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## **LETTER TO MEMBERS**

Dear Members,

I'm continually impressed by the high caliber, well organized events, our association puts together. The most important part of any event is the people who make the time to spend with us, our members. I appreciate all who made it out to spend an afternoon with NUCA in the last month.

Our Events Committee, led by Kelli Meyer (Vermeer) and supported by many volunteers, produced an excellent golf outing. Special thanks goes out to the many sponsors who made that day possible while maintaining a reasonable cost for those who came out to play.

The Education Committee, jointly chaired by Jill McKean (Frost) and Karen Ensley (Cutler-Smith), provided a forum on

retirement planning, wealth management and options to maximize social security benefits. The session also featured a short presentation on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its potential impact on employers in the coming year. The education sessions are high quality, free to members, and occur every other month. I encourage you to take advantage of this member benefit.

Our reputation is growing and so is our membership numbers. We welcomed four new contractors and one new associate members in the last month alone. I encourage you to spread the word with others in the industry about NUCA benefits you enjoy. One-on-one word of mouth is the best way we can continue to grow our membership.

Here is a quick update on our sponsorship of the 2016 OSHA Construction Conference at UTA. Due to very positive member pledges for support, led by Ed "Whiz" Whisenant (Driver Pipeline), the board voted to become the Pinnacle Sponsor of this two day event happening next fall. We will proudly display the logos of our members who support this sponsorship; limited opportunities to be one of those supporters are still available.

We are putting together some really great programming for 2016 in our continual effort to increase NUCA's value to our members. Suggestions are always appreciated and welcomed.

Sincerely,



Alex Kocher  
Chapter President

## MEMBER BENEFIT

### National Damage Prevention & Claims Avoidance Program

This program offers one free hour of claims evaluation per quarter, or four hours per year. After that, members receive the service at a 50% discount. Damage Prevention Consulting offers best practices and ways contractors can protect themselves from liability claims even before excavation begins. Damage Investigation Consulting helps contractors with tools to conduct a detailed damage investigation when challenging a claim. For more information login to nuca.com and click Member Resources.



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## EDUCATION

### 2016 Schedule

#### Save the Dates

- **February 24 Project Preview & Economic Forecast**
- **April 13 MWBE Forum**
- **June 29 New Materials and Processes**
- **August 10 Equipment Buy/Lease**
- **October 12 Legislative Update**

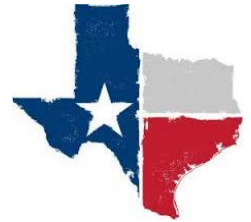


# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## Government Affairs Needs Your Experiences

Our Government Affairs Committee is already preparing for the 85th Texas Legislature in 2017. They need your documentation to support our position on the inequities under current Texas 811 law. The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) has a database of hits and near misses, and Utility Contractors's experiences are under reported. NUCA National's Virtual Dirt portal allows this data to be easily captured. This is the perfect tool to gather the facts we need to support our position with the Texas legislature.

The groundwork laid this year will help us arrive in 2017 with bill language prepared and legislative sponsors in place for both our 811 and 'commercial property plumbing licence requirement' issues.



[Virtual Dirt Portal](#)

[Additional Background](#)

## EVENTS

### This Month

#### Welcome to the Holidays Party

- November 18, 5:30 - 8:30
- DJ, Appetizers, Wine & Beer
- Door Prize Drawings
- Great give aways for the first 50 after 5:30
- Free to all - RSVP Please!

Sponsors



[Click so we'll know you'll be there](#)

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### 2016 Casino Night

#### Save the Date

- Friday, February 12 at the Westin
- Casino Games, DJ and a fun Photo Booth



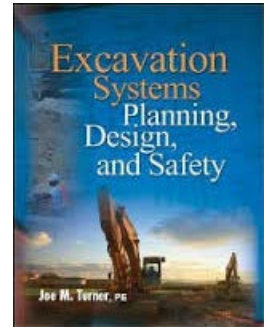
## SAFETY

### This Month

#### New Technology: Telemetric Pin

- Wednesday November 18, 11:00 - 1:00 Willhoites in Grapevine

- Guest speakers Joe Turner from National Trench Safety
- The telemetric pin is an element of an innovative shoring system developed to measure and report real time soil loading.
- Door Prize: Excavation Systems; Planning, Design, and Safety
- Free to members and guest alike, **evite coming soon.**



**RSVPs Requested**

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**Next Year**

- Distracted Driving January 20, 2016
- Workmen's Comp March 16, 2016



## MEMBERSHIP

**Tis the season to join NUCA**

- New Members can join NOW for 2016
- Grow our voice on legislative and safety issues by growing membership
- You, our current members, are our best advertisement
- New members can join **online**, or print off a hard copy application
- North Texas members are also members in national and ...
- NEW in 2016, NUCA Texas State



**2016 Application**

**2016 Tri-Fold**

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**Welcome our newest members!**

**The Lane Construction Corporation**  
**Bulldog Services , LLC**  
**Northeast Service Inc.**  
**Bobcat Construction, LLC**  
**Utility 1 Source**

## Regulations And Specifications

**FREE Hydrogen Sulfide Training**  
**Members Registration is MANDATORY**



[Click to Register](#)

November 17 at UTA, Register for details

- Our first offering 'sold-out' in less than 2 hours
- Thanks to our OSHA Alliance partners we now have a bigger room

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### Quarterly OSHA Round Tables

Save the Dates!

- NUCA members meet with OSHA personnel
- Dallas & Fort Worth Area & Regent VI
- Forum for sharing mutual safety concerns
- 2016 dates: Jan 22, April 22, July 22



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### NUCA to be Pinnacle Sponsor 2016 OSHA Construction Conference

- Statewide Conference next Fall at UT-Arlington
- Members supporters welcome at the \$1000 level
- Supporter's logos on our 'front & center' booth & more



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[request information](#)

## NUCA NATIONAL

### National Awards Are Here!

Member Online Application is Easy and Free

- Deadline December 15,
- Don't miss this opportunity for national recognition
- 3 finalists selected in each category by outside judges
- Final winner will be 'people's choice' at the March Convention



[Click for Online Application](#)

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### NUCA National Convention

- March 10-12, 2016 in Puerto Rico
- El Conquistador Resort & Conference Center



[Online Schedule & Tours](#)  
[2016 Convention Application](#)



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### Save the Dates:

- 2016 Washington Summit, Washington DC, May 23-26
- 2016 Fall Leadership Conference, October (Possibly in Texas)
- 2017 Annual Convention, Las Vegas, March 4-6



## RECAP: The Golf Tournament



After a stormy weekend, Monday October 26 proved a perfect day to get out and enjoy Texas Star Golf Course. Registration provided a boxed lunch, polo shirt, and personal cooler for complimentary beer. Games and a golf pro enhanced the on course experience. When the dust had settled, KLP Commercial had won first place as a team, and all were ready for our Barbecue dinner. After dinner a dozen people walked away as winners of some great raffle prizes.

**Thank You Sponsors**



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