## **MEMBERS FIRST MEETINGS - AUGUST 2017**

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Northeast Georgia - Commerce

Central Georgia - Macon

West Central Georgia - Columbus Wednesday, 8/9, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm South Georgia - Valdosta

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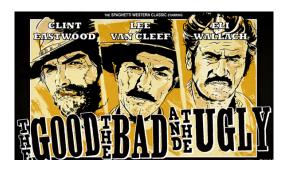
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Southwest Georgia - Albany Thursday, 8/10, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm East Georgia - Augusta Wednesday, 8/23, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Southeast Georgia - Savannah Thursday, 8/24, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

## 2017 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 in August to share the *good*, the bad and the ugly... and how new laws, regulations, court decisions and the Trump presidency affect you and your company. Several key areas of focus include the following topics.

**Legislative** -- A core principle of the entire AGC organization is "less government is better." This constant legislative priority requires us to play defense against new and recycled bad ideas, and well-intended proposals that can lead to bad public policy. The 2017 Georgia General Assembly legislative session saw no shortage of either.



To further complicate matters, our General Assembly appeared to peek a little early in terms of squabbling between the House and Senate in anticipation of the 2018 elections for statewide officers, which includes open seats for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State.

Not all was bad during the 2017 Session. AGC Georgia and the business community scored several wins, particularly HB 192. This bill addressed the negative court decision in *FDIC v. Loudermilk*, which undercut the legal doctrine known as the *Business Judgement Rule*. The Business Judgement Rule protected good faith decision making from second guessing by the courts and juries. The court decision allowed business directors and officers in Georgia to be personally liable for corporate decisions, if simple negligence is proven. This is counter to the standard recognized in most states in the country. HB 192 returned Georgia to a standard allowing for fair, reasonable decision making by corporate boards and directors, protecting them from frivolous lawsuits.

**Georgia Supreme Court Rules in Industry's Favor** -- AGC Georgia participated in an amicus brief with the Georgia Supreme Court to support the appeal of a lower court ruling in *Burdette v. Chandler Telecom*. If the decision of the Court of Appeals was allowed to stand, the "willful misconduct" defense in denying workers' compensation claims expressly provided for by Georgia law would have been eliminated and employers would have been left with the ability to only raise a defense when a claimant engaged in criminal conduct.

**President Trump** -- The 2016 Election of President Trump has impacted Georgia as much, or maybe more so, than any other state in the country. Two Georgians, 6<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Tom Price and former Governor Sonny Perdue were tapped by Trump to serve on his cabinet as Secretary of Human Health Services and Secretary of Agriculture. In Price's new role, he is positioned at the epicenter of the debate regarding the proposed legislation to replace the Affordable Care Act. Price vacating his congressional seat forced a special election resulting in AGC Georgia-supported Karen Handel's election. This race was recognized nationally as a referendum on President Trump in what is now also recognized as the most expensive Congressional House campaign on record.

**National Regulatory Front** -- On the regulatory front at the national level, we are finally in an offensive posture opposed to being in a defensive one. We've already scored big wins regarding EPA's Waters of the US, OSHA's Post Accident Testing, DOL's Blacklisting requirements and many others. AGC of America's input is regularly sought and considered by the new administration on these many other areas impacting the construction industry.

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	East Georgia (Augusta) – Wed., 8/23 at 11:30 am  DoubleTree Hotel; 2651 Perimeter Parkway  Cancellation Deadline: August 18  \$45/AGC member registering with this form		Southeast Georgia (Savannah) – Thurs., 8/24 at 11:30 am Savannah Golf Club; 1661 East President Street Cancellation Deadline: August 21  \$45/AGC member registering with this form
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