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NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING DIVISIONS NEWSLETTER

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2007 BUILDING DIVISION GOALS

Carolinas AGC's Building Division Chairman Hal Turner, with Thompson Turner Construction in Sumter, S.C., and Vice Chairman Doug Allen, with J. H. Allen, Inc., in Asheboro, N.C., met with staff on Dec. 13, 2006 to plan for the upcoming year. The issues/goals for the Division are as follows:

- (1) Help lead efforts to build CAGC membership:
 - Encourage general contractors, when putting together bids, to use CAGC logo on all correspondence as well as ask subcontractors, suppliers and vendors if they are CAGC members. If not, strongly encourage them to join.
 - Increase CAGC visibility by promoting more use of the association's logos on letterheads; in email correspondence; and on trucks, equipment and job sites.
 - Shore up district meetings throughout the Carolinas by having building contractors invite members and prospective members to meetings that have timely and informative programs. For example, the Triad District could have a meeting with public owners on the best delivery methods.
- (2) Help promote CAGC's online IBuild and Confidential Project services by encouraging all members, including CAGC Board of Directors members, to subscribe. The best sales force to promote the service is members.
- (3) Promote badly needed infrastructure funding for both Carolinas for building, highway and water and sewer needs, especially for the public schools, roads, universities and utilities.
- (4) Educate owners about the pros and cons of different alternative delivery systems as approved in a new policy that the CAGC Board of Directors will consider in January 2007.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming important meetings: The CAGC Convention will be **Jan. 25-28, 2007 at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and passports are required**. Our next BUSS meeting will be **July 19-22, 2007 at Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C.**

N.C. LEGISLATIVE SESSION OUTLOOK

The N.C. General Assembly convenes its long session on Jan. 24, 2007. The biggest issue lawmakers will face for the construction industry is the immediate need for more than \$10 billion for highway, public schools, water and sewer, higher education and land conservancy infrastructure funding.

Politically, the legislature is becoming decidedly less business friendly, an environment which will force CAGC lobbyists Berry Jenkins and Dave Simpson to play more defensive ball on a number of issues, ranging from challenges involving environmental, immigration, pro-union and pro-trial lawyer issues.

The state Senate, which currently has 29 Democrats and 21 Republicans, will have 31 Democrats and 19 Republicans. The House, now with a 63-57 Democratic majority, will increase to a 68-52 Democratic edge. The most interesting political issue will involve who will be chosen as the next House speaker. Speaker Jim Black, who has been the focus of numerous controversies and has been dogged unrelentingly by the media, announced this month that he will not run for speaker next year. About a half dozen possible speaker contenders are surfacing, ranging from the liberal House Majority Leader Joe Hackney and new Rep. Dan Blue, a former House speaker, to the more business friendly Reps. Drew Saunders, D-Mecklenburg, and Jim Crawford, D-Granville.

Key Issues Emerging: Sen. David Hoyle, the Legislature's most pro-business veteran, is leading efforts to help bolster badly needed highway funding, along with other infrastructure needs. Lawmakers are reluctant to raise taxes, so there will be another effort to try to tax services, including construction. Other issues likely to emerge will be increasing Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) participation at a time when the University of North Carolina System is likely to make multi-billion dollar funding requests as it nears the end of a \$2.5 billion construction bond program.

There likely will be moves to dilute public bidding laws, including New Hanover Regional Medical Center being exempt from all such laws, as well as to increase the work local and state governments can do with their own forces. CAGC will strongly support legislation, backed by the administration of Gov. Mike Easley and recommended by the N.C. Department of Administration, to reduce retainage and have line-item release of some trades packages which are finished early on the job site.

Look for the UNC system to continue trying to get out from under the state inspections process at a time when projects over \$2 million must have such inspections. CAGC, at a Dec. 6 meeting of the N.C. Legislative Study Commission on State Construction Inspections, instead urged lawmakers to increase funding to provide more employees to perform electrical inspections for the N.C. Department of Insurance and reduce alternates on public work.

CAGC will be closely involved in efforts to improve underground safety in North Carolina, where current laws fall far short of what is needed. With big help from the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and CAGC, Congress recently reauthorized the provisions that will help establish equitable enforcement of damage prevention laws for all stakeholders in the one-call process as well as funding for critical technology and awareness programs.

CAGC also plans to work closely with the N.C. Home Builders Association to stiffen penalties for vandalism on construction sites, an issue which seems more pervasive with residential construction. The issue of double payment -- where prime contractors unfairly are having to pay twice for the same work or materials because first-tier subs and suppliers aren't paying lower tiers -- continues to be explored by CAGC.

Voters Okay Large Construction Bonds: Tar Heel voters in the Nov. 7 general election approved nearly \$2 billion for construction work across the state, with the bulk of the funding involving \$970 million in school construction bonds for Wake County. For a look at the list, go to: http://www.cagc.org/advocacy/files/3billion_for_construction_approved.cfm.

S.C. LEGISLATIVE SESSION RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

The South Carolina legislature convenes on Jan. 9, 2007. For the coming session, CAGC lobbyists will be focusing on several topics. At the top of the list is legislation that will reform the workers' compensation system in our state. CAGC is a member of the S.C. Civil Justice Coalition along with close to 40 other business groups. We will all be working to convince the Legislature to pass a bill that will create a more balanced workers' compensation system. We'll also be working on immigration, alternative delivery methods and special inspections legislation. We encourage you to

keep up with the actions at the State House by reading the Governmental Affairs reports on the CAGC website and via the NewsBreak! weekly.

CAROLINAS AGC BUILDING DIVISION LEADERS

Congratulations to these members who recently took over the lead of the Building Division for 2007. They are: Chairman **Hal Turner** and Vice Chair **Doug Allen**. Both are on the CAGC Board of Directors.

Other Building Division members on CAGC's Board of Directors are: **Barry Gardner**, Shelco, Raleigh; **Pat Rodgers**, Rodgers Builders, Charlotte; **John Harris**, James E. Harris Const., Huntersville; **Ray Rouse**, R. N. Rouse & Co., Goldsboro; **Susan Lewis**, Beam Const. Co., Cherryville; **Allen Amsler**, McCrory Const. Co., Columbia; and **Darryl Mansel**, Mansel Contractors, Charlotte.

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QUOTES OF THE QUARTER

"Goodbye. It's been swell. I'm gone."

- Former UNC football coach John Bunting

"Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."

- Will Rogers



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