



PARTICIPATION • CONTRIBUTION

## MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and improve the construction industry through education of the Association's membership and education of young people.

The Association will work to define and encourage high ethical standards of conduct among its members and will promote the fraternity of the construction industry through social interaction.

EDUCATION • ACHIEVEMENT

Happy November Charlotte PCEA!

10 months are in the bag for 2022 and we have now entered the HOLIDAY ZONE! Soon enough we will be carving turkey, arguing with our in-laws and dodging Mariah Carey on the radio every 5 minutes (crazy this year is gone already, right?). This year has been stressful for everyone, especially folks in our industry. Supply chain issues have remained, labor shortages did not let up and Pre-Con/Estimating/BD's have remained on the front lines through it all. I salute all of you for hanging in there, bearing down and remaining steadfast amongst the obstacles and roadblocks!

Charlotte PCEA has also had its challenges in 2022 by way of changes in leadership, low numbers of member turnouts at meetings and finding new and innovative speakers (who show up and not cancel at the last minute). We have prevailed and believe we will take what we have learned this year and apply it to 2023 to make our organization as strong as it has ever been! Some really motivated young blood has joined the group and by mixing the youth with the tenured experience, PCEA looks to have a very bright future ahead.

On Wednesday (November 9<sup>th</sup>) we will host our Annual "Industry Panel Discussion". This is always a highly attended meeting and excited for the panel members we have been able to pull together (see below):

- Charlotte Pipe & Foundry** (discussing the PVC/Cast Iron industry, pricing forecasts, etc.)
- Rheem HVAC Products** (discussing the new 2023 DOE changes with HVAC equipment)
- Eaton Electrical Products** (discussing the electrical component industry, lead times and 2023 forecast)
- National Gypsum Products** (discussing the current status of the drywall market and 2023 forecasts)
- Mecklenburg County** (discussing planning and answering questions regarding plan approval lead times)

As you can see, there will be a wealth of knowledge on the panel and will be a great opportunity to gain direct insight from "the horses mouth" to take back to your companies. I also highly recommend to welcome members bringing guests (internal and external) to this event.

December will be our **Annual Holiday Party** which will be held at **Charlotte Beer Garden on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6-11pm**. This will be a "+1 Event", so please bring your significant other, partner, friend or colleague. Registration will be sent out this week, so PLEASE REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE! We have to have a headcount to provide the venue for food.

Thanks to everyone for what you do for Charlotte PCEA and let's finish out the year on a high-note with good attendance for the last two events!

Cheers!

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