

## Meeting #2 Minutes for Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Mark Dougherty from the AGC Membership Commission came to talk about what the AGC is all about and what they do for contractors.

- Represents contractors legislatively
- Recently passed a long term highway bill (6 years)
- AGC deals with all the environmental issues. They work with the EPA and Congress - with those issues. Examples of that being cleaner diesel fuel for equipment.
- They work with regulatory agencies such as (ND DOT), (OSHA), (MSHA), (Dept. of Labor), and (Work Force Safety and Insurance). Over the years, they have developed a very good relationship with the (ND DOT), which built up a lot of trust between each other. The big issue now for the AGC is dealing with the Health Department about the storm runoff that occurs at sites. This deals with mainly silt fence regulations and control.
- For years OSHA training has been in Denver, CO but now North Dakota has their own training program.
- One big thing that was talked about is how a lot of states are design-build type contracts and North Dakota is strictly low-bid. He said that they are working on getting North Dakota to be a design-build state and follow the trend of others.
- AGC provides a lot of networking opportunities. If anyone is interested there is a convention in Grand Forks, ND that AGC members are encouraged to attend. That is December 5-7. There is a sign up sheet outside of Ingrid's office. Students with help out with fundraising and other activities. It's a great way to get your name out there and meet people in the industry.
- AGC has an education committee that gets scholarships for students and has \$78,000 a year to give out. There are full rides available at NDSU.
- AGC gave \$2,500 for the competition teams this year. Something that they feel is very important.
- The AGC really pushes safety. They're pushing that all crane operators go to a training program to get their national certification.

President Tom Schoeberl talked after Mark Dougherty about some idea's and concerns of our student chapter.

- One thing was how we need to try getting more student involvement. Everyone should try coming up with ideas to get together. Ingrid has phone numbers and email addresses to get involved with contractors of North Dakota.
- A lot of people still haven't paid their dues for AGC or NAHM. So if you haven't done so, get it done if you want to be considered a member. You are not allowed to put that you are a member on your resume if you haven't paid yet. You also won't be allowed to be on a competition team if you haven't paid your dues.
- If you are going to be gone for the competition remember to get your work done ahead of time and let your teachers know that you won't be in class for those days.
- There are still sweatshirts available. So if you would like one get a hold of Tom.
- The Flag Football team that was put together needs to have more girls to show up. If you know any get them out there.

- If you would like your resume posted on the AGC website for people to be able to view. Send them to Brian Abeld at [brian.abeld@ndsu.edu](mailto:brian.abeld@ndsu.edu) so he can get those uploaded.
- We will be having a homecoming float. As many people as we can get on there are allowed. There will be no drinking allowed. So keep that in mind. Meet at 9:30 in the Fargodome parking lot, spot #48, Saturday morning if you're interested in participating.