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Our amazing Train Volunteers included:

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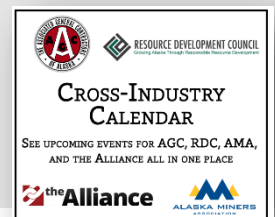


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Special points of interest

- [Click here](#) to check out the AGC Online Calendar for updated information on Events & Training.
- If you have news or an event you'd like to share with other AGC members, email



We'd also like to thank Broken Tooth Brewing Co. & Sullivan's Restaurant.

Are you ready to Golf?



The AGC Annual Golf Tournament is taking place this year in **Anchorage on June 21** at Moose Run Golf Course and at Chena Bend Golf Course in **Fairbanks on July 12** and we would appreciate your support! Here are some ways for your company to get involved:

1. **Sponsor** the Golf Tournament.

[Click here to Sponsor the Anchorage Golf Tournament](#)

[Click here to Sponsor the Fairbanks Golf Tournament](#)



2. **Volunteer** to help out during the tournaments. Do you have a staff member who could help out at the Golf Courses either hole watching or participating at one of the activities we'll have?

3. **Donate Door Prizes or Goody Bag Items** We love to give our golfers door prizes. So if you have something you'd like to donate, or put into our golf goody bag (180 each in Anchorage & Fairbanks), please drop it by the AGC offices or call for a pickup. **(What a great advertising opportunity.)**

4. **GOLF!** Our **Anchorage Golf Teams** are currently **SOLD OUT!** **If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please contact** Kimberley at kimberley@agcak.org in the Anchorage AGC office.

For information about **Sponsorship Opportunities and Golf Teams** for the **Fairbanks Golf Tournament**, please click [HERE](#) or email Kimberley at kimberley@agcak.org.

Thanks to our Spring Board Meeting Sponsors!

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[Click here](#) to view the presentations we have posted to our website.

AGC News & Updates

AGC of Alaska Legislative Update

Juneau is heating up as the legislative session is attempting to wind down. The major areas of discussion are surrounding the budget, as expected. Now is the time to contact Governor Dunleavy and your legislators, urging them to prioritize a timely capital budget. For several years, AGC's [top priority](#) has been to encourage the State of Alaska to develop a strong and sustainable fiscal plan. A fiscal plan should include economic growth, prioritized funding for a capital budget and deferred maintenance program, maximizing state match funds for federally funded projects and supporting existing legacy projects.

The State's capital budget spending is vital to our industry and the continued reductions have resulted in negative impacts on our industry's workforce, overall economic health as well as the overall economy of Alaska. Not sure who your legislator is, how to contact them, or what to say? I'm happy to help, if you send me an email at alicia@agcak.org

Additionally, many AGC members have expressed concerns with [HB 30](#), a bill relating to Workers Compensation and Permanent/Partial Impairment, which was heard last week by House Finance. Some of those concerns are outlined in the [Alaska Chamber's opposition letter here](#). We encourage you to contact your legislator individually to express your concerns with HB 30. You can also submit a letter to: Representative.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov.

If you are interested in the bills that AGC is actively monitoring, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are your voice in the construction industry! ~~ [Alicia Siira, AGC Executive Director](#)

Prevailing Wage & Labor Agreements!

AGC Alaska currently negotiates agreements with six trade unions: Local 528 Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons, Local 959 Teamsters, Local 341 & 942 Laborers, Local 189 Roofers, Local 302 Operators, and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters. Updated agreements are in the process of being signed. Keep an eye on our labor agreements page as agreements will immediately be posted as soon as they're finalized <http://www.agcak.org/labor-agreements.html>.

Union negotiations affect the industry in several ways. The impact often focused on is how they set the official prevailing wage. With that, it's important to note that on March 22, 2019 DOT announced the Pamphlet 600's projected effective date is being extended from April 1, 2019, to May 1, 2019 <http://labor.alaska.gov/news/2019/news19-09.htm>.



AGC of Alaska 70th Anniversary Cruise

This year AGC is celebrating 70 years of Building Alaska. In celebration, this October join AGC of Alaska President Cuauhtémoc "Rod" Rodriguez on a 7-Day Mexican Riviera Cruise. [Click here](#) for more information on dates, cruise package options, and more. **Together #webuildalaska!**

Upcoming Training & Classes



Hazmat Shipping & Construction Site Waste Disposal

Thursday, May 16th - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Hazmat Shipping: Join speaker **Crystal Tingook**, ASRC Construction Holding Company when she talks about 49 CFR Mancomm October 2018 Edition, Navigation and Overview, Identification and Verification of 'Hazmat', Common Pitfalls and Prevention Methods, AWB's/BOL's, Alaska-specific Provisions, Notes on Current Events, etc. **AND Construction Site Waste Disposal:** Join speakers **Mike Rose & Paul Nielsen**, NRC Alaska when they talk on *"How to manage construction generated waste compliantly"*. [Click here to Register!](#)

From Mundane to Memorable: Five Essential Components of Proposals and How to Enhance Your Response --

Wednesday, May 22nd - 11:45 am - 1:15 am

Just because you wrote it, doesn't mean they read it! With Alaska's increasingly competitive market, more and more contractors are submitting qualification-based proposals. It's important to stand out and make your proposals more memorable, while also following the RFP to a tee. Visuals resonate better with reviewers and using graphics can help keep your audience engaged. This session will give you the tools to step up your proposals and bring home the win by focusing on five essential components of a proposal. You don't have to be a marketer or graphic designer to make a big difference. [Click here to Register!](#)

AGC Safety Stand-Down Photo Contest



A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

"Preventing Fatalities in the Construction Industry," a report by the Associated General Contractors of America, found that falls from ladders and other heights are the primary cause of construction fatalities and that noon is the deadliest time of day. Stephen Sandherr, AGC's CEO, suggests that firms hold their safety and "tool box" talks at noon, when most workers return from lunch.

The AGC Safety Committee has put together a Safety Stand-Down handout on the Steps to organize your own jobsite Fall Protection Stand-Down, and is having an AGC of Alaska Stand-Down Photo Contest. [Click here for the Safety Stand-Down Flyer](#) and [Click here for the Safety Stand-Down Handout](#) and find out how you might be able to win a Lunch Gift Card, Selected PPE, & a Safety Plaque.

Member News

Congratulations to Cornerstone General Contractors for TWO recent awards!

Cornerstone Wins First Place in the AGC of America's National Willis Towers Watson Construction Safety Excellence Award



Cornerstone General Contractors (Cornerstone) took first place in the Willis Towers Watson Construction Safety Excellence Awards at the 100th annual Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) National Convention held in Denver, CO last month.

The Willis Towers Watson Construction Safety Excellence Awards program recognizes construction firms that lead the industry in safety performance and management. Award recipients demonstrate a commitment to safety, occupational health management and risk control, with outstanding performance recognized across seven different divisions in 21 categories. Cornerstone won first place in the Building Division with 100,000 to 250,000 completed manhours, competing with contractors across the country.

Cornerstone Earns Governor's Safety Award of Excellence for Eighth Consecutive Year

Cornerstone General Contractors (Cornerstone) has been awarded the 2018 Governor's Safety Award of Excellence, for the eighth consecutive year, at the 38th Annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference.

The Governor's Safety Award of Excellence is presented to organizations demonstrating distinction in protecting the safety and health of their personnel, the environment, company assets, and reputation. The Award also recognizes companies that demonstrate and promote superior corporate citizenship.



PRICELESS

2019 Anchorage Barefoot Mile

Town Square Park - Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

The 2018 Anchorage Barefoot Mile event drew over 550 walkers and 65 volunteers and raised OVER \$217,000 from 300 unique donors to fight Human Trafficking. Will you join us in 2019? For additional information please call 907-562-2336 or go to www.alaskabarefootmile.org

The Barefoot Mile is a family-friendly 1-mile walk where participants walk in solidarity to show support to end human trafficking. The funds raised will assist in the rescue, restoration, reintegration and prevention of human trafficking in Alaska, the US and Internationally. Locally presented by Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc. to benefit Joy International and Priceless. Human trafficking is the FASTEST GROWING crime in the world today. The Alaska Barefoot Mile ensures that awareness of human trafficking is brought to light. [Click here to view the Sponsorship Packet](#), [Click here to view the Flyer](#), [Click here to view the Impact Statement](#).

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In Memoriam - Joseph "Joe" Perkins

Joseph "Joe" Perkins passed away on March 25, 2019 from heart and kidney failure at home in Edmond, Oklahoma. Perkins served as the Alaska DOT Commissioner for eight years, including as President of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. He also served as Vice President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and one of two US delegates to the World Road Congress. In each of those organizations, he was active and instrumental in changing and improving national and international protocols and standards used in highway design and construction. Joe will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC.