Triangle Chapter Host of the 2016 PCEA Convention

The Triangle Chapter of the PCEA was chosen to host this years PCEA National Convention. Since being notified we were going to be responsible for this years festivities, the membership of our chapter has been working with the Triangle Convention Committee Chairman Chris Kelley to marshal the resources needed to make this a pleasant and memorable gathering for all attending. Our Convention Committee working with the National Officers, and past host chapters, has strived to insure continuity and structure to match the high standards set by previous PCEA Conventions.

At this writing registration for attendance has surpassed the contractual minimums agreed to with the hotel and vendors. Chris with the assistance of his team have managed to meet the challenges involved with this undertaking. Making arrangements with the hotel staff, vendors and activity providers that are a five hour drive away, has been problematic. Our Chapter President - Rick Embrey, Committee Chairman-Chris Kelley, Wally Mills, Jason Graham, Marc Marotta, Glenn Hessee, Evan Smith, Ryan Degnan, Adam Blalock, have work the phones gaining needed support from local companies, PCEA Chapter Members and officers to volunteer their time and financial support needed to put in place activities and support to make this Convention a successful endeavor for our chapter and our Professional Membership. This year we are celebrating the 60th year since this organization was founded in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sponsorships are still needed and being Accepted Please Contact Mr. Chris Kelley

42nd Annual PCEA National Convention

CALL to CONVENTION
April 27 - May 1, 2016
Renaissance Asheville Hotel
31 Woodfin Street
Asheville, NC 28801
Officers and Board Members for 2016-2017

At our Membership Meeting March 17, 2016, the membership voted in the new board members for the upcoming year.

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It is important as organization, that we encourage new members to join and past members to connect. Our membership must grow to continue. At each board meeting membership is always on the agenda. Our President Mr. Rick Embrey has had discussions with other PCEA chapters and organizations regarding possible remedies to this issue. Without exception every organization he approached is having the same issues. Lower membership numbers and low attendance rates of the membership.

We should all be concerned about the future of PCEA. Every organization needs new blood. PCEA is no different. To keep the organization relevant, meaningful and growing we must embrace new ideas and be able to provide a reason for persons to join our organization, and come to our meetings. We must have more participation from General Contractors which will drive membership from suppliers, vendors and sub-contractors.

We have heard some innovative ideas from our membership. Our Chapter has tried several initiatives to grow our membership. All of our recent membership drives have had limited success. In the Triangle Chapter, new members have replaced members that have opted out of the PCEA.

This Organization has much to offer the membership. This is one place where we can come to meet the people we deal with every week. Meeting once a month away from the office, building relationships that endure for a lifetime. Helping insure that the construction done in our area is done to the highest standards. By supporting College Students interested in the Construction Industry with Scholarships, by speaking to High School and College Groups about the possibilities in the Construction Industry, PCEA has a role to play in developing and molding, responsible individuals for the next generation of Construction Professionals.

Bringing professionals in to present their information on subjects of interest is important to keep our group abreast of new ideas, technology, best industry practices, unrelated Fun Topics is yet another way to draw our members back each month. It would be very much appreciated if you have ideas or contacts for future speakers that you believe would be of interest to our group please pass that information to me so I can schedule them to speak to our monthly membership meeting. Any topics you may have, any speakers you may know would be very much appreciated. Please send your ideas to TAVonCannon@VSCFS.com
Guest Speaker for our April Meeting is:

Patricia A. Godin
Dean Applied Engineering & Technologies Division
Curriculum Education Services
Wake Technical Community College

She will be addressing Construction Technology Training available for area Students and Educational opportunities For older Adults looking to hone their skills.
According to Dodge:

➢ The growth rate in total building will continue into 2017, but the pace of expansion will slow.

➢ Higher interest rates will lead to a cyclical slowdown from 2018-2020 with some declines

➢ Upside risk lies in Electric Power, Gas and Communications Category should underlying strengths prove larger and longer

➢ Downside risk lies in Commercial Category should the economy falter (forecasting mid three’s for GDP)

➢ Downside risk that oil prices slide deep enough to have serious economic consequences for oil producing areas

➢ Federal Reserve’s plan to raise interest rates

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**PCEA Triangle Chapter 3 Scholarships:**

PCEA recognizes that one of the greatest problems facing our industry is a shortage of interested and well qualified employees at all levels.

The Association has identified educational opportunities to help develop employees at all levels from the trades through management. We support construction career education and continuing training and development of our membership.

The following Scholarships are funded by the PCEA Triangle Chapter fundraisers and events. (Please see a Faculty Representative at these schools to receive an application).

North Carolina State University
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
East Carolina University
Wake Technical Community College
Vance Granville Community College
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