



GR Committee Meeting – NUCA Annual Convention  
Thursday March 14, 2019  
10:30AM EST

Minutes

- I. Meeting began with the following participants: Chad Haring, Kurt Youngs, Tom Butler, Bill Driskill, Andy Williams, Gary Lawson, Scott Knoblauch, Darren Cleary, Jim Kelly, Lauren Atwell, Jason Holden, Rick Schaefer, Keith Vandergrift, Jeff McCord, David Stavens, Tony Raposo, Bill Bocchino, Jason Clark, Eric Klein, Ryan Kinning, Driskoll Tubbs, Mark Fuglevand, Ashlie Graff, Aaron Graff, Brian Hunsicker, Don Taylor, Hunter Long
- II. Legislative Update
  - a. Bryce Mongeon provided an update on legislative activity on Capitol Hill. In particular, he discussed the potential for investment in infrastructure, President Trump's executive order on Buy American/Hire American, federal budget and funding issues, and coalitions that NUCA leads.
  - b. Attendees provided feedback on the impact they've seen on the "Buy American" issue. Generally speaking, there doesn't seem to be much of an impact from this action, but it would be helpful for contractors if domestic requirements could be streamlined.
- III. GR Survey and E-mail Campaign Results
  - a. Bryce provided the results of the survey sent out to NUCA membership. Overall, top federal issues impacting members continue to be funding for infrastructure, labor shortages/workforce development, and federal regulations.
  - b. Attendees provided feedback on the e-mail campaign to lawmakers and said that they participation process was simple and straightforward.
- IV. Setting the 2019 Washington Summit Agenda
  - a. Bryce led a discussion of the issues that could be included as part of NUCA's lobbying day agenda. Areas of focus include critical water infrastructure; road, bridge, and surface transportation infrastructure; workforce development; regulatory reform; how our members employ resilient construction methods; and the industry impact statements that will be prepared for Summit attendees.
  - b. For water infrastructure, attendees asked how private investment or public-private partnerships (P3s) could be used to address funding needs. Attendees also recommended that alternatives, such as infrastructure bonds or expanding private activity bonds, could help meet financing issues.
  - c. On workforce development, there was a discussion about what federal efforts could be the most effective to address our industry's needs. In response to a question about a tax credit, some attendees believed that this could help contractors address workforce training needs, while others felt that this credit wouldn't make enough of a difference to induce contractors to spending more on training.
  - d. Bryce also highlighted the College Transparency Act, which is legislation that would make more data available about the outcome of programs at institutions of higher education. Attendees also suggested that measures to reduce regulatory red tape would help contractors improve their operations. Other members also raised Bryce will follow up with the GR committee as Washington Summit preparation continues on these issues.
- V. NUCA Member Engagement
  - a. Bryce highlighted ways that he wants to increase involvement in NUCA's GR activities, including holding a Government Relations 101 Seminar and also soliciting more feedback from membership on issues.
- VI. Adjourn



PAC Committee Meeting – NUCA Annual Convention  
Thursday March 14, 2019  
11:30AM EST

Minutes

- I. Meeting began with the following participants: Tom Butler, Bill Driskill, Gary Lawson, Scott Knoblauch, Darren Cleary, Jim Kelly, Lauren Atwell, David Stavens, Tony Raposo, Bill Bocchino, Jason Clark, Eric Klein, Ryan Kinning, Driskoll Tubbs, Mark Fuglevand, Brian Hunsicker.
- II. PAC Update
  - a. Bryce shared with the committee NUCA/PAC's goal to raise \$60,000 during the current election cycle through 2020.
  - b. He also shared an update on the recent authorization campaign to get more NUCA members into the PAC's eligible class. This will allow the PAC to solicit from more members, and ultimately, help the PAC raise more money.
- III. PAC Efforts Moving Forard
  - a. Attendees shared thoughts on how we could increase participation in NUCA/PAC. Possible ideas include establishing a state/chapter level goal and consistently reminding members of their progress toward this goal and breaking down our big goals into small amounts to show how even a small bit of participation can have a big impact on our overall success.
  - b. Tony asked about the possibility of a state level PAC hosting a fundraiser for the national NUCA/PAC. Bryce will look into this to determine if this is possible.
- IV. Adjourn