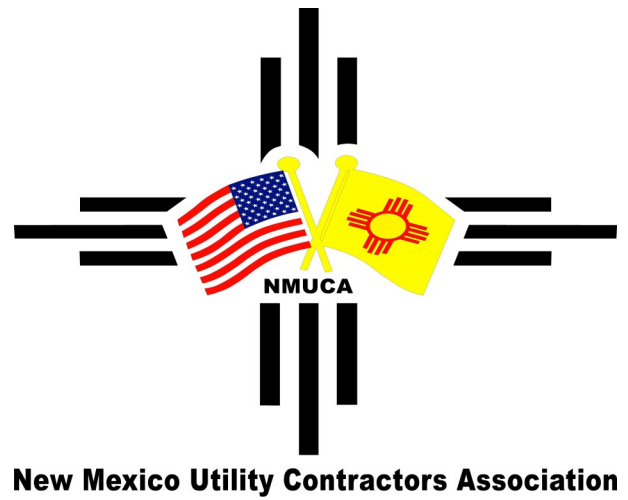


NMUCA's Top Ten In 2023



See what your support and membership accomplished in 2023!

1.



YOU!

One of the greatest benefits of association membership is the ability to network and form connections with people in your industry. It's valuable to be able to connect with people who face the same challenges and appreciate the success of our industry. Being a member of NMUCA means that you are connected to the utility construction industry in a meaningful and positive way. NMUCA's most valuable asset and focus is always, YOU, our members!

2.

Meetings

NMUCA provides several opportunities to gather throughout the year. We held four membership meetings this year with speakers from Rio Rancho with Mayor Hull; Martin Chavez, Infrastructure Advisor to Governor Lujan Grisham, a panel with NM811, PRC, OSHA, Locator, & UFO; and NM OSHA for our Safety Awards and Zia Partnerships luncheon. We also had our 2nd Annual "Meet The Generals" with ABCNM and ASANM, and a Legislative Wrap-up Breakfast with Jane Jernigan. NMUCA also had afternoon socials right after a board meeting; it's a great opportunity to meet the board, staff, and your peers in a relaxed environment.



Industry Partnerships

3.

NMUCA is strengthened when we work with other industry groups, organizations, and agencies. NMUCA is a founder of the NM Regional Common Ground Alliance, The Construction Safety Coalition, and the Construction Industry Crime Alliance. We work together with NM811, and the PRC Pipeline Safety Bureau to enhance safety and damage prevention in our industry, and to overcome challenges. NMUCA is involved in and works with the following organizations: ASA, ABC, MCA, AGC, ACNM, NMBC, NMRCGA, NM811, CSC, NMDOT, AMAFCA, CWCC, NMCCT, WICNM, SMACNA, OSHA, PSB, PRC, AREA, NMHBA, ABCWA, NMGC, PNM, NAIOP, CID.

4.

NMUCA Committees

The Safety, Human Resources, & Planning Committees are the backbone of our association and remain one of your most valuable resources for information keeping you informed, up-to-date & engaged in NMUCA. When the committees meet & discuss relevant topics, the information is shared with members via email and our electronic newsletter. Our HR committee keeps you updated on the ever changing world of HR including key policies, FMLA, Cannabis Law, and other topics, and also offers presentations. Our Planning committee is committed to bringing you events worthy of your time including Social Networking, Membership Meetings, NMUCA Night at Isotopes, Tinnin Shoot, Golf Tournament & our End-of-Year Social Holiday Party. The Safety Committee is an avenue for sharing best practices & recommendations. It is the committee that keeps up on OSHA standards & any changes in the law that can effect your safety plans & goals.



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Zia NMOSHA Partnership & Safety Awards

Through our partnership we have a very strong relationship with NMOSHA. We have a CAS participate on our Safety Committee and used as a resource for members. Partnerships were renewed and recognized for their efforts. The safety partnership is working with other industry associations to create a Heat Stress regulation better suited for NM.



The NMUCA Safety Awards were presented to the recipients in June. Safety Award winners pave the way for all NMUCA members as examples of excellence in Safety.

6.

Golf & Scholarships

Our Last Ditch Open golf tournament was one of our best years yet and raised enough money to fund our scholarships. NMUCA awarded five scholarships in 2023. The scholarship recipients are required to write an essay about the importance of clean water in our communities. The essays were highlighted in our newsletters this year.



7.

Meetings, Training, Dig Talks

NMUCA provides opportunities for training and learning throughout the year. In 2023 the following were offered/focused: Construction Manager Gen Contractor Act, DOT Projects, NM Infrastructure Spending, Cannabis Law and Drug Policy, Violence in the Workplace, Distracted Driving, OSHA Fatalities & Lessons Learned, Burn Hazards, NM Healthy Workplaces Act, Trench Safety, Ladder Safety, Heat Stress Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Fall Protection, Trench Safety Stand Down, Skin Cancer Prevention, Construction Site Security, UV Safety, Utility Damage Prevention, Utility Locator Training, Competent Person Training, NM One Call Law, Psychology of Safety, Excavator Awareness, Surrounding States' One Call Laws, How To Work the Session Like A Pro, & Marking Guidelines.

Knowledge is power!



8.

Legislation

Although it is getting tougher to protect our businesses from harmful legislation and government overreach, there were a handful of victories in 2023. NMUCA's efforts are geared towards a healthy business environment where government agencies have the least amount of control possible over your business decisions. NMUCA worked all levels in 2023 to educate lawmakers on the merits of infrastructure investment, & for the freedom to run your business as you see fit. In 2023, we saw the largest investment in infrastructure funding in our state's history. There were a total of 25 crime bills introduced & unfortunately only one passed. Crime has been a concerning factor for your businesses & employees in recent years with no fixes in sight. NMUCA followed dozens of bills in the 2023 sixty day session including the expenditure via capital outlay. NMUCA is and will remain your voice at all government levels.



Board of Directors

NMUCA's board meets monthly and presides over the association with the upmost integrity and dedication to our mission. The Board ensures the perpetual existence of our association. The board members are your advocates, and are dedicated to giving you the best value for your investment. The board also has a planning session each year as a means to continually improve your value and experience as a NMUCA member.

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Lastly, as your Executive Director & Lobbyist, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your membership in NMUCA and your confidence in me to do the job you expect. I am very proud to work for you and hope that I can continue to do so. I have never done this job alone; the real strength of this association comes from you and the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure your membership is worth the investment. I always strive to do better and I am open for suggestions & accept them gracefully, so please call me anytime and let's chat! It is my mission to manage the association professionally and to be a resource for the members. I'd like to encourage you to get more involved in NMUCA in the upcoming year. Your engagement leads to a better experience for you and your company and it strengthens us exponentially. I worked hard to keep up-to-date in 2023 so that I could remain a valuable resource for you. My promise for 2024 is that I will do the same and strive to do better!

Jane Jernigan