



# PCEA TODAY

Professional Construction Estimators Association  
CSRA Chapter

October  
2023

Mark Stephens, President

## Message from the President

Greetings PCEA!

The weather is finally turning, and fall has begun! Our Chapter has many activities planned for the remainder of the year - our Annual James Hutto Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 23rd at West Lake Country Club. We are participating in the AGC Skills Challenge (East Georgia) on November 16th. We have our monthly meetings on October 12th and November 9th, followed by a December Christmas get together that is being planned. In addition, we are putting together a new spring scholarship fundraising event - more details to come!

Our speaker for our September meeting was Cal Wray, President of the Augusta Economic Development Authority. Cal did a fantastic presentation, followed by a great Q and A session that went 30 minutes past our scheduled meeting end!

For our October meeting, we are very pleased to have Darin Myers, Owner of TAB Augusta-Aiken (The Alternative Board) as our speaker. Darin's passion and focus are assisting individuals and teams to reach their goals and vision. The highly effective TAB approach of peer advisory boards, coaching techniques, and analytical tools provide an approach for Darin to contribute his leadership, experience, and personable yet challenging style to allow business owners to improve and meet their personal and business aspirations.

Our PCEA Chapter is thriving in all areas of our operation - Scholarship, Education, Networking and Growth. I encourage people in construction related fields to join us for a meeting and see if Membership in our organization is right for you.



Our Golf Tournament is held each year in honor and remembrance of James Hutto, pictured above with his wife Ashlyn, son Walter, and daughter Camilla. James lived his life to the fullest, and is a model example of how to live your life with love, dedication, and purpose. For those who didn't have the pleasure of meeting him, read more about James at the end of this newsletter in the article that was published last year.

## TAB Speaker Darin Myers

The TAB President will be joining us at this Thursday's meeting



<https://www.thealternativeboard.com/tabcsra>

Darin Myers is President of The Alternative Board (TAB) in the Central Savannah River Area including Augusta, Aiken, Evans, and surrounding communities.

Darin has held senior executive positions in the nuclear utility industry with several Fortune 500 companies over the last 30 years. Specifically, he has worked in several functions including operations, maintenance and construction, and training.

He has proven success in leading large and small organizations regarding strategic planning and alignment, employee development, organizational performance improvement, accountability, and coaching.

Darin will share his insight about business challenges we all face in our industry.

### Attention General Contractors!

We are currently in our 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

### 2024 National Convention PCEA Convention 2024

Planning phases are well underway for next year's PCEA convention. Please mark your calendars! Start making a list of potential sponsors and presenters!

April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Mark your Calendars!

PCEA will be participating in the East Georgia Skills Challenge at the Georgia Carolina State Fairgrounds at 308 Hale Street here in Augusta on November 16. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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### Professional Construction Estimators Association



## James Hutto Memorial Golf Tournament

### Monday, October 23rd, 2023

Registration 10:30am Lunch 11-12:00pm Shotgun Start 12:00pm

*Awards and 50/50 Raffle Drawing will be held after the Tournament, Bring Cash for the Raffle, On Course Challenges & Tipping our Cart Ladies*

**Tournament Fee Includes:** Green Fees, Cart Fees, Lunch, Range Balls, Post-Tournament Hors d'oeuvres

### 2023 CSRA Professional Construction Estimators Association Scholarship Fundraiser – Captain's Choice

Come join us for an afternoon of golf and fun supporting a great cause at West Lake Country Club! All net proceeds from tournament fees will go toward a scholarship for an outstanding student in the CSRA area enrolled in a college construction curriculum. Enjoy lunch and post tournament hors d'oeuvres. Please e-mail: [vic@duckdlc.com](mailto:vic@duckdlc.com) for scholarship information. Scholarship applications will be distributed to CSRA High Schools in the Spring.

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## **Membership Meeting Thursday, Oct. 12**

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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 TBonz located at 2856 Washington Road, Augusta, GA. Darin Myers will be joining us to discuss economic development in the Augusta-Richmond County area.

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## **GOLF TOURNAMENT: REGISTER NOW!**

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Registration and sponsorship for our annual golf tournament are now open. Download our registration form from our homepage at <https://pcea-csra.wildapricot.org/> or contact David Eller at [david@gadwinc.com](mailto:david@gadwinc.com) for more information!

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## **PCEA of the CSRA 2023-2024 Board of Directors**

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## **PCEA Contact Info & Links**

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# Remembering James Hutto

## Tournament Namesake Lived a Model Life

Since I'm a new member of PCEA, I never had the pleasure of meeting James Hutto, but his friends and family graciously shared some of their fondest memories of his remarkable and joyful life. You can learn so much from a life lived well. The following are just a few lessons I learned through stories and details of James's life:

**Cherish your family.** James never missed a family function in his hometown of Holly Hill, SC. Not just the big ones like weddings and funerals... but all the in-betweens. Ashlyn remembers him "burning up the road back home" to cousins' and second cousins' (and third cousins') birthdays, graduations - any celebration that involved family. *Take time to make memories with family and friends.*



**Find a place you love and visit often.**

James could often be found in the early mornings hanging out on the dock of his family house on Lake Marion watching the sun come up. He found a peaceful place to relax, enjoy, and just be himself. *You should, too.*

**Enjoy the outdoors.** James was part of a boat club, enjoyed barefoot water skiing in his younger days, exploring creeks and coves after school when the lake was glass. *Find something that makes your heart beat a little faster and work to be good at it.*

**Make the most of your mornings.** Maybe it was because he was used to waking up early on the family farm in Holly Hill ready for work, but most remember James's enthusiastic (and *very* early) "Gooood Morning!" greetings with his extra large coffee in hand. *The next morning you see someone struggling, give them your best "Good Morning!" from James.*

**Dance, dance, dance.** On their first blind date, Ashlyn remembers him asking her to dance. It didn't matter that there wasn't a dance floor and it definitely didn't matter that James didn't know how to dance (according to his closest friends). *Do what brings you joy; it doesn't matter who's watching.*

**Support your loved ones' dreams.** Walter still has the application that his dad encouraged him to pick up in the admissions office at Notre Dame after a football game they attended, when Walter was just in eighth grade. Although the tuition prices put Walter (and likely James) in shock, his dad was there to support his interests at every turn.

*Encourage those around you to live large and chase their ambitions.*

**Celebrate your own style.** Unless he was barefoot, James went everywhere in boots. He had work boots, cowboy boots, tuxedo boots, and even badminton boots. *Don't be afraid to be quirky if it suits your style.*

**Finish what you start.** Leaving Newberry College early to work on the family farm, it was so very important for James to complete his degree. He decided to go back to school... twice. Once after his daughter was born, and another after he was completely established in his career and didn't really need a degree to further it. He finished what he started, in honor of his mother. *No matter what life throws your way, take the time to go full-circle with the things that matter most to you.*

**Get yourself a "partner in crime".** James's volunteerism legacy is one of commitment and longevity. The many organizations he was involved with knew a clever trick, though. If you got James or Tim Regan involved, you were guaranteed a two-for-one deal. Tim would always support James's projects, and James would be there for Tim's. Tim remembers James "casually mentioning" one Friday evening that he was helping build a playground for disadvantaged children that weekend. Come Saturday morning, guess who was there with tools in hand. *Find a friend who will be along for the ride, even if it's a bumpy one.*



**Find common ground.** One of his plentiful volunteer efforts was to help bring Irish children (protestant and Catholic) over for the summer to live and socialize together, showing how easily it was to peacefully exist and fellowship together. *Make bridges and work with the younger generations to keep them intact.*



**Find a plan, then do the plan.** Right after Ashlyn and James got married, Ashlyn was looking forward to cooking dinners for her new husband. James had other plans, though. He wanted to lose weight, so he went on a diet immediately after their wedding and lost a whopping 30 lbs. *Set your mind on your goals, and just get them done*

**Take the big trips.** James took his family to Disneyworld after his diagnosis. Thanks to his tenacity, they now have a cherished memory (and painting) of James holding his daughter Camilla's hand with fireworks exploding gloriously in the background. *Even when it seems impossible, carve out time to make lasting memories with your family.*

**Give respect, receive respect.** James would wake up in the dark, early morning hours to manage his workers during concrete pours. This work ethic and respect for each and every team member has been internalized by Walter, who makes sure he would never ask one of his team members to do anything he wouldn't do himself. *Remember that respect is earned and give respect before you demand it.*

**Take a nap.** Known to some as "Mr. No Change," every workday James would pull into his house at 11:45, make a sandwich with plain Lays potato chips (dipped in ketchup), eat lunch, and then at 12:00 on the dot close his eyes for exactly 20 minutes. Then he'd wake up and get back to work. *Find what refreshes you and work it into your daily life.*

We hope everyone who enjoyed the tournament learned a little bit more about its namesake now, and we at PCEA thank James's family and friends for sharing these memories with us.

Please feel free to share additional memories and photos to [ksanders@ccea-inc.com](mailto:ksanders@ccea-inc.com)