

# MEMBERS FIRST MEETINGS - AUGUST 2016

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<b>Northeast Georgia - Commerce</b> Wednesday, 8/3, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Central Georgia - Macon</b> Wednesday, 8/10, 7:00 – 8:30 am	<b>West Central Georgia - Columbus</b> Wednesday, 8/10, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>South Georgia - Valdosta</b> Thursday, 8/11, 7:00 – 8:30 am
<b>Southwest Georgia - Albany</b> Thursday, 8/11, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Metro Atlanta</b> Wednesday, 8/17, 11:15 am - 1:30 pm <i>Different Keynote Program; See Next Page</i>	<b>East Georgia - Augusta</b> Wednesday, 8/24, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Southeast Georgia - Savannah</b> Thursday, 8/25, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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## 2016 Legislative Session Results: *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*

Mark Woodall, AGC Georgia's Director of Governmental Affairs, is visiting with members across the state to share the *good, the bad and the ugly*... and how new laws and regulations from the 2016 legislative session affect you and your company.

A core principle of the entire AGC organization is "less government is better." Our primary legislative agenda is to always play defense against many well-intended proposals that can lead to bad public policy. In the 2016 session, we were intimately involved in the passage of a number of pro-active industry bills, including House Bill 402, which promoted workforce development, and Senate Bill 191, which promoted uniform requirements under the Call Before You Dig Law.

HB 402 (effective July 1, 2016) is a great piece of legislation for the construction industry's workforce development efforts. AGC Georgia proudly served as a resource to legislators during the development of this bill and testified in its favor because it allows for new opportunities to introduce more young people to careers in construction. The bill clarifies that contractors are legally able to provide work-based learning opportunities for 16 and 17 year old students in sanctioned workforce development programs. The incentive in the new law provides employers who hire these students with an optional 5 percent reduction in workers' comp premiums.

SB 191 was in play for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions. An amendment to the bill was made earlier this year by the Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council (GUCC) in an effort to address the issue of local government adopting and enforcing different standards regarding white lining requirements under Georgia's Call Before You Dig law. SB 191 extended a dig ticket life from 21 to 30 days. Included in GUCC were local government, utilities, PSC and contractor organizations, including AGC Georgia. We specifically advocated for SB 191 because it recognizes a single statewide standard instead of the need to operate under multiple and varying local government standards.

SB 326 and SB 437 were introduced this session to generate discussion among the various stakeholders during the legislative off-season. SB 326 amends the Soil and Erosion Control law by reducing the period of time local plan reviewers have to review soil and erosion control plans (NPDES) from 45 to 14 days. As developed, SB 326 would have also required plan reviewers to hold the same credentials as those who develop the soil and erosion control plans.

SB 437 addressed concerns with current law governing private plan review and inspection services. Many jurisdictions are taking entirely too long to provide plan review services. While Georgia law does allow for private plan review and inspection services, the current law is not being utilized because of the cost and time frames outlined in the code. AGC Georgia advised the Senate sponsors of both SB 326 and SB 437 that we are very interested in working on these issues with our partners in state and local government in preparation for the 2017 legislative session.



Gov. Deal signed HB 402 (Act 356) into law in May and it is effective July 1. AGC Georgia participated in the signing ceremony with bill sponsors and representatives from the Lt. Governor's Office, Georgia DOE and representatives from CTAE.



Bill Chambless (l), AGC Georgia's Member Development Specialist and Mark Woodall (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Director of Governmental Affairs help celebrate the signing of a proclamation designating May 2016 as Building Safety Month in Georgia. This fall, AGC Georgia will work with the Building Officials Association of Georgia (BOAG), Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to address issues raised by SB 326 and SB 437 in preparation for the 2017 session.

# REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS FIRST MEETINGS (excluding metro Atlanta)

Save \$10 by registering online! Visit [www.agcga.org](http://www.agcga.org) and click on "Register for Events."

\*To confirm if your company is a member in good standing and you are eligible for member pricing, please call L.B. at 678.298.4102.

**Northeast Georgia (Commerce)** – Wed., 8/3 at 11:30 am  
Comfort Suites; 30490 Highway 441

Cancellation Deadline: July 29

\$45/AGC member registering with this form  
**\$35/AGC member registering at [agcga.org](http://agcga.org)**  
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**Central Georgia (Macon)** – Wed., 8/10 at 7:00 am  
Marriott Macon City Center; 240 Coliseum Drive

Cancellation Deadline: August 5

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**\$30/AGC member registering at [agcga.org](http://agcga.org)**  
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**West Central Georgia (Columbus)** – Wed., 8/10 at 11:30 am  
Doubletree Hotel; 5401 Sidney Simons Boulevard

Cancellation Deadline: August 5

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**South Georgia (Valdosta)** – Thurs., 8/11 at 7:00 am  
Holiday Inn & Conference Center; 1805 West Hill Avenue

Cancellation Deadline: August 8

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**Southwest Georgia (Albany)** – Thurs., 8/11 at 11:30 am  
Merry Acres Event Center; 1500 Dawson Road

Cancellation Deadline: August 8

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**East Georgia (Augusta)** – Wed., 8/24 at 11:30 am  
Kroc Center; 1833 Broad Street

Cancellation Deadline: August 19

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**Southeast Georgia (Savannah)** – Thurs., 8/25 at 11:30 am  
Savannah Golf Club; 1661 East President Street

Cancellation Deadline: August 22

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Metro Atlanta's Members First Meeting is planned for Wednesday, August 17 from 11:15 am – 1:30 pm in Marietta.

The program will have an expert panel focusing on trends in Georgia's economy, with a concentration on forecasts in the construction market. To register for this specific meeting, visit our event calendar at [www.agcga.org](http://www.agcga.org).

If you prefer to register with this form rather than take advantage of preferred pricing at [www.agcga.org](http://www.agcga.org), please check a registration option from above and fill out the below fields. We'll send a confirmation via email before the event.

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Contact Machell Harper with questions at 678.298.4108 or [harper@agcga.org](mailto:harper@agcga.org).

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