

MEMBERS FIRST MEETINGS - AUGUST 2018

AGC Georgia's Members First programs and networking opportunities are offered throughout the state. You are encouraged to attend meetings in multiple regions to network with fellow members. For more information, visit our calendar at www.agcga.org or contact Machell Harper, Director of Member Services at 678-298-4108 or harper@agcga.org.



Northeast Georgia - Commerce
Wednesday, 8/1, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Central Georgia - Macon
Wednesday, 8/8, 7:00 - 8:30 am

West Central Georgia - Columbus
Wednesday, 8/8, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

South Georgia - Valdosta
Thursday, 8/9, 7:00 - 8:30 am

Southwest Georgia - Albany
Thursday, 8/9, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

East Georgia - Augusta
Wednesday, 8/22, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Southeast Georgia - Savannah
Wednesday, 8/29, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

2018 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 2018 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.

This year's session was the second of a two-year legislative process, meaning all bills failing to pass this year are no longer eligible for consideration when a new legislature convenes in January 2019. AGC Georgia had a very successful year, providing meaningful input on behalf of the construction industry as we successfully helped push through many pro-construction legislative proposals/ measures. Maybe more importantly, we helped stop of bills that could have negatively impacted the construction industry and business community.

AGC Georgia initiated three pro-active bills, HB 489, HB 858/HR 1258 and HB 899, and beginning in 2017, we were on the ground floor helping develop our top legislative priority, SB 3. In May, SB 3, HB 489 and HB 899 were signed into law by Governor Deal, and HB 858 will be the subject matter of discussions between members of the House Ways & Means Committee, the construction industry and representatives of local government during this summer and upcoming fall.

AGC Georgia owes a debt of gratitude to many people for another successful year, including members of our Legislative Committee, our industry friends at the Capitol including our bill sponsors - Senator Lindsey Tippins for SB 3, Representative Tom McCall for HB 489, Representative Shaw Blackmon for HB 859 and Representative Dominic LaRiccia for HB 899.



On May 8, 2018, AGC Georgia contractor members, Brian Newsome, Albany; Kevin Kuntz, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; and Mike Kenig, Holder Construction Co. join CEFGA's Zach Fields and AGC Georgia staff members Mark Woodall and Mike Dunham and Senator Lindsey Tippins as Governor Nathan Deal signs our association's top legislative priority, "The CONNECT ACT" (Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training). Senator Tippins was SB 3's legislative sponsor.



On May 8, AGC Georgia representatives join HB 489 Bill Sponsor Representative Tom McCall, Governor Nathan Deal, Senator Lindsey Tippins, Senator Donzella James, Bill Cannon and Representatives of the Department of Administrative Services for signing ceremony of HB 489.

Senate Bill 3 - Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act: AGC Georgia has been recognized for bringing this issue to the General Assembly for consideration and we firmly believe SB 3 helps ensure the education and training provided for CTAE students is relevant to the industry they ultimately will serve. Industry involvement in the classroom creates a direct link and pipeline for contractors seeking skilled/trained labor and students seeking jobs in our industry. AGC Georgia and CEFGA - Construction Education Foundation of Georgia - proudly continue to lead the charge on this effort on behalf of Georgia's construction industry.

House Bill 489 - Public Works Projects must be advertised on Georgia's Procurement Registry: This bill was introduced in 2017 and did not receive a hearing. AGC Georgia asked Representative Tom McCall, the sponsor, to amend the bill to address issues raised during the CM@Risk Study Committee hearings held during the fall of 2017. Several contractors testified about the difficulty of finding construction opportunities through various websites, or the legal organ of the county where the project is located. The amended version of HB 489 requires state/local public works contracts to be advertised on the Georgia DOAS Procurement Registry, free of charge to the contractor and the public entity advertising. HB 489 also allows additional advertisement in the legal organ or an internet site, but these advertisements are not required. This bill allows contractors to use one source - Georgia Procurement Registry - to find all state and local contract opportunities.

House Bill 899 - Contractors cannot be disqualified simply because they lack previous experience with the construction delivery method: During AGC Georgia membership meetings in the fall of 2017 and during the CM@Risk Study Committee hearings, we learned about instances where contractors were automatically disqualified from consideration simply because they had not previously constructed a project under the CM@Risk delivery method. One of our recommendations to the committee was to eliminate automatic disqualification of contractors simply because the contractor has not previously constructed a CM@Risk project. HB 899 codifies AGC Georgia's recommendation. An additional positive outcome from our participation in the hearings is that AGC Georgia will be partnering with Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC), University System of Georgia (USG) and Department of Education (DOE) to host education programs geared toward small contractors doing business with the state under delivery methods other than hard bid. These programs are planned for August 23 at Ogeechee Tech in Statesboro and September 13 at Lanier Tech in Gainesville.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS FIRST MEETINGS

Save \$10 by registering online! Visit 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., 8/1 at 11:30 am
Comfort Suites; 30490 Highway 441
Cancellation Deadline: July 27
 - \$45/AGC member registering with this form
\$35/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

- Central Georgia (Macon)** – Wed., 8/8 at 7:00 am
Goodwill - Anderson Conference Center; 5171 Eisenhower Parkway
NEW LOCATION!!!!
Cancellation Deadline: August 3
 - \$40/AGC member registering with this form
\$30/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

- West Central Georgia (Columbus)** – Wed., 8/8 at 11:30 am
DoubleTree Hotel; 5351 Sidney Simons Boulevard
Cancellation Deadline: August 3
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\$35/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

- South Georgia (Valdosta)** – Thurs., 8/9 at 7:00 am
Holiday Inn & Conference Center; 1805 West Hill Avenue
Cancellation Deadline: August 6
 - \$40/AGC member registering with this form
\$30/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

- Southwest Georgia (Albany)** – Thurs., 8/9 at 11:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn; 101 South Front Street
NEW LOCATION!!!!
Cancellation Deadline: August 6
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- East Georgia (Augusta)** – Wed., 8/22 at 11:30 am
DoubleTree Hotel; 2651 Perimeter Parkway
Cancellation Deadline: August 17
 - \$45/AGC member registering with this form
\$35/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

- Southeast Georgia (Savannah)** – **Wed.**, 8/29 at 11:30 am
PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS ON WEDNESDAY
Savannah Golf Club; 1661 East President Street
Cancellation Deadline: August 24
 - \$45/AGC member registering with this form
\$35/AGC member registering at agcga.org
\$90/non-AGC member*

If you prefer to register with this form rather than take advantage of preferred pricing at 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.

Company: _____ Attendee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Dietary restrictions: _____ Total Payment Due: \$ _____

Check: Make payable to AGC Georgia; mail with copy of this form to **Wells Fargo/AGC Georgia; PO Box 934023; Atlanta, GA 31193-4023**

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Fax: 678-298-4101

Email: (after manually filling out form): registration@agcga.org

Contact Machell Harper with questions at 678.298.4108 or harper@agcga.org.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be received by 5:00 pm on the denoted dates above in order to receive a full refund. No refunds can be made after these dates/times due to food commitments to the respective facilities. Substitutions are encouraged.