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# Highlights from our CEO

## The Times They Are A-Changing

If anyone in my age group can remember Bob Dylan did a tune "The Times They Are A-Changing". Well they certainly are. Today, you can register for all LAGC events, meetings and seminars online or through the LAGC app. We even will do our Summer Conference program via the LAGC app. Now, we haven't totally abandoned the old way, for fogies like me. You can still call, email, etc. for all our functions. But those are working their way out.

Too, one of the updated changes is how you contact your state Representative or Senator. The new format allows you to use our pre-crafted message and send it to your own elected official or the entire legislature. Speaking of Legislature, LAGC has 2 bills we're sponsoring, SB 422 fixes

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some glitches in the donations made to accredited Schools of Construction by way of a voluntary license fee increase and SB 94 requires public entities to pay interest on late payments.

Speaking of contributions to Higher Ed, looking back at what LAGC contributes to Higher Ed in the form of scholarships, I'm proud that between foundations, District golf events and other charity functions, LAGC makes scholarship contributions of \$20,000 per year. That's giving back.

Lastly, it is with great pride that the LAGC and Shreveport AGC Chapters merged effective May 1. LAGC is now the 7th largest Chapter in AGC of America.



CEO, Ken Naquin speaking at AGC National Convention

We are now 1 happy AGC family. Congratulations to the leaders of both Chapters that made this happen.

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CEO, Ken Naquin with John Butts AGC

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Louisiana AGC CEO  
Ken Naquin

# From the President



Louisiana AGC President  
Lew Love

Effective May 1, 2018 Louisiana AGC is excited to be bringing on the Shreveport port AGC chapter. Countless hours have been spent on this merger and we want to extend a thank you to our gracious partners in Shreveport for making this a possibility. Through this merger Louisiana AGC is growing by over 200 member companies. While it's nice to increase our members, we're most excited about their participation and the expertise they will bring to the table.

I would especially like to thank the current Shreveport, Chief Executive Officer, Chuck Penn, who facilitated this merger.

As current LAGC President, I thank you all who participated in the AGC of America National Convention in New Orleans. We exceeded AGC of America's expectations and they are already asking when they can come back to New Orleans for their next conference.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS March-April



### NETWORKING | CHARITY EVENTS | SOCIALS

- [STATEWIDE CRAWFISH BOILS](#)
- [BATON ROUGE CRAWFISH BOIL](#) - APRIL 5, STATE LICENSING BOARD
- [SHREVEPORT CRAWFISH BOIL](#) - APRIL 5, AGC BUILDING SHREVEPORT
- [LAFAYETTE CRAWFISH BOIL](#) - APRIL 12 , KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
- [NEW ORLEANS CRAWFISH BOIL](#) -APRIL 18, SOUTHPORT HALL
- [LAKE CHARLES CRAWFISH BOIL](#) - APRIL 26, PRIEN LAKE PARK
- [ALEXANDRIA CRAWFISH BOIL](#) - APRIL 19, FARMERS MARKET
- [CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENTS](#)
- [BATON ROUGE 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) - APRIL 9, UNIVERSITY CLUB
- [MONROE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) - MARCH 23, CALVERT CROSSING
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## SAFETY/TRAINING/ COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

[Associate Member Council:](#)

April 25

[AGC Safety Committee Meeting :](#)

April 4, OSHA Headquarters Baton Rouge

### TRAFFIC CONTROL MEETINGS

[Traffic Control Training-:](#)

April 10-12

## AGC NATIONAL CONVENTION. Feb., 2018



LAGC receives an award for our involvement at the AGC National Convention



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LAGC Treasurer, Mr. Vic Weston



LAGC Member PlanGrid at the Expo



Entertainment at the AGC Convention



Special Event @ Mardi Gras World

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## [Reconciliation Update: 2017 Tax Reform Bill Business Impacts](#)

Congress is now poised to pass the biggest tax reform since 1996. Both the House and the Senate have reconciled their different approaches to reform and the House has passed the reconciled bill on the morning of December 19, 2017. On the afternoon of December 19, 2017, the Senate parliamentarian determined that three provisions violated Senate rules.



## [Shields | Mott Wins: Construction Managers can now be liable to contractors](#)

The Louisiana Supreme Court gave contractors a boost with its refusal to hear writs from a First Circuit Court of Appeals decision. Now, contractors may have a claim under Louisiana against project managers if the project managers breach the newly decided duty of care that they owe contractors. Click here to read more from Andrew Vicknair and Adrian D'Arcy regarding this favorable ruling:

[Shields|Mott would like to give credit to our Partners, Mr. Adrian D'Arcy and Mr. Andrew Vicknair \(seen on right\):](#)

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## NEW LAGC MEMBERS

### NEW LAGC MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF March

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We Proudly Welcome our New March Members



## Regional Industry News



**SOUTHEAST**  
Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge area recently held a meeting with DOTD, the Engineering community and AGC Members to discuss the Design Build process. The department is potentially looking to let several projects using Design Build in the future and AGC was very encouraged to have a voice to discuss the issue. AGC walked away from the meeting

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### New Orleans:

We have a New Orleans area Quarterly Meeting on March 27th with a guest speaker from the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board. They will provide insight into the effects of their leadership to date during their time on the board. We will also inquire of the status of the organization

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**SOUTHWEST AREA**  
Lafayette | Lake Charles

### Lafayette:

The date has been set and we're ready for our crawfish boil. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 12. The boil will be held .....

### Lake Charles:

Plans are underway to hold a Jambalaya Cook-Off to benefit the McNeese Women's Softball Team. We're looking at .....

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**NORTHWEST AREA**  
Shreveport | Monroe | Alexandria

### Shreveport:

The merger between the Shreveport chapter and Louisiana AGC has been finalized. The transition has been smooth and promises..

### Monroe

Monroe area looks forward to a busy Spring. We had our 1st ...

### Alexandria:...

The year started out strong for....

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## We Are The Stormwater Guy for the Contractor Guy



Stormwater seems to be present on everybody's mind in Louisiana. Mainly due to the recent flooding and to the new revelations of requirements for maintenance and upkeep of drainage ditches. As people in the state become tax weary and see the potential for another flood, contractors and developers will start feeling the brunt of the public and government officials becoming stricter on future commercial development and infrastructure projects.

More review of stormwater and its impact to the land is something Louisiana contractors may have to deal with even more scrutiny lately  
Its important that contractors find ways

to employ better stormwater erosion control and insure paperwork is intact for all regulatory requirements. Be wary of the local government that does not require stormwater plans even though the regulations are state driven.

Just because a local permit office does not enforce it does not mean the state and the federal cannot.

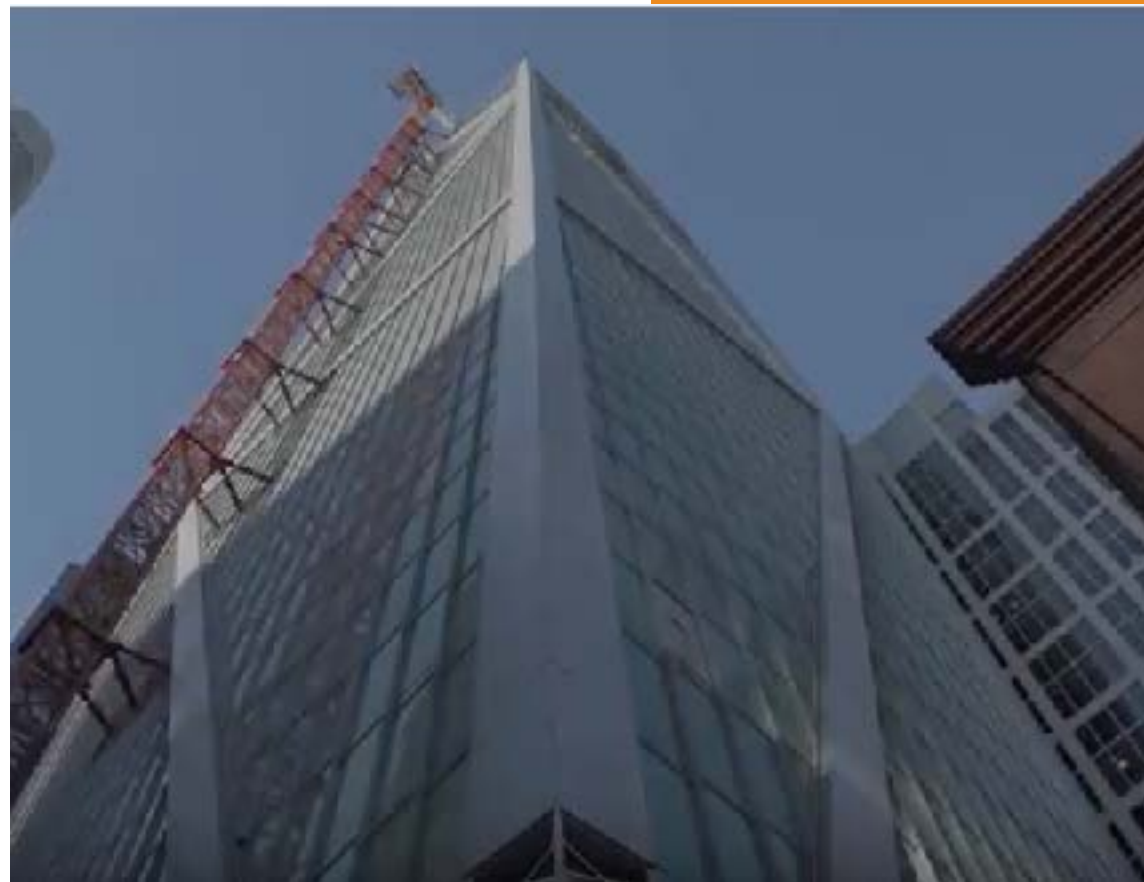
Baum Environmental Group helps insure that these issues of non-compliance are managed and creates an "insurance policy" for the construction firm to allow them to focus more on construction and less on stormwater regulations.

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Feel free to contact Rebecca Bruton with any questions or information about our products or services at [rebecca@baumenviro.com](mailto:rebecca@baumenviro.com) or our office at 225-755-1200.

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## LAGC SNAPSHOT MARCH EVENTS

Thanks to all those who came out & supported



Corey Fayette (Zureich NA), Clint Roemig (Eustis Insurance) and Mandy Roemig -New Orleans Member Mixer

New Orleans Member Mixer  
Featured above: The Buam Environmental Group



Members enjoying a good time at the Port of Orleans Micro-brewery.



Steve Hackworth & John Ward ((D & J Construction), Jay Brakefield & Brandon Hays (Highway Graphics)



Members gathered in Baton Rouge Headquarters for the Southeast Quarterly Meeting. Guest Speakers included a DOTD Panel: Barry Lacy, Chris Knotts, and Mike Vosburg.



Dan Mabry, Rusty Mabry, (The Mabry Company) at: Monroe Area Meeting



Jeff Morrison with Louisiana One Call, a 2018 Annual Sponsor, was our guest speaker at the Monroe Area Meeting.



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# UPDATES FROM AGC of AMERICA

## Student Chapters

AGC of America is pleased to announce that we had 275 students and faculty from over 25 colleges and universities across the nation attend AGC's 99th Annual Convention in New Orleans last month.

We would like to thank our AGC chapter partners who supported their student chapter attendance this year - especially Ken Naquin, Louisiana AGC

and the Louisiana Contractors' Educational Trust who supported approximately 70 students from local universities.

AGC of America would also like to thank our session sponsors HCSS and the Louisiana Contractors Educational Trust, as well as the students and faculty who traveled there and helped make this year one of our best student attended events yet!



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## Safe Digging Month Press Release



## Governor Edwards Proclaims April Safe Digging Month

Baton Rouge, LA - March 2018 – Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards has proclaimed the month of April as “Safe Digging Month” in Louisiana as part of a nationwide safety awareness campaign to draw attention to the thousands of miles of buried infrastructure throughout our state and the importance of safe excavation. It is extremely important that everyone dial 811 before they dig so that operators of underground utilities and pipelines can mark the location of buried lines to make them easier to avoid. Louisiana One Call answers these calls as a public service and notifies member operators of nearby underground facilities free of charge. Louisiana One Call provides the same service via the Internet at [www.laonecall.com](http://www.laonecall.com)

The issue is so important that state law requires all excavators and demolishers to notify Louisiana One Call before they begin work. The law applies to individuals as well as contractors, municipalities and others.

Failure to call can subject the excavator to fines and liability for damages to buried infrastructure.

Once again this year, Louisiana One Call and media outlets throughout the state are cooperating to publish and broadcast public service announcements this spring asking everyone to “Call 811 Before You Dig.”

Whether you're digging a garden, putting up a fence or building a highway, the first step is a call to 811 or go online so that professional locators can mark the location of buried lines. It is easy, free, and it helps prevent service interruptions and personal injuries. It's also the law in Louisiana.

- Call two full workdays before you begin to dig
- Wait for the site to be marked
- Respect the marks
- Always dig with care, especially near the marks

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