

# GCAA E-NEWS

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## MIDYEAR MEETING RECAP JUNE 25-26, STONE MOUNTAIN, GA

As much as we all wanted to return to the beach for our Midyear Meeting, GCAA's Board of Directors made the difficult but prudent decision to "scale back" our Midyear Meeting for 2009. This year's event was cut to a day and a half and was relocated to Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Despite the condensed time for the Midyear Meeting, the program was quite robust. John Cardosa provided an update on the activities of the association for the past year including a new awards program recognizing initiatives in safety, environmental stewardship and community relations. The initial awards will be handed out at the 2010 Management Workshop.

The program also included a keynote from Martin Marietta's COO Mr. **Ward Nye**. Mr. Nye provided us with his take on the current state of the industry and his presentation is available for download on the GCAA website. **Ed Egee**, staff for US Senator Johnny Isakson, informed us on the federal

issues facing our industry including transportation funding reauthorization, card check, clean water preservation, asbestos and new MSHA personnel under the Obama administration. **Mike Kenn**, President of Georgians For Better Transportation updated our audience on the issues surrounding funding (state level) and GDOT reform.

We finished our program with a gubernatorial forum in which 3 candidates for the office of governor were given the opportunity to make their case to our membership. The candidates were Democrat **David Poythress** and Republicans **John Oxendine** and **Karen Handel**. All candidates were given 10 minutes to stump and then took questions from the audience. We appreciate their time and their candor. The evening concluded with a reception and dinner. Friday morning featured the golf tournament where results and pictures can be found on the GCAA website at [www.gcaa.org](http://www.gcaa.org).

The winners of the golf tournament are:

**1st Place** - Bill Bilbo, Nalley Motor Trucks; Chris Collins, Hanson Aggregates; Mike Dobbs, Martin Marietta Materials and Guy Milliken, Nalley Motor Trucks.

**2nd Place** - David Brisley, Martin Marietta Materials; Henry Mock, Golder Associates; Charles DePriest, Vulcan Materials Co.; McRoy Sauls, Sauls Seismic

**3rd Place** - Ralph Johnson, Cobra America; Danny Thomas, Hanson Aggregates; Ross McGee, NorX, Inc.; Robert Underwood, Vulcan Materials

**4th Place** - Bart Boyd, Vulcan Materials Co.; Tom Keirn, Martin Marietta Materials; Brandon Hess, Yancey Bros. Co.; Mark Thurston, Vulcan Materials Co.

*We wish to thank all of the companies who graciously sponsored this event.*

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## STIMULUS SPENDING UNDERWAY

There has been much talk regarding stimulus spending in Georgia. Governor Perdue has made several certifications between April and July totaling about \$630 million in funds. Stimulus projects began letting in May, and 42 projects have been awarded at a value of approximately \$75 million. There are a total of \$930 million stimulus funds, so there is still a ways to go in identifying projects and certainly in awarding of projects. If you have questions specifically about any of the stimulus spending, GCAA staff will be glad to assist in answering your questions.



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## GCAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

GCAA Foundation is proud to announce the second annual class of scholarship recipients. Eligibility for GCAA Foundation scholarships is for any dependent of an employee of a GCAA member company. Applicants are asked to fill out an application and provide transcripts, recommendations and an essay. Once all application packets are in, the Foundation Board then recommends students for scholarship awards based on the information that the student has provided.

To the right are the 2009 winners along with their company affiliation and the school they will be attending:

Derek Brewer, Son of Denise Brewer, Martin Marietta, Augusta State

Davis Clifford, Son of Harry Colley, Kemira Chemicals, UGA  
Aaron Mallory, Son of David Mallory, Kemira Chemicals, Southern Polytechnic State University

Precious Jackson, Daughter of Marchelle Jackson, Vulcan Materials, Alabama State

Savanna McMichael, Wife of Trey McMichael, Fesco Systems, UGA

Callie Poole, Daughter of Steve Poole, Martin Marietta, Mercer

Rachel Toney, Daughter of James Toney, Vulcan Materials, UGA

Kayla Washington, Daughter of Karen Washington, Kemira Chemicals, UGA

Katie Worthington, Daughter of David Worthington, Vulcan Materials, Concordia University (Nebraska)

## ADVERTISING NOW AVAILABLE ON GCAA WEBSITE

Advertising space is now available on the GCAA website, [www.gcaa.org](http://www.gcaa.org). The website is set up to display advertisements in several positions of prominence. Those positions are located on the main page and within the news blog.

The advertisements are in a banner ad format and there will be limitations on availability to ensure that those who wish to secure ad space will have their ad seen with regularity. There are several different pricing options as well based on the length of the ad. GCAA staff also has the ability to create your ad for you as long as you provide the appropriate content for the ad. Contact Jimmy in the office at 678/473-0012 extension 25 if you have an interest in securing ad space.

## TRUCKER WORKSHOP SERIES CONTINUES

GCAA continued its series of workshops for the trucking industry in June. The event was hosted by Peach State Truck Center and featured Brad Parrott, a construction law attorney with the firm of Shapiro Fussell. The workshop focused on lien and bond rights and their impact on trucking companies.

Mr. Parrott spent several hours addressing the issue of non-payment and how a trucking company in its role as a sub-contractor can seek to recoup its money. He answered questions from GCAA members on real life situations they had experienced. He also posed some other hypothetical situations and how trucking companies could appropriately act in those situations.

The workshop was educational for all in attendance. Copies of information provided by Mr. Parrott are available complimentary to GCAA members. If you would like to request a copy, please contact Jimmy Cotty at [jcotty@gcaa.org](mailto:jcotty@gcaa.org)

## POLITICAL ROUNDUP

While the origin of the ancient Chinese proverb, "May you live in interesting times" is oft disputed, there is no doubt that certainly the current political age could be characterized as "interesting." There are a myriad of issues percolating at the state and federal level that could have a profound impact on us both at home and at work.

At the state level, the campaign for a new governor is well underway despite Election Day being more than 15 months away. One of the biggest issues candidates will have to answer for is transportation planning and funding. The failure of the last 2 legislative sessions to produce any sort of new funding for transportation has landed this issue at the

forefront of the debate. Additionally, the legislature passed SB 200 in 2009 allowing the governor to appoint a Planning Director at GDOT. This appointee would be charged with creating the statewide strategic transportation plan and statewide transportation improvement plan. This fundamentally will give our next governor extensive authority in prioritizing projects.

At the federal level, there are several issues of importance as well. Congress is currently looking into redefining asbestos, union election processes and water usage, among others. Transportation funding at the federal level is under review as well. All these issues collectively impact our industry.

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## FALL GOLF—NEW LOCATION OCTOBER 7, 2009

The next gathering of GCAA members will be the Fall Golf Outing. As has become the custom, the event will take place once again the first Wednesday of October. This year's golf tournament is scheduled for October 7 at a new location: Hamilton Mill Golf Club in Dacula, GA

This event is the primary fundraiser for both GCAA's scholarship foundation and political action committee. Registration for the event will be available in August.

GCAA has also entered into a 5 year agreement with Canongate and we will rotate our event within the Canongate family of clubs for the next 5 years.

## 2010 MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 23 & 24 COBB GALLERIA, ATLANTA, GA

Planning for the 2010 Management Workshop has commenced.

The Workshop Committee will be selecting the theme for the 2010 meeting in the final week of July. Upon selection of the theme, GCAA will send out a Call for Papers.

Vendor Booth and Registration material will be sent out in September.

We look forward to your participation. Please stay tuned to the GCAA website for updates. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at lindamoore@gcaa.org or in the GCAA office at 678/473-0012.

## Newest Members

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## Political Roundup

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GCAA encourages you to get involved and make a positive impact through contacting your elected officials. GCAA staff can provide you with appropriate contact information as well as collect specific information on issues in which you have an interest. Both Ward Nye and Ed Egee at the Midyear Meeting stressed your involvement and the difference it can make. Additionally, GCAA will keep you abreast of any new political developments as they arise. Our goal is to keep our membership informed and engaged.

## GEORGIA EPD MINE TOUR & NEW BMP MANUAL

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources oversees the mining industry through its Environmental Protection Division. The GCAA Environmental Committee meets twice a year with Division Director Dr. Carol Couch. The purpose of these meetings are to keep EPD informed of issues affecting the industry, and EPD can inform our industry of any potential issues they foresee.

In June, Aggregates USA Macon quarry hosted a tour of EDP staff. It has been some time since a previous tour was offered, so EPD gladly accepted our offer. The were given a tour of quarry operations, a new plant and a general quarry overview from the quarry's observation point. EPD staff remarked that it was certainly a worthwhile and educational venture.

The Environmental Committee has also spent the last several years compiling a Best Management Practices Manual for our industry. That manual is now complete and has received the approval of the GCAA Board of Director's for publication. The BMP Manual will be available for download through the GCAA website.

## 2009 GCAA Membership Directories Are Now Available

The 2009 GCAA Membership Directory were published in June and have now been sent to all member companies.

If you wish a copy but did not receive one, contact your company representative who works directly with GCAA to see if they have any copies still available and if all copies have been distributed please contact the GCAA office.

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