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## **Evolution of Leadership: Centerline Utilities President Fred Chesney, Sr. Sworn In As New NUCA Chairman of the Board**

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association’s Board of Directors formally inducted Fred Chesney, Sr. as their new Chairman on February 29 at their Annual Meeting held in Tucson, Arizona.

Chairman Chesney’s acceptance speech focused on the industry’s critical contribution to the strength of the U.S. economy:

“It will take a strong industry to rise and meet this nation’s infrastructure challenges. It will take a strong industry to leverage every method and technology at our disposal to fix, replace, or create the projects our great nation desperately needs. And as I look around this room, I see the foundation of that strength here tonight. But we can’t do it alone. A stronger industry demands a stronger association. Increasing membership means we can achieve much more, together,” said the new Chairman.

Chairman Chesney founded Centerline Utilities Inc. in 1980 and continues to serve as the company’s president to this day. He has been long involved in the industry’s associations, including on his local industry chapter, NUCA of South Florida. He served on that chapter’s board of directors beginning in 1989, and before assuming the chairman’s title for NUCA served as their Chairman-elect, Vice Chairman, and Secretary, and as a Contractor director since the early 2010s.

His industry accomplishments are numerous, proving his dedication to the utility contractors’ local and national associations over the last 40 years. Chesney’s Centerline Utility was named his local chapter’s Member Company of the Year in 2009 and 2010; Contractor of the Year in 2010, 2012, and 2014; and NUCA of Florida Contractor of the Year in 2016. He has been a major sponsor of his chapter’s events, actively recruits new member to the association, and has been an ever-present participant to NUCA’s Washington Summit lobbying events, national conventions, and industry meetings.

His tenure will be marked by his focus on increasing the association's membership base. "Over the next year, I want to modernize how we approach membership and how we recruit our members. We are evaluating our benefits program and adding more services to help your businesses. Our training and education opportunities will increase. We may not be the biggest association out there, but we've got the vision, motivation, and people in place," Chesney said, accepting this honor from the association's volunteer leadership.

Also elected to the leadership team at the February 29 NUCA Annual Meeting was Lauren Atwell, to the position of Chairman-Elect. Ryan Kinning was elected as Vice Chairman, Tom Butler to the position of Treasurer, and Tony Privitera as association Secretary. Dan Buckley, the association's previous Chairman, became Immediate Past Chairman.

Chesney's term as Chairman of the Board will end one year from now at the next NUCA Annual Meeting, scheduled for March 2021. After his term is completed, Chesney 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 nearly 1,700 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](http://www.nuca.com), and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA\_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCADigs.