We never imagined when we left the harbor of Baltimore in 2019, the seas would be so rough. We have sailed the stormy seas, and it looks like they may be calming as we “FORGE AHEAD” to the safe harbor of Boston for our NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference.

We are about half normal since the October 2020 newsletter. The NASCLA Model Legislation Committee held the first hybrid meeting last November, which included representatives from the NASCLA Technology Committee. It was a very productive blended meeting with 1/3 of the committee members meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, and the remaining joining via zoom. We would like to thank Chip Carden, Executive Director, and the entire Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board for the use of their wonderful facility. Next, the NASCLA Executive Committee and Committee Chairs joined together for the NASCLA Strategic Planning Meeting in December 2020. Half of the committee members along with Angie Whitaker, NASCLA Executive Director, and Jacquie Wilberscheid, NASCLA Education Manager, met in Oak Island, North Carolina. The other half joined via zoom. We also had about 1/2 in-person at our NASCLA 2021 Board of Directors Mid Year Meeting & Strategic Planning Workshop in March 2021. Let’s hope that we are up to 75% in-person attendance in Boston later this year.

The NASCLA 2021 Board of Directors Mid Year Meeting was a success with our hybrid approach. Thanks to Michael Barrett, Master Facilitator with Resonance LLC, for being our GPS forging into the future. We have a definite roadmap to navigate the next three (3) years. Our future plans only make us stronger and provide more opportunities and benefits for our members.

Since we cannot all network in-person, we have relaunched our bi-monthly state member zoom meetings. It is good to hear what is going on with other state agencies to continue to share best practices. A lot of great ideas and information was shared during these meetings. It is also good for everyone to see and talk with each other. Angie and I implemented “Coffee Breaks” with each of our NASCLA Board of Directors which I believe was well received. We plan to continue these calls on a biannual basis. Our webinars are now up and running, and based on the participation, this has become a great benefit to our members.

The NASCLA Contractor Scholarship Program has received more applicants than we had in total last year. I was so looking forward to presenting the awards last year in-person at the conference. Hopefully, NASCLA Presidents in the future will have this opportunity.

The NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors is now administered in seven (7) states and accepted by an additional 17 agencies. The NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program is administered/accepted by 11 state agencies. I am happy to report the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors has started the rule-making process to accept the Electrical Contractor (Master/Unlimited Electrician) and the Residential Electrician examinations in lieu of the state specific trade exams.

I could go on and on about the great things that are happening with NASCLA, but you can see for yourself on the NASCLA Annual Accomplishments and Wins Infographic page of this newsletter. Thank you all so much for your support over the past year and a half. I have been blessed to be the president of NASCLA for two (2) years and have been greatly humbled in serving. You all know what an amazing job Angie Whitaker and her team do, but you do not get the full appreciation of it until you are President. Thank you so much Angie and your team. You guys are unbelievable!

As it seems the COVID Seas are calming, pull up your anchors and “FORGE AHEAD” to the safe harbor of Boston. I hope to see all of you there August 30 – September 2, 2021!

Sincerely,

Tim Norman
NASCLA President
**OUR WINS**

**TRULY A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION**

**NASCLA MEMBERSHIP GREW BY 56 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

NASCLA is comprised of 41 contractor licensing agencies and 9 new business members this year.

**NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors:**

- 7 states administering the accredited examination
- 17 state agencies accepting the accredited examination

**NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program:**

- 9 state agencies administering and/or accepting examinations within the program

**Created a COVID-19 Resources/Tools Page on Website**

Remote/ staggered schedules, virtual meetings, etc.

**OPERATING EXPENSE RESERVES INCREASED BY 18%**

**INCREASED PUBLICATION SALES BY 1.8% AND REVENUE BY 6.7%**

**DEFENSE FUND RESERVES IS STABILIZED AT $510,992**

which is above the goal of $500,000

**At the end of FY 2019/2020, NASCLA HAS A TOTAL OF 225 MEMBERS**

including 40 state contractor licensing agencies, 1 international member, 19 business members, 162 associate members, 3 affiliate members

**1ST EVER NASCLA 2-DAY REGIONAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

for Oregon & Washington held in Vancouver, WA with 40 investigators in attendance

**NASDAQ TEAM NEW ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES RESTRUCTURE**

led by Wendy McClellan, CEO Structure For Success

**RESULTED IN AN EXPANSION OF 6 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES**

**NASCLA OPERATING RESERVE FUND HAS INCREASED BY 56,852**

plus interest and we increased our current operating goal from $350,000 to $500,000; we currently have $395,005 funded in this account

**WE CONDUCTED 11 VIRTUAL WEBINARS**

In lieu of the NASCLA 2020 Annual Conference

**1ST EVER NASCLA MEMBERSHIP RESTRUCTURE WORKSHOP**

facilitated by Michael Barrett, Master Facilitator and Owner of Resonance

**1ST EVER MISSION TRIP TO THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**

including NASCLA state member outreach meeting with the Virgin Islands Board for General Construction Contractors

**RELEASED 6 UPDATED NASCLA CONTRACTOR GUIDES**

**COME SOCIALIZING WITH US**

Ramped up social media efforts and implemented new platforms

**FIND US NOW ON FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, INSTAGRAM**

**NASCLA IS ON THE ROAD**

including 40 state contractor licensing agencies, 1 international member, 19 business members, 162 associate members, 3 affiliate members

**REVAMPED TWICE THIS YEAR TO OFFER YEAR-ROUND MARKETING & ENGAGEMENT**

2nd Annual NASCLA Contractor Scholarship Program was launched with 14 applicants

NASCLA awarded 3 scholarship recipients this year.

1st Place ...........................................$2,500
2nd Place ........................................$1,500
3rd Place ........................................$1,000

**NASCLA MODEL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDED A RETURN TO WORK DOCUMENT AMIDST COVID-19**

**NASCLA STAFF WAS PROACTIVE, RESOURCEFUL AND WAS ABLE TO KEEP DAILY OPERATIONS MOVING WITHOUT INTERRUPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WE RELEASED 6 UPDATED NASCLA CONTRACTOR GUIDES**

**INCREASED PUBLICATION SALES BY 1.8% AND REVENUE BY 6.7%**

**OPERATING EXPENSE RESERVES INCREASED BY 18%**

**NASCLA 2020 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

REVAMPED this year to offer year-round marketing & engagement

**NASCLA Model Legislation Committee presented and recommended a return to work document amidst COVID-19**

NASCLA Staff was proactive, resourceful and was able to keep daily operations moving without interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic.
The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) was established as the Labor Statistics Bureau in 1887 to protect the rights of working people through the administration and enforcement of laws, rules and regulations to foster safe and healthful working environments; to insure adequate compensation for work performed; to assist victims of occupational injury and illness; and to license and inspect establishments that use boilers and steam equipment.

Through the 20th century, the agency changed its structure, eventually becoming a state agency headed by a commissioner appointed by the governor and assumed responsibility for the administration of Minnesota’s workers’ compensation program as well as the state’s Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) program and registered apprenticeship programs.

In 2005, five (5) state agency programs that regulated Minnesota’s construction industry were merged at DLI to form a single division -- the Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD). CCLD took over all licensing, enforcement and state responsibilities for permitting, inspection and plan review for plumbing, electrical, and residential building and remodeling, in addition to the high-pressure piping and boiler operation regulation that already resided at DLI.

CCLD was created by a reorganization order issued by the governor and allowed to operate as a self-funded entity, receiving no funding from the state’s general fund. The division’s intent is to operate on a fee-for-service model, deriving its revenue from the services it provides to the construction industry and keeping the fees for those services in line with the agency’s actual costs.

CCLD currently licenses or registers 40,000 businesses and 90,000 individuals in the construction trades. Like similar agencies in other states, CCLD leveraged advances in technology to move from paper-based license, exam, permitting and plan review processes to electronic, resulting in significant improvements and efficiencies for the agency and the businesses and individuals it serves. These efficiencies enabled CCLD to enact across-the-board fee reductions in 2015 and 2017.

CCLD’s Licensing Unit includes nine (9) full time employees and a supervisor who process and administer all exam and license application and renewal functions. License exams are offered three (3) days a week at DLI’s office in St. Paul and monthly at locations in outstate Minnesota. The agency intends to move to an electronic exam system, utilizing remote proctoring through an outside vendor, when a new licensing system is deployed in the next year or two.

CCLD’s Enforcement Unit has ten investigators and a supervisor, all but one of whom work out of the agency’s main office in St. Paul, though all Licensing and Enforcement staff have been teleworking during the COVID-19 pandemic. Enforcement staff investigate about 1,500 cases each year, resulting in roughly 400 formal enforcement actions. Most actions are resolved through negotiated settlements, with contested cases being decided by DLI’s commissioner following a recommendation issued by an administrative law judge after a public hearing at the independent Office of Administrative Hearings.
The NASCLA 2021 Board of Directors Mid Year Meeting was held on March 2 – 4, 2021, at the NASCLA Association Office in Phoenix, Arizona. On Tuesday, March 2nd, preliminary meetings were held. The NASCLA Committee Chairs meeting allowed for the chairs to discuss their current projects and how they may work together with other committees to execute each committee’s strategic plans and initiatives. Immediately following this meeting, the NASCLA Executive Committee Members met to review and discuss the interim business and financial statements of the association.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the NASCLA Board of Directors, along with Committee Chairs, participated in a full-day Strategic Planning Workshop facilitated by Michael Barrett with Resonance, LLC. The interactive workshop was designed to engage members in meaningful and thought-provoking conversations which allowed the attendees to identify strategic focus areas and objectives to create a new NASCLA Strategic Plan for 2021, 2022 & 2023. The new blueprint left attendees feeling touched, moved, and inspired! The NASCLA Strategic Plan for 2021, 2022 & 2023 is available on the NASCLA website.

On Thursday, March 4th, the meeting concluded with the NASCLA Board of Directors Meeting. During the meeting there was a review of annual accomplishments, strategic initiatives, committee reports and a dashboard review of NASCLA financial documents. The board member’s on-going collaboration, dedication and expertise is foundation to this productive meeting. The NASCLA President, Tim Norman, NASCLA Executive Director, Angie Whitaker, CAE, and NASCLA Staff extend a heartfelt thank you to all the attendees for volunteering their time and expertise to keep the association at the forefront! It is because of their leadership and participation that NASCLA can continue to work on the long-term strategic goals and initiatives so that we can FORGE AHEAD!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! NASCLA 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference is scheduled for August 30th – September 2nd at the Boston Long Wharf Marriott Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. NASCLA is thrilled to announce our 2021 Annual Conference, especially with the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference. We are still actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to the conference, and are ensuring that necessary precautions will be taken in order to keep everyone safe and healthy throughout the week. We are FORGING AHEAD! The NEW mission of the annual conference is to provide a relevant high-value conference with speakers that enhance and develop members’ professional growth and development.

NASCLA Staff has developed a task force to assist in speaker recommendations and selections, who offer diverse topics, and aid with the overall program flow. In addition to new and dynamic speakers and topics, we are making the following changes to the overall NASCLA Annual Conference experience:

• Add concurrent/educational tracks to the annual conference schedule
• Incorporate more built-in networking time
• Source new speakers that are industry-specific, including contractors and veterans
• Restructure the State Reports session
• Integrate roundtable and group learning discussions
• Add an informational session on new technology trends within the industry and how they impact current laws
• Acknowledge sponsors and provide them with opportunities to connect with attendees
• Transition to hiring a photographer to commemorate the experience who can also conduct live feeds on social media channels

We hope that you will FORGE AHEAD with us by attending the NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference!

We look forward to seeing you in historic Boston, Massachusetts!

To learn more or register for the conference please visit: https://www.nascla.org/page/AnnualConference.

If you have any questions please contact Keneé Walton, NASCLA Program & Events Manager, via email at kenee@nascla.org or by phone (623) 587-9354.

In order to get the NASCLA Sponsorship Program in line with the calendar year we will be offering unique sponsorship opportunities exclusive to the NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference to highlight your business or association.

During the conference we will be unveiling the NASCLA 2022 Sponsorship Program that will include meetings and event opportunities along with personalized year-round engagement options.

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Through these trade examinations for Electrical Contractors (Master/Unlimited Electricians), Journeyman Electricians, and Residential Electricians, tradesmen have the opportunity to travel across jurisdictions allowing for contractor mobility and portability in the licensure process. Regulatory Agencies can rest easy knowing the examination content is based directly on a current occupational analysis that involved multiple meetings and input from licensed electricians across the country. The examination statistics are continually monitored to ensure that questions are performed effectively. In addition, as of April 1, 2021, the NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program now references both the 2017 & 2020 National Electrical Code.

NASCLA is proud to say that the program has expanded into the District of Columbia Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs and the West Virginia Contractors Licensing Board, Division of Labor!

Is your regulatory agency next?!

Options include adopting as the sole trade examination, offering candidates an either/or option for taking one or more exams under your agency, or accepting in lieu of your agency specific trade portion. Is your regulatory agency interested in hearing more information? If so, please contact Jacquie Wilberscheid, NASCLA Education Manager, at (623) 587-9354 or via email at jacquie@nascla.org. NASCLA Staff would be happy to present on an upcoming Board Meeting to discuss the NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program and how your agency can become involved!

For more information including details on participating agencies and background of the program, please visit: https://www.nascla.org/page/ElectricalExams
The first-ever NASCLA Virtual Advocacy Training Program transpired on February 24, 2021. NASCLA Staff and the NASCLA Model Legislation Committee identified the need for this program for our attendees due to the unfortunate cancellation of our NASCLA 2020 Annual Conference and pre-conference trainings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The training program was intended to provide our members and frequent NASCLA Attorney Training Program attendees with an opportunity to learn and gain Continuing Legal Education credits.

The NASCLA Virtual Advocacy Training Program featured two (2) dynamic speakers: Lynda Shely, Owner/Attorney, The Shely Firm, P.C., and Paul Greenwood, Retired Deputy District Attorney, San Diego District Attorney’s Office.

Lynda presented on, “How to Avoid Being Disbarred and Other Fun Ethics Tips” – an interactive and engaging hour of ethics reminders such as, defining who is and is not the public lawyer’s client, when you can speak with a represented party, conflicts of interest in agency representations, and confidentiality and supervision requirements when lawyers or staff are working remotely.

Paul’s 2-hour presentation, “Protecting the Homeowner: How State Contractor Licensing Agencies Can Look to the Criminal Justice System for Appropriate Remedies,” covered case studies drawn from his 22 years of prosecuting elder fraud crimes committed by both unlicensed and licensed contractors against older homeowners. He also included encouragement for state licensing agencies to adopt more aggressive methods to hold those contractors accountable who seek to defraud the older homeowners in our communities and made recommendations on how to engage county and state prosecutors in these efforts.

This training saw a total of 32 attendees across multiple states and jurisdictions – Alabama, California, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington. In a post-training survey sent to our attendees, 84% said they would be extremely likely to recommend a NASCLA Training Program to someone they know.

The success of this first-ever NASCLA Virtual Advocacy Training Program has led NASCLA to explore the possibility of hosting two (2) additional Virtual Training Programs before the end of the 2021 calendar year. We are excited to Forge Ahead throughout 2021 in the world of Virtual Training Programs!
NASCLA INITIATIVES

NASCLA 2021 CONTRACTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NASCLA Contractor Scholarship Program is designed to help students pursue licenses, certificates and/or certifications in the construction industry preparing them for gainful employment. These specific scholarships provide a chance for three (3) recipients to be awarded up to $2,500 towards program tuition. The scholarship awards go as follows: 1st place winner will be awarded $2,500, 2nd place winner will be awarded $1,500 and the 3rd place winner will be awarded $1,000. Each recipient will receive a complimentary invite package to our upcoming NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference. The award includes tuition reimbursement, travel arrangements, hotel and conference registration. The opportunity provides industry-wide recognition, networking opportunities, conference mentor and the option to participate in a moderated panel discussion and a certificate of attendance.

Please keep in mind you will be judged by industry professionals and your application should reflect creativity, innovation, passion and your ability to communicate professionally.

Scan our QR Code to the right or check out https://www.nascla.org/NASCLAScholarship for updates and more information.

Applications accepted through July 2, 2021.

NASCLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COFFEE BREAKS

In November 2020, Angie Whitaker, NASCLA Executive Director, and Tim Norman, NASCLA President, met with each NASCLA Board of Directors member, individually, for a brief conference call ahead of the NASCLA 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting. These short check-ins have been named “NASCLA Coffee Breaks.”

The goal for these meetings is to gather the thoughts and feelings of each member of the NASCLA Board of Directors in regard to their ideas for initiatives, projects, and webinar topics, and to discuss their goals and vision for NASCLA’s future.

The calls yielded great new ideas that were brought to the NASCLA 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting and facilitated meaningful discussion surrounding hopes and goals for NASCLA’s future as well as concerns due to the uncertain economic climate and how NASCLA can continue to Forge Ahead with these concerns in mind.

Due to the success of these calls in November 2020, NASCLA Coffee Breaks will move ahead and take place twice each year, the next round of calls are tentatively scheduled for April/May 2021.
On March 18, 1931, the Arizona Legislature established the Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) to license and regulate contracting businesses in the State of Arizona.

As the Agency turns 90, the construction economy continues to boom in the State of Arizona and that is in no small part due to the honor and professionalism exhibited by AZ ROC’s licensees every single day, on every single project.

According to the United Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arizona continued to employ over 171,000 professionals in the construction sciences throughout 2020, and construction and its workforce is ranked as the number one in-demand industry in the State of Arizona.

The construction industry literally built Arizona into the amazing and prosperous place it is to live today. The roads we drive on, the hospitals our loved ones receive care at, the schools our youth are educated, and our homes where we create lasting memories; everything in Arizona was built by construction science technology professionals. For me and for the staff at the Registrar’s Office, it is an honor for us to be a part of this industry.

After 90 years of service, the Agency’s objective and resolve remains unchanged; promote quality construction in the State of Arizona through the administration of a licensing and regulatory system.

For consumers looking for reliable, licensed contractors able to build, remodel or repair their home or business, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors offers – at no cost to them and with no sign-ups required - a complete and searchable list of all of Arizona’s licensed contracting professionals.

However, AZ ROC is not just another regulatory agency within the state, as it does far more for Arizona than simply check qualifications and license contractors. Made possible from licensing fees, Arizona statute provides consumers and contractors with an administrative complaint process with the Agency serving as a neutral, unbiased third party.

We know the vast majority of our licensees never receive even one complaint throughout the lifetime of their license, but if something should go wrong and if a project results in anything less than quality workmanship, the public knows the Registrar offers a free, government-led complaint resolution process.

In fact, in a recent study (2017), AZ ROC employees analyzed the number of complaints filed against licensees throughout the lifetime of a license. Using all available data, which stretched back to the mid-1990s, the Agency found that over 90% of licensees never received even one complaint against their license and less than 2% have ever received more than one complaint.

Quality construction remains essential and critical to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of Arizona’s residences and commercial businesses, and the Registrar of Contractors works to build confidence the State looks to build and meet the needs of our future generations and work to maintain and restore our past.
MONTGOMERY—A state of emergency has been issued by Gov. Kay Ivey in preparation for probable severe weather. There is potential for multiple tornadoes, strong winds and large hail. The storm system that will move through the state has a forecasted high risk to cause significant damage to public and private property.

In advance of the storm system, the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board (HBLB) cautions consumers now of the possibility for scams, fraud, and incompetent work during post-storm damage cleanup, repair, and rebuilding, and encourages consumers to use licensed home builders as required by law. Builders holding an unlimited license issued by the HBLB have passed a test and provided evidence of financial responsibility in order to obtain their license.

Unfortunately, dishonest individuals are often among the first to arrive in storm ravaged areas, seeking to take advantage of victims still struggling to repair their homes. When you need help rebuilding after a storm, don’t let your guard down. Ask contractors for their license and references. If they are reputable, they will be glad to comply. Avoid those who demand a large down payment for work.

If you feel you’ve been victimized, you may report concerns of alleged fraud to my office for investigation. To fill out a complaint online, visit www.alabamaag.gov and look for the ‘consumer complaint’ link. You may also phone our Consumer Interest Division toll-free, 1-800-392-5658.” — Attorney General Steve Marshall.

A license issued by the HBLB is required when the cost of repairing or rebuilding the home is more than $10,000. Consumers are also encouraged to seek out licensees of the Board even if the scope of the work is less than $10,000.

A roofer is required to have a roofers license issued by the HBLB if the work exceeds $2,500. If there is any work that exceeds the cost of $10,000 it is required that they are licensed by the HBLB.

The HBLB offers these important tips for homeowners to avoid further damage after the storm is over:

- **Ask to see the card.** All licensed home builders have a wallet card, proving that they are currently licensed. The wallet card is credit card sized, not to be confused with large state and local business licenses.

- **Ask for, and check, references.** Once you have taken care of your first priority, protecting your home from further damage, you will have time to obtain and check references before work begins.

- **Make sure quotes and contracts are in writing.** It is required by law!

- **Ask for proof of insurance.** Make sure you have proof of workers compensation and general liability insurance, not just a verbal assurance.

- **Don’t get in a hurry!** If your home is severely damaged, take your time to make careful, informed decisions. Taking a little time now will save you lots of time in the future.

- **Contact your local county or municipal officials regarding local residential construction ordinances, and make sure your builder knows them.**

The HBLB will be working with the state EMA, local law enforcement, and local building officials following the severe weather event to respond to specific needs.
When it comes to supporting the stability and success of the construction industry, it can be easy for regulatory agencies to hang their hat on the number of new licenses or certificates issued as an indicator of contribution toward workforce development goals. While an increase in entities and individuals entering the workforce is the intended outcome, regulatory bodies should be evaluating their efforts to engage with potential licensees and the strategies being used to promote construction career opportunities.

Over the past three (3) years, the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) has intentionally partnered with the industry on a variety of events aimed at bringing new faces into the construction industry. The shortage of skilled labor and the heightened demands for residential and commercial construction in Nevada helped to spearhead these initiatives, but the commitment was ours to make.

What began with a few scattered presentations to middle and high school students participating in construction programs, soon developed into Board-sponsored events that highlighted innovative community, industry, and legislative partnerships.

In 2019, the NSCB launched its Hammers and Hope event in support of Women in Construction Week. Our goal was simple – connect women throughout the community with seasoned female professionals in the industry. Let their stories, tips, advice, and encouraging words be the reason new faces pursue careers in construction. This networking and informational event was unique because it fostered mentoring opportunities – not just another “how to apply” job fair.

Much to our surprise, the anticipated 50 attendees skyrocketed to over 200 with one event! One life-changing event for up to 200 women who now know about the opportunities a career in construction can afford them. They now know where to turn for training, certification, apprenticeship programs, and internships. They now have someone they can call who can offer guidance with respect to their employment goals. They now see the value construction can bring to their lives.

Since this event, the NSCB has been inspired to partner with a variety of local organizations that serve women and underserved members of the community, and offer them a ray of hope and opportunity. Our events bring together industry professionals, higher education instructors, and legislators to share testimonials, inspire confidence and new beginnings, and demonstrate the collaborative and supportive offerings a career in construction can provide.

What’s important to note, is that our efforts won’t end with this initiative. It will continue to evolve and expand as we identify new and innovative ways to introduce new faces to the trade opportunities available. Such initiatives will take the shape of training programs – like our free Business Assistance Program that guides applicants through the application requirements and proactively addresses their questions and concerns – social media outreach and engagement, reimagined partnerships, targeted outreach strategies, and improved communications across all platforms.

As regulatory bodies prepare strategic goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year, I would encourage them to think about the value they bring to the industry. In the industry’s time of need, what examples can you point to that demonstrate an intentional willingness and effort to meet the ongoing needs required to bolster skilled-labor workforce across the trades?
The NASCLA Contractor’s State Licensing Information Directory is a summary of contractor licensing requirements of the 50 states identifying more than 180 state agencies that regulate the construction industry. The directory summarizes the pre-qualification, licensing, examination and bonding requirements. Information regarding reciprocity, license classifications, incorporating requirements and fees is also included.

The NASCLA Contractor’s State Licensing Information Directory 2021 Edition was released March 9, 2021.

ISBN: 978-1-948558-22-1
Price: $55.00 plus shipping and applicable taxes
To purchase this publication, please visit the NASCLA Bookstore.

During this special webinar, the NASCLA Staff provided an overview of the NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Database, a national database of revoked license contractors which is available as a resource for NASCLA State Members.

The NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Database acts as a national alert system through which multiple state contractor licensing agencies across the country participate through the providing information and making inquiries.

NASCLA Staff walks through the ins and outs of utilizing the database when vetting new applicants for licensure within your agency.

If you would like to view the webinar on demand and receive more information, or if you would like to set up a training with NASCLA to walk your agency through the NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Database in further detail, please contact info@nascla.org.
A Mississippi State Building Construction Science student was awarded the contractor scholarship from the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies.

Phillip Christian, a Dorsey native, received the first place NASCLA 2020 Contractor Scholarship for $2,500.

Christian, who is in his junior year at Mississippi State, said that he believes his grades are what won him this scholarship.

Christian went on to say that his father inspired him to pursue a career in construction.

“When I was a kid, he had a business remodeling houses, so I spent many summer days helping him,” said Christian.

George Ford, the director of the Building Construction Science Program at MSU, said that he is thankful to NASCLA for awarding this scholarship to Christian.

“I want to personally thank the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies for providing this scholarship opportunity for our students and to congratulate Philip Christian on his first place award. The Building Construction Science program faculty at Mississippi State University is proud of Philip. We are honored an organization such as NASCLA recognized one of our own,” Ford said.

Christian said that he is feeling motivated now that he received the scholarship.

“I definitely feel accomplished now that I have won,” Christian said, “I feel energized and am ready to finish out these last two years.”

This article was originally published to the Mississippi State University website news page. To read the original feature, you can follow this link: https://www.caad.msstate.edu/news/2020/09/mississippi-state-building-construction-science-student-wins-national-scholarship

Check out https://www.nascla.org/NASCLAScholarship for updates and more information on the NASCLA 2021 Contractor Scholarship Program! Applications are being accepted through July 2, 2021.
We are pleased to introduce two (2) new members of the NASCLA team! Keneé Walton has joined us as the new NASCLA Program & Events Manager and Amanda Krishna has joined the Association as our NASCLA Publications & Office Assistant. The NASCLA team is Forging Ahead to grow even stronger!

Keneé Walton serves as NASCLA’s Program & Events Manager and recently joined the NASCLA staff in February of 2021. Her primary responsibility is to focus on the strategic development of NASCLA’s Programs and Events. She works closely with the NASCLA Business Development Director and the NASCLA Program & Marketing Coordinator. Keneé has seven (7) ears of experience in the strategic production and development of events. She graduated from the University of Southern Indiana with a Bachelor’s degree in Public Relations and Advertising. Keneé has worked as an event manager and event director with a wide range of corporations and associations and now brings her extensive knowledge, experience, and strategic approach to the NASCLA team.

Amanda Krishna currently serves as NASCLA’s Publications & Office Assistant. Amanda joined the NASCLA Staff in February 2021. Her primary responsibility is to provide knowledge on various NASCLA programs and NASCLA Contractors Guide to Business, Law and Project Management publications to state contractor licensing candidates. Amanda also processes and ships all NASCLA bookstore and purchase orders out of the NASCLA Warehouse and maintains day-to-day office duties. Amanda comes to NASCLA with a strong background in customer service, administrative work and shipping fulfillment and she previously worked in the administrative office of a local Phoenix contracting company. She is also pursuing a bachelor’s degree online with Arizona State University.
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Crestline Construction
Henkels and McCoy Inc
High Builders & Electrical Inc
Ox Construction
Metro Paint & Paper Inc
Outer Banks Tile and Stone LLC
MP Nexlevel
Industrial Compressor Solutions
Earth Services & Abatement LLC
Design Fabricators and Integrators
Versalis Group
Utility Metering Solutions LLC
Christyphi Construction
ABB Inc
Roshann Reese
Evolve
Rosehill Construction
Vestal Built, LLC
Distinct Builders
BZI
LC Contracting LLC
IES Communications LLC
Doggystylez
Table Rock Consulting Group
Instor Solutions, Inc
American Construction & Remodeling LLC
Rife Remodeling
Beazer Homes
Smoky Mountain Overnight Rental Services
Avolta Power, Inc

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DATES: APRIL 13, 2021
JUNE 8, 2021

PLATFORM: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Our intention for these meetings is to provide our state agencies with a platform to have their voice heard within their professional community and to share best practices and knowledge.

NASCLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WEBINAR

DATE: APRIL 21, 2021

PLATFORM: BigMarker Virtual Meeting

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DATES: APRIL 28, 2021
MAY 19, 2021
JUNE 23, 2021
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

PLATFORM: BigMarker Virtual Meeting

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NASCLA 2021 BUDGET MEETING

DATE: MAY 26, 2021

LOCATION: Phoenix, Arizona

NASCLA’s Executive Committee will meet to review the interim financials and prepare the NASCLA forecasted budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE NASCLA 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WEBINAR

DATE: JULY 28, 2021

PLATFORM: BigMarker Virtual Meeting

Join us for this special webinar which will detail How to Navigate the NASCLA 2021 Annual Conference. Be on the lookout for more details on this meeting at www.nascla.org/webinars

NASCLA 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DATES: AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

NASCLA’s Annual Conference is where NASCLA Members come together to discuss current issues relevant to the regulation of contractors. The conference also provides a forum for participants to interact and exchange information on current issues in the industry.

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