shift in Work Activities
- i Becoming a Leader
- i Characteristics of Leaders
- i Expected Leadership Behavior
- i Functions of a Leader
- i What kind of Leader Are You?
- i Leadership Styles
- i Ethics in Leadership
- i Forms of Communication
- i Verbal Communication Sender, message, receiver, feedback Overcoming Listening Barriers
- i Non-Verbal Communication
- i Written or Visual Communication
- i Motivation – Employee Motivators Recognition and praise; Accomplishment and advancement; Job importance; Change the personal growth; Rewards
- i Motivating Skills and Techniques
- i Team Building Characteristics of Successful Teams; Crew Leader's role
- i Delegating Responsibilities
- i Implementing Policies and Procedures
- i Decision Making Versus Problem Solving
- i Types of Decisions
- i Problem Solving Techniques
- i Identifying and Handling Special Leadership Problem Poor attitude, absenteeism, inability to work with others, turnover

Day 2 (8 Hours)

Chapter 3 – Safety

- i Safety Overview Common hazards in utility construction
- i Construction Accident Statistics
- i Cost of Accidents (direct and indirect)
- i Insured Cost of Accidents
- i Uninsured Cost of Accidents
- i Federal Safety Regulations
- i Workplace Inspections Inspection triggers, how to handle an inspection
- i Penalties for Violations
- i Safety and Health Programs
- i Safety Policies and Procedures
- i Hazard Identification and Assessment in Utility Construction
- i Sources of Safety Information and Training
- i Safety Records Systems OSHA 300 Log; MSDS
- i Crew Leader's Role in Safety
- i Safety Meetings
- i In-House Safety Inspections
- i First Aid
- i Fire Protection and Prevention
- i Substance Abuse
- i Accident Investigation
- i Promoting Safety Safety meetings and training, contest, recognition

Chapter 4 – Project Control

- i Project Control Overview Division of responsibilities
- i Phases of Construction Development, planning and construction
- i Project Delivery Systems in Utility Construction General contracting, design-build, construction management

- i Overview of Planning (what is it and why plan?)
- i Stages of Planning in Utility Construction Pre-bid, pre- construction, and construction planning
- i The Planning Process
- i Planning Materials, Equipment and Tools
- i Planning Labor
- i Planning Aides
- i Estimating – Importance of Good Estimating
- i Estimating Processes
- i Estimating Material Quantities
- i Scheduling
- i Cost Awareness and Control
- i Field Reporting Systems
- i Resource Controls and Processes
- i Material Control On-time delivery, verification of delivery, storage, waste prevention
- i Preventing theft and vandalism
- i Equipment and Tools Control
- i Labor Control
- i Labor Productivity Identifying productivity problems and boosters
- i Project Production and Productivity – Crew Leader’s Role

Leadership Skills Exam
Certificate of Completion Mailed to the Employer

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