



# PCEA TODAY

Professional Construction Estimators Association  
CSRA Chapter

May  
2023

David Eller, President

## Message from the President

April showers bring May flowers, and the season inspires growth here at PCEA. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Jeff Drake of Nandina, Inc. to the group. May also brings Mother's Day and Memorial Day for us to both celebrate loved ones and pay honor to their memories.

Our 2023 national convention in Knoxville was a success! Augusta will be hosting the national convention in 2024. If you're interested in joining our Convention Committee, please contact anyone on our contact list below. Our first meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at MAI Risk Advisors. Much more information to come!

Please join us and bring guests to our **Monthly Membership Meeting** on Thursday, May 11th. Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Fat Man's Café, 1450 Greene Street in Augusta.



Come join us for our monthly membership meetings at Fat Man's Café Conference Room. We discuss association business, network, enjoy lunch, and welcome speakers of all types and trades. If you're interested in speaking at one of our meetings, email Steve Munn at [steve@mairiskadvisors.com](mailto:steve@mairiskadvisors.com)

## Membership Challenge

Make the Most of your PCEA Membership

As we continue to grow our group, we are focused on several aspects of improving our club. Use the guide below to help you get the most out of your PCEA Membership!

- **Visit the PCEA website and give us your suggestions.** We are always looking for content and input to help us help you to navigate and contribute to the benefits of PCEA. <https://pcea-csra.wildapricot.org/>
- **Share and interact with social media posts.** As we focus on our social media presence, please consider writing your own posts or sharing or commenting on the ones you see. Interaction is key to helping our group grow in numbers and value.
- **Bring guests!** Make it a monthly goal to invite at least one of your industry contacts to our monthly meeting. Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? Schedule a half hour every week to make phone calls and catch up with potential members. The more the merrier!
- **Progress over perfection.** Don't think one of your contacts will be interested in the group? Think again. Construction Estimators are in nearly every industry imaginable. The benefits of being a member go beyond the construction industry. Invite that friend, acquaintance, or contact. They may benefit from our group more than you know.



Don't forget the moms in your life this Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate.

### Attention GCs!

We are currently in our early planning stages for a General Contractors' Roundtable. Use your contact list and let Kat Sanders know if you have someone that may be interested: [ksanders@cce-inc.com](mailto:ksanders@cce-inc.com) or 706-969-5054

### Music with Mom

California Dreamin'  
Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Can't find that perfect gift for mom? Take her to a concert, including sounds of the Mamas & the Papas, James Taylor, The Eagles, The Doors, and Neil Young, performed by Ryan Abel & friends! Get your tickets [HERE](#)

### Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The construction industry ranks as the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in suicide rates in the nation. Reaching out for help is not a weakness! Call or text 988 for local help for yourself or someone you care about, which will route you to a local, confidential line.

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## **PCEA National Convention 2024**

We appreciate your early support for Augusta!

Our first official Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – at 4:00 PM at the MAI Risk Advisors Headquarters at 3512 Wheeler Road. Thanks to Steve Munn for providing a meeting space for us! Sponsorships will be available, and there are myriad opportunities to be involved in the planning and execution of this event. We need ideas for outings, speakers, and we sincerely want input from our members on what makes a fun, successful, and beneficial convention. Please plan to attend this meeting, even if you're not sure you can commit to being on the committee.



### **Member Spotlight – David Eller**

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David Eller – Vice President [david@gadwinc.com](mailto:david@gadwinc.com) (706)799-6419

David has been the backbone of PCEA-CSRA for over a decade. He has held every local board position in his time with the group. As president for a total of seven years, his commitment and dedication to PCEA goals has kept the association running in both growth and survival modes, especially during the COVID pandemic.

David began his journey in the trade as a carpenter at S.D. Clifton Construction, while he was a college student. After college, he expanded his role in the finishing field as a superintendent, progressing to project manager – working at Fort Gordon and Fort Benning until 2012 when he began his career with Georgia Drywall as a project manager. David now acts as VP of the company.

David's core values are self-evident in his consistent involvement with PCEA. His vision of supporting the construction trades, promoting personal and organic relationships within the organization, and his inviting demeanor contribute to the success of PCEA-CSRA. As members, we value and commend his honesty and straightforwardness in his approach to business and professional endeavors.

David is a prime example of PCEA's goals: one being the engagement and sustainment of tradespeople, guiding them into management and in his case even into executive roles. Our scholarship programs help provide that pathway, and we appreciate David for his guiding model.

He also provides great advice to young people considering the construction trade: "Get involved early to make sure it's something you will enjoy. Pursue internships in college. College is great but the 'real world' knowledge you attain from the field work is invaluable. As unappealing as it appears to some, my advice is to work in the field for a year or two. Especially if you are working in a specialized trade. The knowledge of field construction makes you more credible when you are in a management position. It also helps estimating when you understand building fundamentals versus just assumptions drawn on plans."

Outside of work, David loves to spend time with his wife and three girls. Last month, he and his family just welcomed their newest addition, daughter Bennett Jo. In his free time, he golfs, hunts, and fishes; and his favorite band is the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

## Calendar

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## **Member Meeting Thursday, May 11**

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Members and guests are welcome to join us this coming Thursday at 11:45 as we enjoy fellowship and lunch at Fat Man's Café and Catering, located at 1450 Greene Street in Augusta, GA.

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## **Board & Committee Meetings**

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The 2024 PCEA National Convention Committee will meet Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at MAI Risk Advisors, 3512 Wheeler Road in Augusta to discuss and plan for next year's convention.

The Board of Directors will meet Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Sunrise Grill, 3830 Washington Road, Suite 10 in Martinez to discuss chapter business.

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## **PCEA of the CSRA 2022-2023 Board of Directors**

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<b>President</b>	<b>David Eller</b>	<b>Georgia Drywall, LLC</b>
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## **PCEA Contact Info & Links**

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[www.pcea-csra.org](http://www.pcea-csra.org) - CSRA Chapter Website

[www.pcea.org](http://www.pcea.org) - National Website

Contact David Eller, 706-799-6419 or [david@gadwinc.com](mailto:david@gadwinc.com) for general information and the Golf Tournament.

Contact Kat Sanders, 706-969-5054, [ksanders@cce-inc.com](mailto:ksanders@cce-inc.com) for more information about advertising in our newsletter.

Please e-mail Vic Markwalter [vic@duckdllc.com](mailto:vic@duckdllc.com) for scholarship information. Scholarship applications have been distributed to CSRA High Schools, Tech Schools, and Universities.


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