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The Monthly Newsletter of the North Carolina Public School Maintenance Association

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MEETING DATES

The districts of NCPSSMA meet twice yearly.

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January, July

District 2

January, July

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District 3

February, August

Pres. Greg Woodard
Phone: 252.399.7822

District 4

February, October

Pres. Donna Fields
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District 5

March, September

Pres. Justin Dyson
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District 6

April, October

Pres. Chris Adkins
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District 7

May, November

Pres. Jeff Adams
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District 8

March, November

V. Pres. Jason Kelly
Phone: 828.456.2402

Meeting Dates & Locations

Should be sent to The Maintenance Beacon two months in advance for publication.

Deadlines

Publication deadline for articles and advertisements is first day of the month prior to month of publication.

51st Annual NCPSSMA Eastern Convention

The North Carolina Public School Maintenance Association's 51st Annual Eastern Convention Workshop was held September 26-29, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. What a wonderful week we each enjoyed attending helpful and inspiring workshops while spending time with old friends and forming many new bonds of friendship and connections between new members and exhibitors alike. The theme for this year's conference was "Everyday Heroes" with approximately 450 individuals in attendance as we celebrated the 51st Anniversary of NCPSSMA's Eastern Convention.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Attendees

This year we had 45 LEAs represented which included the following:

Alexander County Schools	Alleghany County Schools
Beaufort County Schools	Bertie County Schools
Bladen County Schools	Brunswick County Schools
Buncombe County Schools	Carteret County Schools
Catawba County Schools	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schls	Clinton City Schools
Craven County Schools	Cumberland County Schools
Currituck County Schools	Dare County Schools
Davidson County Schools	Davie County Schools
Duplin County Schools	Edgecombe County Schools
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools	Franklin County Schools
Guilford County Schools	Harnett County Schools
Hickory Public Schools	Johnston County Schools
Lenoir County Schools	Moore County Schools
Mooresville Graded School District	Nash County Schls
Northampton County Schools	Perquimans County Schls
Person County Schools	Public Schools of Robeson County
Rowan Salisbury Schools	Sampson County Schools
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Veterans Day

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, formerly known as "Armistice Day."

In 1926 Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime and commemorates veterans of all wars.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service which is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

The military men and women who serve and protect the United States come from all walks of life and are an important part of their communities.

Whether at Home or Abroad

Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

Remember to Thank a Veteran for their Service this Veterans Day!!!

Meetings and Events

DISTRICT SEVEN FALL MEETING

November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Iredell-Statesville School

Career Academy & Technical School

350 Old Murdock Rd., Troutman, NC 28166

For more info please contact R. Dale Ladd at 704.873-3755

DISTRICT EIGHT FALL MEETING

November 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Nesbitt Discovery Academy, 175 Bingham Rd. Unit 10, Asheville, NC

For more info please contact Krisite Payne at

828.565.0115 or office@ncpsma.org

16TH ANNUAL WESTERN CONVENTION

May 21-23, 2024

Ridgecrest Conference Center

1 Ridgecrest Drive, Black Mountain, NC 28711

52ND ANNUAL EASTERN CONVENTION

September 24-27, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton

2717 W. Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28513

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Veterans Day - November 11



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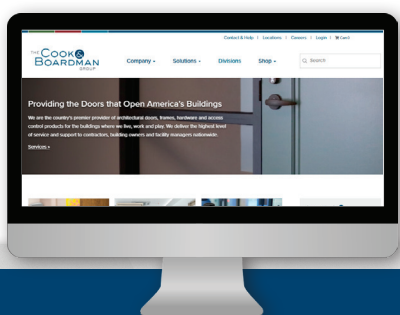
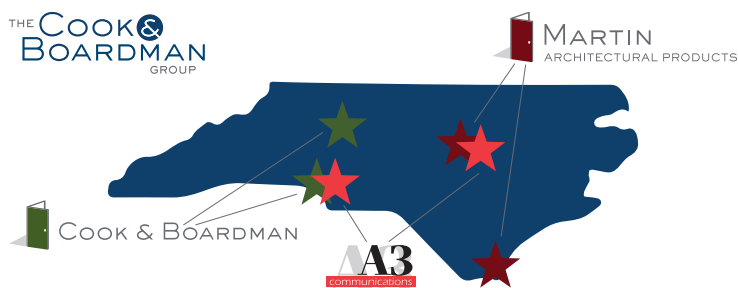
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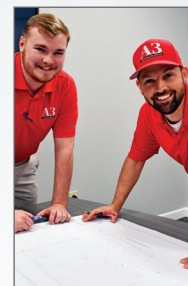
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Thomasville City Schools
Wilson County Schools

Vance County Schools
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

Washington County School
Yadkin County Schools

Wilkes County Schools

We were blessed to have had 94 exhibitors participating with display spaces. Exhibitors demonstrated new products, educated members on services offered, and shared a wealth of knowledge which attendees could take back to share with their LEAs. These exhibitors included the following:

Companies Participating this Year

ACI Systems	Airnetik	All South Flooring	Allegion	ASSA ABLOY
Atlantic Coastal Supply	BIRS, Inc.	Brame Specialty	Bright Light Technologies	Carolina Sales Associates
Carrier	Cook and Boardman Group, LLC	CSS Boiler & Mechanical Supply	Curtis Construction Company, Inc.	Daktronics
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Pinnacle Dryer Corporation	Pioneer Eclipse	Playground Guardian LLC	Playworld Preferred	Preferred Sports Flooring
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Sykes Industrial Supply	Terracon	Trane	TRI Solutions, Inc.	Triad Floor Restoration, LLC
United Rentals	Utility Management Services	Veritiv	Viega, LLC	Virco, Inc.
Voss Lighting	Wesco, Inc.	Wolf Trail Engineering	Zurn Elkay Water Solutions	

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

The first day started with Early Registration in the afternoon as attendees began to arrive. There was a planning meeting with the 2024 Western Convention Planning Committee, after which Wolf Trail Engineering, PLLC sponsored a dinner of Herb Grilled Chicken Breast or Blackened Mahi Mahi, Roasted Parmesan Red Potatoes, Charred Broccoli and Atlantic Beach Pie for members of the Convention Planning Committee and the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council met at the conclusion of dinner.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The first full day started with attendees checking in with Early Morning Registration as well as enjoying biscuits and coffee sponsored in part by NCPSMA District 4 before heading to class.

Morning Classes

The morning classes consisted of the following:

- “OSHA Updates and Recordkeeping” presented by Randy Cranfill, Director of Safety and Loss Prevention for Surry Insurance.
- “Google Workspace” presented by Cumberland County Schools IT Department.
- “Electrical - Sessions 1& 2” - presented by Joshua West, Cabarrus County Building Inspector and William “Al” Parris,

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Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



Did you know?

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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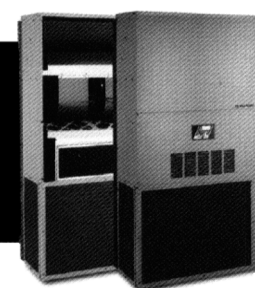
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Press Release

Governor Cooper Expanding School Breakfast Programs

October 24, 2023

Today, Governor Roy Cooper announced that he is directing \$1.4 million in federal funding to assist schools in expanding school breakfast programs. The funds will be used to provide grants to school districts and charter schools to assist with implementing innovative school breakfast models to expand student participation in school breakfast. The Governor is partnering with the North Carolina Alliance for Health (NCAH) and the Carolina Hunger Initiative (CHI) on the program. The Governor made this announcement at Glenn Elementary School in Durham where he served students breakfast in their classroom and spoke with teachers and cafeteria staff.

“A child who is hungry can’t learn and many children can’t or won’t eat when they have to get up so early,” said Governor Cooper. “Innovative efforts that get breakfast to children in the classroom are proven to encourage them to eat which will improve their educational success.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to support school nutrition programs in implementing innovative school breakfast models,” said Morgan Wittman Gramann, executive director of NCAH. “We can all agree that no child should go hungry and we all benefit when every child has access to the nutrition they need to reach their full potential.”

“School meals are an instructional intervention,” said Lou Anne Crumpler, Director of the Carolina Hunger Initiative. “From reducing chronic absenteeism to improving reading achievement, small changes to how school breakfast is served can make big impacts on student success. In recent years, more than 60 percent of NC’s public-school students were eligible for free and reduced-price school meals, showing the big difference these programs make on children in need.”

NCAH and CHI will use the funds to administer a competitive grant program that will provide grants of up to \$50,000 per school nutrition program to assist in implementing innovative school breakfast models, such as [Breakfast in the Classroom](#), [Second Chance Breakfast](#), and [Grab and Go Breakfast](#). These innovative school breakfast models have been shown to increase school breakfast participation, especially among students who qualify for free- or reduced-price lunch. The more than 600 schools that are offering free school breakfast and lunch to all students for the first time during the 2023-24 school year through the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program will be given priority for the grants. The federal Community Eligibility Provision program subsidizes free meals for all students in schools with high percentages of low-income and at-risk students. NCAH and CHI will also be providing technical assistance to grant recipients focused on effective ways for implementing school breakfast programs.

Research shows that eating a healthy school breakfast and lunch improves student attendance, discipline, and academic performance, and this investment is part of the Governor’s ongoing commitment to ensuring all students have access to a sound basic education. The Governor included in his [2023-25 budget proposal](#) recurring funding to offset the co-pays for students eligible for reduced-price lunches in schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. The Governor also proposed a pilot program that provides funding to assist eligible schools in participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision program, which will help more students receive free school breakfast and lunch. Both of those programs were funded in House Bill 259, the final version of the State budget.

Funding for this initiative is from federal Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) funds that have reverted to the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund.

For the latest information on this grant program, please visit CarolinaHungerInitiative.org.

The North Carolina Alliance for Health is an independent, nonpartisan, statewide coalition that convenes, mobilizes, supports, and empowers partners to advance equitable policies that reduce health disparities, prevent chronic disease, and promote health. NCAH serves on the leadership team for School Meals for All NC, which is working to ensure that every child in every public school in NC has access to breakfast and lunch at school at no cost to their families. Learn more at ncallianceforhealth.org.

The Carolina Hunger Initiative’s mission is to increase access to healthy food year-round for North Carolinians. We use programming, applied research, and compelling communications to support policy, systems, and environmental changes that connect people with the food they need. CHI is based at the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Learn more at CarolinaHungerInitiative.org.



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- “Locksmith – Sessions 1 & 2” presented by Scott Shipton, Mike Mares and Tammy Griffin, End User Specialists with ASSA ABLOY.
- “Dual Water – Sessions 1 & 2” - “Are You Operating Your System or Is Your System Operating You?” presented by Randall Jarrell, Wastewater Biologist/Consultant/Contract Operator, Wastewater Management, LLC, Instructor for the NCDENR Operator’s Certification Commissions.
- “Ornamental and Turf Pest Control – Parts 1 and 2” was presented by Shawn Banks, County Extension Director and Extension Agent – Agriculture/Horticulture, NC State University / NC Cooperative Extension for the Carteret County Center and Tom Glasgow, County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent, NC State University, NC Cooperative Extension for the Craven County Center.

Opening and General Business Session

Mid-Morning held the Opening and General Business Session with NCPSMA State President David Martin presiding. State President Martin welcomed everyone and called the General Business Session to order. Past State President Ken Goforth from Rowan-Salisbury Schools gave the invocation.

NCPSMA State Vice President Mark Letchworth proceeded over the recognitions as follows:

Retired Members: Total of six (6) present

First Time Attendees: Total of three (3) present

Those who currently are or have served in the Military: Total of twelve (12) present

A Moment of Silence for those who have passed since our last convention: Billy James Perrell, Davidson County Community College; James “Jim” Edward Brand, Founder of Seating Safety Solutions; Jean Neville Saffelle, Saffelle, Inc.; Jeff Williams, Clinton City Schools; William Lacy, Cumberland County Schools and Tim Kinlaw, Cumberland County Schools.

NCPSMA State Secretary Jodene Abney read the minutes from the September 21, 2022 NCPSMA Eastern Convention/Workshop Opening and General Business Session. The minutes were approved as read. NCPSMA Executive Director Kristie Payne presented the 2022-2023 Financial, Membership, and Convention Reports. These reports were approved as presented.

Immediate Past President Bergie Speaks, Chairman of the Executive Committee presented the Employee Evaluation for NCPSMA Executive Director, Kristie Payne.

State Liaison Officer Chris Campbell presented a change to the By-Laws Article IV – Section 1. The new By-Law would read: The NCPSMA shall be comprised of eight districts as determined by the state officers and advisory council for the growth of the organization. The By-Law passed with a 2/3 majority vote.

State President Martin presented the dates for the next two (2) conventions. The 16th Annual Western Convention will be held May 21-23, 2024 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina and the 52nd Annual Eastern Convention will be held September 24-27, 2024 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Kevin Sandlin, NCPSMA Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the nominations for the 2023-2024 state officers: Mark Letchworth of Wilson County Schools (Retired) for State President; Chris Campbell of Alexander County Schools for State Vice President; Jodene Abney of Cumberland County Schools for State Secretary; and Jamie Johnson of Perquimans County Schools for Liaison Officer. There were no nominations from the floor and the new state officers were elected as presented.

Chris Mueller of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools won the \$50 pre-registration drawing. There being no further business President Martin adjourned the General Business Session.

Afternoon Classes

The afternoon classes consisted of the following:

- “Vape Detection Solutions, Integrations, and Best Practices” presented by Jessica Wynns, CEO of Bright Light Technologies.
- “Shelter in Place Lockdown Solutions” presented by Barry Phillips, Regional Sales Director for Wesco.
- “Cost Managements Strategies for Athletic Facilities” presented by Andrew LaRowe, President of EduCon, Inc. and Todd Doval and John Snyder with Smith Turf and Irrigation.
- “Electrical – Sessions 3 & 4” - presented by Joshua West, Cabarrus County Building Inspector and William “Al” Parris, Continuing Education, Examination & Enforcement Manager for the North Carolina Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.
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- “Press Fitting in the School System” presented Andreas Adrian, Regional Technical Manager for Viega.
- “Beyond Certified PD: How Should We Train Our Facilities Departments” presented by Anthony J. Cox, PE, Director of Operations and Maintenance for Hickory Public Schools.
- “Developing Hand/Surface Hygiene Programs in the K-12 Market” presented by Dawn Yeomans with GOJO.

Golf Tournament

The 22nd Annual Jay Palmer Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at Brandywine Bay Golf Club. Winners of the tournaments were recognized during the Awards

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Opening Session



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New State Officers: Jodey Abney, Chris Campbell, Mark Letchworth and Jamie Johnson

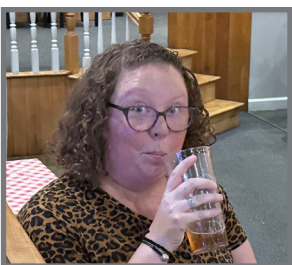
Pig Pickin'



Chris Campbell, Kristie Payne and Carolyn Campbell



Donna Fields, Jodene Abney and David McQueen



Emily Huffman



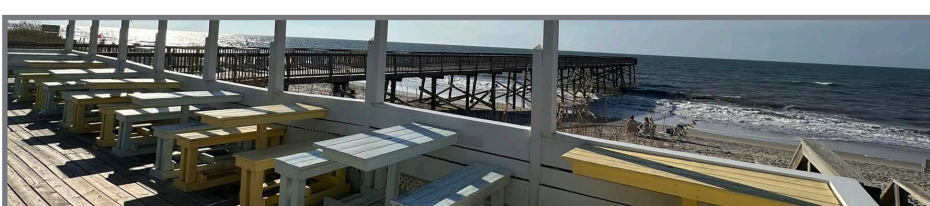
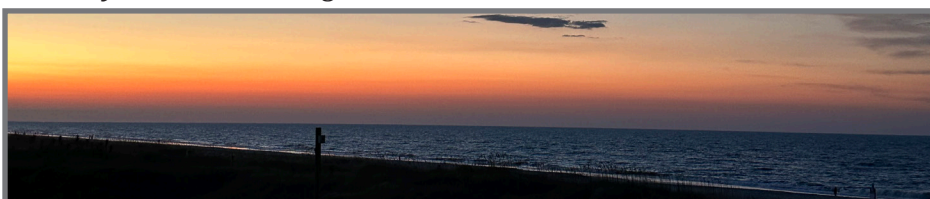
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Miscellaneous



Advisory Council Meeting



Workshops



Al Parries



Andreas Adrian



Tom Glasgow



Andrew LaRowe



Tammy Griffin



Stephen Bishop



Anthony Cox



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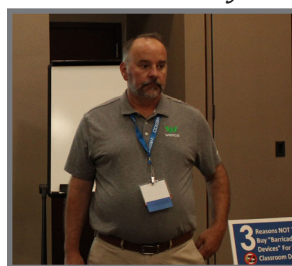
Barry Phillips



Cesar Montalvo



Robert Hoyle



Randy Cranfill and Anthony Cox



Regan Daniels



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Banquet on Friday evening.

Pig Pickin'

What better way to wind down after a day of classes, meetings and golf than to attend the Pig Pickin' at On The Rocks Restaurant across from the hotel. Where not only could you get your fill of scrumptious BBQ with all the fixins' but you could let your hair down and belt out your favorite hits with karaoke and dancing. A big thank you goes to the sponsors of this annual event that we all look forward to. Sponsors were BIRS, Inc., DH Bruch Marketing, Inc., The Garland Company, Hardware Distributors, Hoffman and Hoffman, Matt Marshall and Company, Saffelle, Inc., and Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. The vendors from this event also give a donation to NCPSMA each year. This year we would like to thank them for their donation of \$885.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Thursday began bright and early at 7:00 a.m. with registration for those still arriving to take classes and enjoying coffee sponsored in part by FMX.

Thursday Classes

Thursday's classes included the following:

- "Spectator Seating: Code Compliance and Preventative Maintenance" presented by Stephen Bishop, President and Owner and Jacob Lovings, Regional Sales Manager with Seating Safety Solutions, Inc.
- "Care, Maintenance and Fire Code Compliance for Your Stage Curtains" presented by Stephen McKee, President of Premier Drapery Cleaning.
- "Director's Round Table Meeting" led by State President David Martin.
- "Structural Pests – Sessions 1 and 2" presented by Regan Daniels, Graduate Student in the Reiskind Lab in the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, NC State University.

Exhibitors

The exhibitor display selection was held, and the exhibitors set up their display spaces. The exhibit hall opened at 11:00 a.m. for a "Superintendent and Directors/Supervisors" only visitation hour. A "Cantina Taco Bar" sponsored by Performance Services was held for all State Officers, Superintendents and Directors/Supervisors. This year attendees could pre-purchase a boxed lunch or could venture off for lunch on their own. After lunch convention attendees visited with the exhibitors and enjoyed an afternoon refreshment break sponsored by part by Hoffman and Hoffman, NCPSMA District 7 and OperationsHERO.

Friday, September 29, 2023

Friday brought a day full of activities. The morning started off with the exhibit hall opening back for more visitation with our wonderful vendors. Attendees were treated to a continental breakfast consisting of fresh fruit, yogurt with granola along with fresh biscuits to enjoy during their visitation with the vendors. Breakfast was sponsored in part by Hoffman and Hoffman, Musco Lighting, NCPSMA District 3 and OperationsHERO.

Door Prizes

We would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all of our exhibitors for their continued support, friendship, advise, donations and so much more. Our vendors help make our organization successful.

Many of our exhibitors sponsored door prizes. The following is a list of door prize winners (which were reported back to the Registration Desk):

- Jeff Adams, Yadkin County Schools, won a Lowe's Gift Card donated by JMP Equipment Company
- Earl Manning, Craven County Schools, won a \$100 Gift Card by SOPREMA
- Jason Huffman, Wilkes County Schools, won a \$25 Amazon Gift Card donated by Primex Wireless
- Gary Godwin, Cumberland County Schools, won a \$25 Visa Gift Card donated by Saffelle, Inc.
- Josh Woodard, Johnston County Schools, won an RTIC Cooler donated by Kirlin Way Mechanical
- Mark Letchworth, Wilson County Schools, won a Home Depot Gift Card donated by JMP Equipment Company
- Chris Campbell, Alexander County Schools, won a Stanley Coffee Mug donated by Primex Wireless
- Jason Huffman, Wilkes County Schools, won a \$25 Visa Gift Card donated by Saffelle, Inc.
- Donna Fields, Cumberland County Schools, won a \$100 Visa Gift Card donated by Johnson Controls
- Timmy Holder, Harnett County Schools, won a Bluetooth Speaker donated by dor makaba USA
- Austin Whitley, Wilkes County Schools, won a Cooler donated by Wesco
- Lisa Cantrell, Washington County Schools, won a Werber Smokey Joe's Grill and Smores donated by ASSA ABLOY
- Bergie Speaks, Wilkes County Schools, won an Amazon Gift Card donated by JMP Equipment Company
- Sue Farmer, Wilson County Schools, won a Stanley Coffee Mug donated by Primex Wirless
- Bennie Lennon, Bladen County Schools, won a \$25 Visa Gift Card donated by Saffelle, Inc.

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Kent Barker, Bill Vierra, Frank Hatcher and Richard Shephard



Chris Pulley and Michael Spillman

Miscellaneous



Michael and Angela Spillman



Kristie Payne & David Martin



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Workshops



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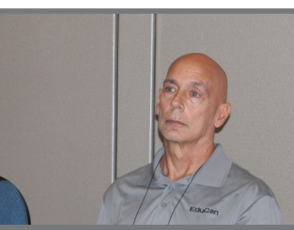
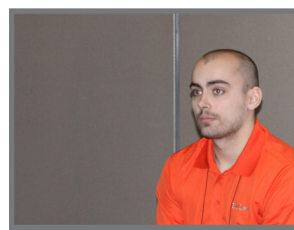
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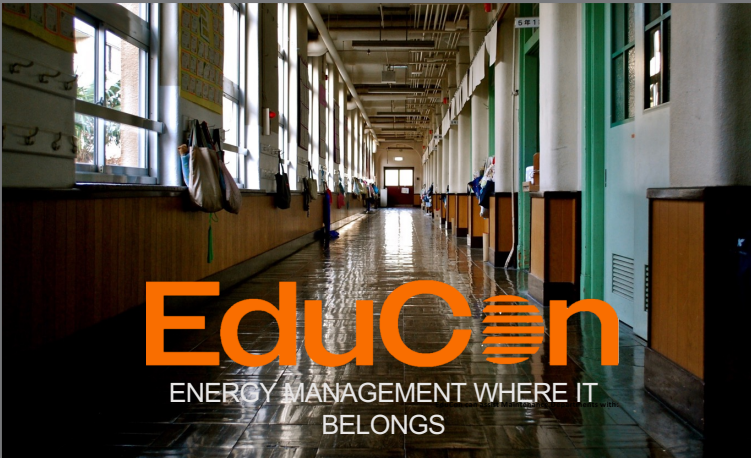
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- Bennie Lennon, Bladen County Schools, won a Cooler and PHC Restoration Swag donated by PHC Restoration
- David Martin, Mooresville Graded School District, won a Cooler Backpack donated by EduCon, Inc.
- Shane Johnson, Johnston County Schools, won a Yeti Cup donated by Seating Safety Solutions, Inc.
- Clark Wyatt, Buncombe County Schools, won a Patterson Pullover donated by John Q. Bullard Associates
- Brent Baker, Carteret County Schools, won a TC-500 Thermostat donated by Honeywell / Building Controls and Solutions
- Rick Buday, Craven County Schools, won a \$100 Visa Gift Card donated by Essential Industries
- Clark Wyatt, Buncombe County Schools, won a \$100 Visa Gift Card donated by Loman Garrett
- Kent Barker, Wilkes County Schools, won a Lowe's Gift Card donated by JMP Equipment Company
- David Martin, Mooresville Graded School District, won a Stanley Coffee Mug donated by Primex Wireless
- Chris Campbell, Alexander County Schools, won a \$25 Gift Card donated by Saffelle, Inc.
- Dwayne Frederick, Duplin County Schools, won a Cooler Backpack donated by EduCon, Inc.
- Randy Speight, Craven County Schools, won a Patterson Tumbler donated by John Q. Bullard Associates
- Gary Welch, Moore County Schools, won a TC-500 Thermostat donated by Honeywell / Building Controls and Solutions
- Kevin Sandlin, Clinton City Schools, won a Yeti Tumbler and Lowe's Gift Card donated by Terracon
- Richard Shephard, Wilkes County Schools, won a Home Depot donated by JMP Equipment Company
- Tim King, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, won a \$100 Gift Card

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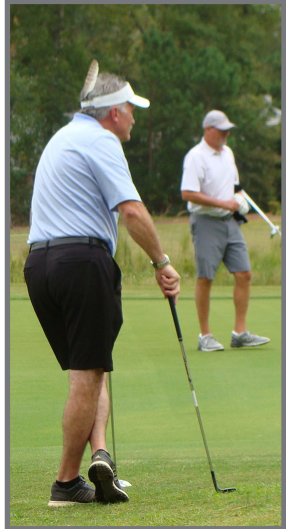
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Paul Bieliecki and Bergie Speaks



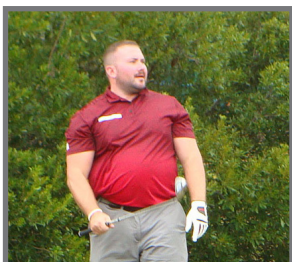
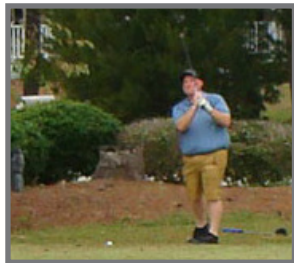
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- Donna Fields, Cumberland County Schools, won a Yeti Cooler donated by FMX
- Sergio Mendez, Craven County Schools, won an Amazon Gift Card donated by JMP Equipment Company
- Carl Jobe, Retired Guilford County Schools, won a Red Yeti Tundra 35 Cooler donated by Wolf Trail Engineering
- Jason Bullard, Public Schools of Robeson County, won a Yeti Loaded Bucket from Schneider Electric
- James Miller, Bladen County Schools, won a \$100 Gift Card from SERVPRO | Team Zubricki
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Friday Classes

Friday classes consisted of the following:

- “Condensing vs. Non-Condensing Boilers – Making the Right Choice” presented by James P. “Jim” Farrell, Commercial Specialist with Richard K. Hunter
- “AHERA Regulations and the School Building” presented by James “Jim” Lueck, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Section, Health Hazards Control Unit, NC Department of Health Human Services and Frank Robinson
- “Are Your Custodians One of the Most Important People in Your District?” presented by Bob Bittner with OperationsHERO and Retired from Wake County Schools
- “Building Enclosure Survey and Maintenance: What Owners Can Do to Maximize Their Facility Performance” presented by Paul Bielicki, Senior Architect and Department Manager with Terracon Consultants, Charlotte

Cornhole Tournament

During the lunch break attendees had the opportunity to sign-up for the Cornhole Tournament, which included a “Boxed Sandwich Lunch” they were able to enjoy while they played. Contestants lined up to show off their throwing stamina and see who would emerge as winners. Winners were announced at the Awards Banquet later that evening.

Awards Banquet

After classes ended there was a short break while the Awards Banquet Hall was being set up for a spectacular evening with peers and friends as we gathered to celebrate this year’s accomplishments. NCPSMA State President David Martin welcomed everyone, and State Vice President Mark Letchworth gave the invocation. The DoubleTree by Hilton staff served a delicious meal consisting of Garden Salad, Sliced New York Strip, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Roasted Parmesan Red Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans and Rolls. Dessert was a choice of Pecan Pie and Triple Chocolate Mousse. At the conclusion of dinner our entertainment featured one of our own, Advisory Council Member Rick Benton as part of the southern gospel musical group, The Band of Brothers. They brought such joy with their musical abilities to all in attendance.

State Vice President Letchworth and State President Martin conducted the 2022-23 Membership Drawings. Winners were drawn from each of the eight districts and each winner was awarded a \$100 prize which was donated by individual sponsors. Winners and sponsors are as follows:

- District 1 – Danny Swinney, Perquimans County Schools, donated by Schneider Electric – Alysa Watkins
- District 2 – Richard Buday, Craven County Schools, donated by Cook and Boardman Group
- District 3 – Brooks Bristow, Johnston County Schools,

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- District 4 – Gary Moore, Moore County Schools, donated by OperationsHERO
- District 5 – Gary McCracken, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, donated by EduCon
- District 6 – Hoover Nguyen, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, donated by Cook &

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- District 7 – Rodney Glidewell, Surry County Schools, donated by Wolf Trail Engineering
- District 8 – Stan Haynes, Buncombe County Schools, donated by Seven Oaks Supply Company

State Vice President Letchworth and State President Martin presented the 100% Membership Awards Certifications. To earn this certificate all employees in the maintenance department must be a member of NCPSMA. Certificates were presented as follows:

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State President Martin announced the winner of the NCPSMA Member Appreciation Award. The NCPSMA Member Appreciation Award is awarded each year to a member who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Chris Adkins of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools received the Member Appreciation Award.

State President Martin announced the winner of the NCPSMA Vendor Appreciation Award. The NCPSMA Vendor Appreciation Award is awarded each year to a vendor who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Buddy Hall with Wolf Trail Engineering received the Vendor Appreciation Award.

State President Martin announced that each year it is the privilege of the State President if there is an appropriate candidate to nominate one person who has given many years of dedicated service and has shown his or her willingness to bring together those interested in the betterment of public-school maintenance as well as volunteering their service to help in the growth of NCPSMA to be given Lifetime Membership. This year it was with great pleasure that Lifetime Membership was presented to Chris Adkins with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.


Immediate Past State President Bergie Speaks took the stage to recognize any state officers who were departing their positions and to show appreciation for all of their hard work, dedication and contributions during their tenure. This year the only officer departing their role as a state officer was State President David Martin, Mooresville Graded School District.

Cornhole Tournament awards were presented by Immediate Past State President Speaks. Sponsors for the Cornhole Tournament included Hardware Distributors, Heat Transfer Sales, JMP Equipment Company, Next Level Recreation of the Carolinas, Inc., Seating Safety Solutions, Voss Lighting and Wolf Trail Engineering. The winners are as follows:

- 1st Place – Chris Adkins (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools) and Rick Heim (Craven County Schools) awarded \$100 each
- 2nd Place – David Martin (Mooresville Graded School District) and Michael Spillman (David County Schools) awarded \$75 each
- 3rd Place – Chris Pulley (Vance County Schools) and Ken Goforth (Rowan-Salisbury Schools) awarded \$50 each


Golf Tournament awards were presented by Immediate Past State President Speaks. Sponsor for the Jay Palmer Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was Premier Supply, Inc. All prizes given this year was donated by John Labban, The Palmer Family (Catherine, James and Jeff), Thompson-Arthur (Thomas Johnson), Virco, Inc. and Pioneer Eclipse. This year there were two sets of winners, Maintenance Personnel and Vendors using the Callaway

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Appreciation Awards



Buddy & Rory Hall
Chris Adkins, Ken and Jan Goforth
David presenting Lifetime Membership Award to Chris Adkins
Mark Letchworth presenting Member Appreciation Award to Chris Adkins
Nelson, Johanna, Buddy and Rory Hall
Vendor Appreciation Award Winner Buddy Hall along with Rory Hall and Mark Letchworth

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System. The winners are as follows:

Maintenance Personnel

- 1st Place Gross – Michael Spillman, David County Schools (District 7) with 77 was awarded \$100
- 2nd Place Gross – Chris Adkins, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (District 6) with 83 was awarded \$50
- 1st Place Net – Jamie Johnson, Harnett County (District 4) with 89/73 was awarded \$100
- 2nd Place Net – Ian Adams, Dare County Schools (District 1) with 97/73 was awarded \$50

Vendors

- 1st Place Gross – Graham Lewis, Schneider Electric with 77 was awarded \$100
- 2nd Place Gross – Brad Marolf, Musco Lighting with 79 was awarded \$50
- 1st Place Net – Dewayne Holmes, Musco Lighting with 80/71 was awarded \$100
- 2nd Place Net – Randy Allison, Carolina Sales Associates with 108/71 was awarded \$50

Closest to the Pin – Graham Lewis, Schneider Electric was awarded \$50 and was sponsored by Virco, Inc.

Longest Drive – Austin Jacobs, Facilities Management Express was awarded \$50

Next it was time for one of the most anticipated events of the night the “Of the Year” awards. “Superintendent of the Year” was awarded Jennifer Hefner with Alexander County Schools. Ms. Hefner had a previous engagement and could not be present to accept the award. It will be presented to her at the fall District 7 meeting. The “Director of the Year” Award was presented to Greg Woodard of Wilson County Schools. Sadly, there were no nominations for the “Employee of the Year” Award. We are grateful that Saffelle, Inc. continues to sponsor these awards each year; their continued support of our association is greatly appreciated.

State President Martin and State Vice President Letchworth presided over the raffle prize and 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked the raffle and 50/50 table selling tickets. With your help the raffle brought in \$1459.00. A list of prizes and their sponsors follows:

- 50/50 Drawing (\$325) – Donna Ritterpusch, Nash County Schools
- Handmade Jewelry – Bob Deese, Nash county Schools, donated by Carl & Bobbie Jobe
- Digital Frame and Speaker – David Martin, Mooresville Graded School District, donated by District 4
- \$100 Walmart Gift Card – Jimmy Hughes, Davidson County Schools, donated by Saffelle, Inc.
- “Lottery Tree” – Marty Bivens, Davidson County Schools, donated by District 7
- \$50 Home Depot Gift Card – Jason Huffman, Wilkes County, donated by District 7 – Chris Campbell with Alexander County Schools
- Blackstone Grill – Tony Seawell, Moore County Schools, donated by Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware
- Handmade Quilt – Donna Fields, Cumberland County Schools, donated by Band of Brothers
- 2-Night Stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach – Frank Hatcher, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, donated by DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach
- \$50 Lowe’s Gift Card – Jason Huffman, Wilkes County Schools, donated by Hoffman and Hoffman
- \$50 Lowe’s Gift Card – Kristie Coble, JMP Equipment Company, donated by Hoffman and Hoffman
- Yeti Tumbler – Amy Hughes, Davidson County Schools, donated by Next Level Recreation of the Carolinas, Inc.
- Carhardt Cooler Bag – Chris Pulley, Vance County Schools, donated by EduCon, Inc.
- Yeti Duffle Bag – Chris Pulley, Vance County Schools, donated by Schneider Electric
- 4-Hour Fishing Trip – Stephanie Vierra, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools, donated by Seating Safety Solutions

Our wonderful night of memories came to end with Catawba County Schools Maintenance Director Robert Hoyle giving the benediction.

THANK YOU

I cannot say “THANK YOU” enough to all of the volunteers who helped with this convention. Without teamwork and dedication within this great association it would not be what it is today. You make a difference no matter how big or how small your roll was in helping ... believe me it made a difference. One that everyone could see because we all come together to boost the association up and, in the end, we were left with a successful convention. So those who helped from the start in the planning meeting all the way to packing up the vehicle to head home you are appreciated for everything you do.

Thank you again to everyone who gave of their time, energy, and resources. You made a difference.

Kristie Payne
Executive Director, NCPSMA

Cornhole Tournament Awards



Bergie Speaks and 1st place winner Chris Adkins



Bergie Speaks and 1st place winner Rick Heim



Bergie and 2nd place winners David Martin & Michael Spillman



Bergie and 3rd place winners Ken Goforth & Chris Pulley

Golf Tournament Awards



Bergie Speaks and 1st place Gross Winner Micheal Spillman



Bergie Speaks and 2nd place Gross Winner Chris Adkins



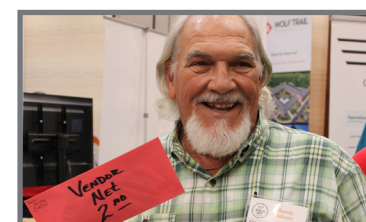
Longest Drive Winner Michael Austin Jacobs



Vendor 1st place Gross Winner and Closet to the Pin Winner Graham Lewis



Vendor 2nd Place Gross Winner Brad Marolf



Vendor 2nd Place Net Winner Randy Allison

Of the Year Awards



Chris Saffelle



Director Of the Year Winner Greg Woodard and Chris



Milt Saffelle and Greg Woodard



Milt Saffelle and Jay Knox

Raffles



50/50 Winner Donna Ritterpusch and Mark Letchworth



David and Carhardt Cooler Bag Winner Chris Pulley



David and Blackstone Griddle Winner Tony Seawell

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David and DoubleTree Hotel Stay Winner Frank Hatcher



David and Fishing Trip Winner Stephanie Vierra



David and Handmade Quilt Winner Donna Fields



David and Home Depot GC Winner Jason Huffman



David and Lowe's GC Winner Jason Huffman



David and Mark Letchworth



David and Yeti Duffle Bag Winner Chris Pulley



Mark and Jewelry Winner Bob Dees



Raffle Prizes

State Officers



Passing of the Gavel, David, Chris and Jodene Abney



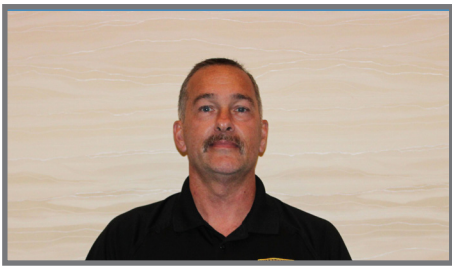
Bergie and President David Martin



David, Kristie, Jodene and Mark



David, Mark and Jodene Abney



Mark Letchworth



Jodene Abney



Jamie Johnson



David Martin

Miscellaneous



Amy Letchworth and Kristie



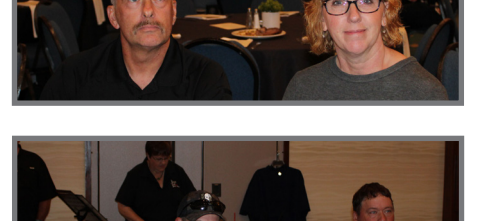
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Brantley & Bobbie Jobe



Chris and Milt Saffelle and Jay Knox



Band of Brothers