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Tom Butler Elected NUCA Chairman of the Board

Petticoat-Schmitt Executive Takes Top Job at Utility Construction Association

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association's (NUCA) Board of Directors formally inducted Tom Butler as their new Chairman on March 13 at their Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In his acceptance speech, Chairman Butler focused on advancing the participation of NUCA members in the organization for the benefit of their company and the industry:

"Making NUCA yours this year can be a direct path towards your increased engagement with your peers," said Tom Butler, NUCA's new Chairman. "Engaging and involving your business in your Chapter activities and your community always pays dividends to your operations...One can certainly recognize their benefits of NUCA membership simply by being a member. But I guarantee that should you also choose to participate and give to NUCA some of your time, effort and ideas, the benefit you gain will be substantially greater and personally more rewarding."

Tom Butler is Director of Preconstruction Services at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, in Jacksonville, Florida. Before taking his new position at Petticoat-Schmitt, he was the senior estimator at Kimmins Contracting Corp., and the chief estimator at Burgess Civil, LLC, both located in the Tampa, Florida area. He has been involved in the complex field of construction estimating for almost 20 years. Butler also served in the U.S. Air Force as a security specialist in the early 1990s.

Butler holds a degree in mathematics from the University of South Florida, and was a Phi Beta Kappa member.

Butler has served as NUCA's governmental affairs committee chairman since 2017. He has been involved in the association's Washington-based advocacy program since 2011, attending numerous Washington Summit fly-ins to represent his NUCA Florida chapter. He will continue to serve as the national organization's chairman of the Government Affairs Committee.

Also elected to the leadership team at the March 13 NUCA Annual Meeting was Tony Privitera as Chairman-Elect, Kevin Cripps as Treasurer, and David Howell as Secretary. Ryan Kinning, the former chairman, now becomes Immediate Past Chairman.

The association expanded its executive committee last year and also elected several vice-chairs to its top leadership team. Bob Lafluer (NorthEast Region Vice-Chair), Jason Clark (MidWest Region Vice-Chair), Gary Silbernagel (West Region Vice-Chair), Kirk Blomgren (SouthEast Region Vice-Chair), Jason Miller (Central Region Vice-Chair), and Yvonne Bland (At-Large) were also re-elected to the NUCA Executive Committee.

Butler's term as Chairman of the Board will end one year from now at the next NUCA Annual Meeting, scheduled for March 2024. After his term is completed, Butler will then become the association's Immediate Past Chairman, and continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

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Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents almost 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.