



NUCA's quick lobbying in 2020 to obtain official federal government designation of our industry as "essential" kept our member's businesses open during a very tough economic year.

Accomplishments 2020

"Essential To Continued Critical Infrastructure Viability." NUCA's lobbying and outreach to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) was essential in obtaining this official relief for our members and their communities. Early in the pandemic flu crisis, NUCA was at the forefront of insuring that the American utility construction industry remained identified as an "essential" component of our national infrastructure sector, keeping the industry in the trenches and our employees working.

NUCA Advocacy For Industry Economic Relief. Once President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, NUCA immediately began lobbying Congress seeking relief and help for our businesses and their employees. Congress listened, passing in the last week of March a massive \$2 trillion package assisting American businesses towards economic recovery. NUCA continued to lobby Congress throughout the year in three more rounds of economic relief legislation, securing Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for our members.

Membership Growth. NUCA's compelling value to the industry reflected in a 3% growth in membership in 2020. NUCA's many safety, education, social, advocacy, and Chapter programs continue to offer the utility construction industry a significant return on their NUCA membership investment.

NUCA Chapters Step Up Efforts. NUCA's 31 state/regional Chapters stepped up to help their members navigate the uncertainty of an escalating viral pandemic. Along with providing members with a steady stream of vital resources, they fought to keep their "essential" utility construction businesses operating. Virtual events and webinars emerged as favorite methods for member networking opportunities.



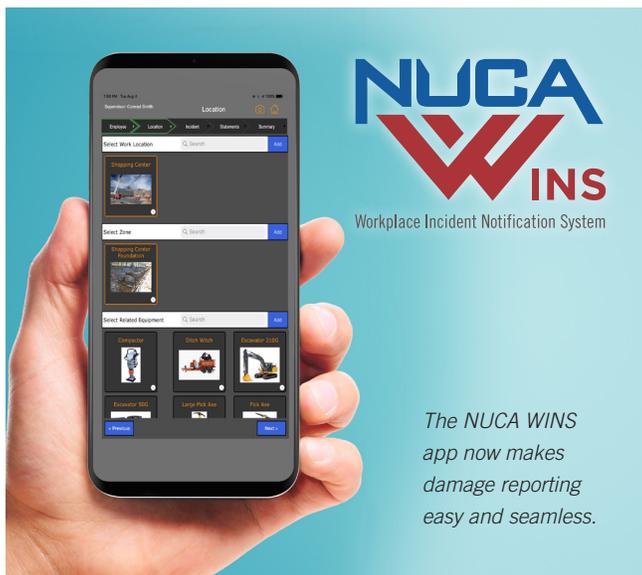
Utility contractors in Knoxville came together to start NUCA of East Tennessee in early 2020, growing to 40 member companies by the end of the year.

NUCA Pandemic Resource Center. NUCA created several webpages on how members could mitigate the emerging pandemic crisis, first releasing on February 5 a sample company pandemic flu policy for members to use to protect their employees. Throughout 2020, NUCA regularly posted the latest business recovery tools and information on its www.nuca.com/panflu website.

Webinars On Latest Industry News. NUCA conducted a number of webinars from industry experts and our government affairs department to keep members informed about the latest economic relief plans from Washington. These webinars evolved into our continuing monthly Webinar Wednesday series on industry topics.

NUCA's Growing Chapter Network. NUCA welcomed new chapters in New Jersey and East Tennessee, with Kentucky's budding chapter forming its leadership cadre and petitioning NUCA National for full Chapter status.

Thanks to our 2020 National Partners for their generous support throughout the year!



The NUCA WINS app now makes damage reporting easy and seamless.

Scholarships. NUCA awarded \$15,000 in three new scholarships and prior award commitments to students of industry members through its Foundation for Education and Research.

NUCA Staff. NUCA's new CEO Doug Carlson joined the association in January, taking the association across this year's rough waters to a safer harbor. Carl Vasquez, ASP was hired as the new director of safety and education to replace retired industry safety legend George Kennedy.

We're glad you're part of America's premier utility contractor industry association!

NUCA WINS App. NUCA introduced NUCA WINS, a new incident recording app that employees can easily operate on their smartphones to document utility strikes and safety information at the point-of-occurrence. The NUCA WINS app (nucawins.com) can eliminate the inaccuracy of completing incident reports at the end of the day or week when memories have faded.

First-Ever "Virtual" Washington Summit.

In response to the continuing need to advocate for infrastructure resources and relief funds, NUCA rescheduled its spring Washington Summit to September 23—and held it online. And this novel approach worked: over 140 attendees met with almost 80 Congressional offices, discussing their local infrastructure needs with lawmakers and their staffs.

NUCA 2020 Convention & Exhibit. Held in February at the beautiful Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona, this event turned out to be the last regularly held event for NUCA members before the full force of the pandemic hit in March.

2020 Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) Week.

While the results of the 2020 TSSD Week, June 15-19, sponsored by NUCA and the Safety Ambassadors Club, were lower than the previous year due to the pandemic, the number of people who took part was still remarkable. More than 32,000 workers on more than 3,500 jobsites from 238 organizations participated this year.



The 2020 Convention welcomed new leadership to NUCA.

As a NUCA member, you have access to a vast amount of industry news and information. Please visit our Website, www.nuca.com. We're also on Twitter (@NUCA_National), Facebook (NUCA1964), LinkedIn (NUCA National), Instagram (NUCA_National), and YouTube (NUCA National).

NUCA's membership department can be reached via 703-358-9300, or by e-mail to Meredith Leutbecker, meredith@nuca.com. We want to make sure you get the most out of your NUCA National and Chapter membership in 2021 and the years beyond.