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## **PRESIDENT's LETTER**

Dear Members,

The long hot days of summer are here, which is great for burning through backlog - especially given the challenges created by the drought relief brought on by Mother Nature early this summer. Nonetheless, NUCA North Texas has been hard at work finalizing two upcoming, free to member, events that are particularly worthy of taking some time off to attend.

On August 19th we are having our first ever Legislative Update, an event you won't want to miss. Our speakers are NUCA National's full-time lobbyist, Will Brown, and Texas State Representative and fellow Utility Contractor, Cecil Bell. This isn't a generic update of what's new and upcoming in

Washington D.C. or Austin. Our legislative update is focused on issues impacting our industry. Members can use this this opportunity to ask questions and influence the positions and priorities NUCA National and NUCA North Texas will support moving forward. A link to register is located in the Government Affairs portion of this newsletter.

On September 18th we're having a first in kind event in North Texas with our NUCA/OSHA cooperative training program. We are proud to have developed the type of relationship with OSHA that allows us to work in tandem on an event of this caliber. This year we will focus primarily on open trench safety. Using space and the assistance provided by the City of Coppell, an outside live multiple station site will be excavated specifically for this training. This is a unique opportunity for your field supervisors to stand trench side, hear the evaluations of both NUCA Safety professionals and OSHA professionals, and ask questions. As with many of our events, we anticipate capacity crowds, and encourage you to use the link in the Safety section of the newsletter to reserve space for your employees now.

Your input regarding our programming and procedures is welcome throughout the year. However, sharing your ideas between now and mid-October allows them to impact our chapter's plans for 2016. Next year's budget and sponsor opportunities are currently being outlined; we want to incorporate your suggestions into our plans! In addition to providing feedback, our members are invited to participate in the committees that make NUCA run. We currently have openings and some leadership opportunities on the Education, Safety, and Specifications and Regulations Committees. I encourage you to consider volunteering, or as we sometimes say in my company "voluntell" an up and comer in your organization; not only does our chapter benefit, but increasing involvement increases the benefits of being a member for your company.



## MEMBER BENEFIT

### Exclusive Safety Pool

NUCA North Texas can offer its contractor members access to an exclusive safety pool with the potential for big dividends through Bitco. Your existing insurance company can use Bitco as an underwriter.



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### One Member's Endorsement

Wright partnered with Bitco in 2011. We formed a team approach to improving our Safety and reducing risk and insurance cost at the same time. Bitco took an active role in this process and aided us in creating a "Culture of Safety". In addition, as a NUCA member, we are part of an exclusive safety pool with BITCO through which we anticipate substantial downstream dividends. I encourage you to ask your insurance agent to compare BITCO's pricing across all your insurance needs. - Kyle Marsh



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# EDUCATION

## Later This Year:

- Retirement: Innovative Solutions for employers and employees  
October 15
- MWBE: Municipal, General Contractor, and Sub-Contractor Perspectives  
December 9
- YOUR Education Committee is planning 2016 NOW!



[Program Ideas Welcome!](#)

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## This Month:

### Legislative Update

- Wednesday August 19, 2:30 - 4:30, Grapevine Convention Center
- State and National Legislation impacting our industry
- Actions we can take individually and collectively
- Texas Representative Cecil Bell (Utility Contractor) - State Issues
- NUCA National Lobbyist Will Brown - National Issues
- FREE to Members - Non-members \$20
- Registration Required

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# EVENTS

## Next Month:

### Cook-out in Grapevine

- Wednesday September 9, 5:30 - 9:00
- Great food with Master Chef Chad Pendley
- Games, Brews, Music and Fun!
- Members \$20 includes all / Non-members \$30
- Registration Required



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**Coming in October**

**Golf Tournament Registration Open NOW!**

- Golf Tournament at Texas Star, October 26
- All day fun with dinner in the club house
- Do not delay - We will Sell out!



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**Later This Year**

**Holiday Happening**

- It's a Party November 18 at Frost Bank in Keller
- Appetizers, drinks, music, door prizes and more



**SAFETY**

**Next Month:**

**Crisis Management**

- Wednesday September 16, 11:00 - 1:00 Willhoites in Grapevine
- Guest speakers Ricky Locke from the Independent Insurance Group
- Having a plan for when things don't go as planned
- Free to members and guest alike, optional self-paid buffet



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**Next Month**

**NUCA/OSHA Live Trench Training**



- Friday September 18, 9:00 - 12:00 in Coppell
- Six full scale 'live' stations
- OSHA and NUCA safety professionals at each station
- Target audience is field supervisory personnel
- Free to members / non-members \$25



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- Lunch is included



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### Later This Year

- Telemetric Pin, November 18



## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our newest members:

- Thompson Pipe Group
- Lehigh Hanson



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### Help Make NUCA Great

- Join a committee [Committee Listing](#)
- Share your ideas [What Do You Think?](#)
- Share your company's stories: what exciting projects are you working, what industry problem have you overcome, what innovative methods are you using, how has being a member of NUCA helped your company? [Please Share](#)
- Remember all employees of member companies are welcome to participate!

## NUCA NATIONAL

Safety Directors' Forum

September 27 - 29

[Click to Register](#)

- In conjunction with the National Safety Council Congress and Expo
- Includes a one day NSC pass

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### Fall Leadership Council

- October 7 - 9

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### Highway Trust Fund

- NUCA White Paper on how the trust fund works

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## RECAP: In The Last Month

### Top Golf This Week:

Top Golf - In the Colony: 75 of us enjoyed golf with a twist.



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### Safety in July

Guest Speaker Emmett Russell, standing to the right of Greg Strudwick and Tom Thompson, guided NUCA members through Roadway Safety Plus. His demonstrations will facilitate program navigation and expand application for attendees. The free program was provided to all participants on a thumb drive.



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### July Happy Hour

Our 4:30 - 6:30 event at the Brickhouse, was still going strong at 7:30. Both early birds and

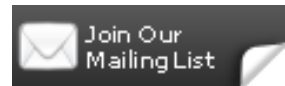




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