

WILLIAM A. GUISTE (1940-2026) - It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to one of our founding members and good friend.

Well-known Excavating Contractor, William A. (Bill) Guiste, 85, of Clintonville, passed away on Jan. 18, 2026. He was born on April 20, 1940, to the late Agnes Rearick Guiste and John Guiste. Bill attended and graduated from Victory Joint School in 1958. He was an active member of FFA.

In 1970, he started his own business, William A. Guiste Excavating and operated it until his grandson Chris Moore took over the business in 2016 and then continued to run the business as an employee. Bill built many ponds over the years and proudly displayed some of them on a storage trailer he used with the business. He was very proud of the work he did and would only do the job if it was going to be done right. Through the years, his sons, several grandsons, a great-grandson, and his daughter all worked for him. He was still working full-time at the age of 80 when he had a heart issue on the job and a subsequent stroke, then he had to retire.

He was very proud of being a Charter Member of the PA Land Improvement Contractors of America in 1970. In 2011, he was awarded the Corky Miles Appreciation Award for his 41 years of service to PA LICA, serving as President, Vice President, Chairman of the Board, and on almost every committee several times, as well as all the other numerous services he did over the years that are too many to list. **(Bill is pictured above with his grandson Chris Moore at a PALICA event in 2015).**

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THE PALICA Board of Directors would like to collectively welcome our new CEO Dennis Mikula Jr. to LICA! We're looking forward to a new director for LICA as an Association, and PALICA as *"our state chapter."*

As a board, our goal is to grow PALICA into an even greater trade association for all our members and provide even more value to your membership.

We hope you'll use this pivotal point in time to engage and become an active member of PALICA. One great way to do that is by attending the Winter Convention being held in State College PA in March (all details and registration info are below in this email). It is a great way to meet other members who possibly do some of the same types of work as you, as well as others that do possibly very different types of work. We hope to see you in State College!



NEW NATIONAL LICA CEO
National LICA has a new CEO (Dennis Mikula Jr.), who is located in NJ. He was President of NJLICA until he took on this new role earlier this month. With that, he's a huge part of Region I, which consists of NYLICA, PALICA, and NJLICA. Dennis promises to provide complete transparency on how the association functions going forward, along with all the many pieces that will go into running this trade association.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello PA LICA members, First and Foremost, our sympathies go out to the family of long-time member William Guiste who passed away this past weekend. He will be greatly missed.

On a lighter note - **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all. I hope everyone had a nice holiday season with family and friends and I'm sure we're all looking forward to a prosperous 2026. I'm also looking forward to



seeing everyone at the convention in March - Joanie has a lot of educational workshops and activities lined up for us. Please plan to attend - it is always informative as well as a fun weekend.

Justin Hoover,
President

**Below is the tentative agenda for the 2026 PALICA Winter Convention at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA
One Country Club Lane, State College PA**

Thursday, March 26th - March 28th.

- ***All hotel rooms have been completely remodeled.***
- ***Our discounted rate is \$109/night plus tax.***
- ***Our room block is under PALICA Conference if you'd prefer to call to reserve your room--814-234-8000***

RSVP deadline is March 6th or until the Block is full.

CONVENTION AGENDA – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY MARCH 26TH

- 3:00 pm - Registration Hospitality Suite 213 (for all)
- 4:00 pm - Board of Director's Meeting
- 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Hospitality Suite – Pizza/snacks/drinks

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

Aspen Room

Morning Classes

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Silver Maple I

Small Business Development Corporation - PSU

- Women in the Workforce-how to incorporate women into your business & related topics.

811 UPDATES

PA Act 287 for the Excavator

- This training outlines an excavator's responsibilities under Pennsylvania Act 287- The Underground Utility Line Protection Law and focuses on safe digging practices.

Insurance 2026 & THE LICA PORTAL DEMONSTRATION

- Bonding/Projects
- Workman's Comp Claims
- Major changes in the insurance environment and how it affects you as a contractor.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch – WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Aspen Room

1:30PM --LADIES CRAFT CLASS IN HOSPITALITY SUITE

Afternoon Classes

1:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Silver Maple I

Construction Alliance for Mental Health in the Workforce

- Bring Corporate attention to building a caring culture in consideration of mental health.
- Provide resources for employees dealing with a mental health issue/personal crisis.
- Assess readiness of the company to assist suicidal employees.
- Build protective factors.
- Prepare for crisis response

TOPCON Solutions Store

- Discussion and Demo of Layout Navigator that is used for construction layout as well as the MC Mobile Machine Control Line-Classroom simulation.

Associates Night Event – THEME IS CHRISTMAS VACATION

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- One-on-One Time with Associates
- Silent & Live Auctions
- Dinner and Open Bar



Aspen Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:30 am – Continental Breakfast

Hospitality Suite 213

9:30 am – Annual Membership Meeting

- Convention concludes

PALICA AWARD NOMINATION FORMS HERE

This is one of several topics that will be presented in classroom format to enable contractors to obtain OSHA Forms and Tool Box Talks along with and entire Safety Portal full of resources -- all at your fingertips.

Discover What's Inside the LICA Safety Portal!

More than safety. More for your business.

LICA is excited to launch a monthly feature highlighting 3 tools from the LICA Safety Portal — and it's more than "safety."

Featured this month:

Subcontractor Agreement

Safe Excavation and Trenching Policy

Safety Meeting Topic: Teaching Safety by Example

Practical tools ready to download and make your own.

The LICA Safety Portal is a FREE benefit to contractor members.

To request this month's three featured items
email: anational.lica@gmail.com.

To get full access to the Safety Portal, email the same address with your member name, company, address, phone, and the email you'd like on your account, and we'll get you set up.



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AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LICA INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PALICA.

Members of PALICA:

We are currently working with a few carriers to meet the insurance needs of members in 2026 and beyond. As noted, UFG has discontinued their State LICA Program. While they continue to offer renewals, Prins Insurance has been reaching out to other carriers to fill that void. We are excited to be able to work alongside a new carrier, Grinnell Mutual, who writes dirt movers in many of our existing states. While this is not a program and we are starting over, it is exciting to have a carrier who is eager to write this type of business. We will continue developing a program and look to have something mid-year. We are already placing business with Grinnell which has been competitive. Not only do they provide a comprehensive policy but also provide additional coverages such as pollution and contractors errors and omissions. Grinnell is not licensed in all of the states, but we will be reaching out for additional conversations with those states.

From Grinnell:

Grinnell Mutual is proud to support the State LICA Associations. We are actively collaborating with Prins Insurance to develop a program tailored to LICA members' insurance needs, with a target launch in mid-year 2026. Grinnell Mutual is an industry leader. Founded in 1909, Grinnell Mutual is the 114th-largest property-casualty insurer in the U.S. and the largest primary reinsurer of farm mutual companies in North America.

For more than 30 years, **Prins Insurance Inc.** has proudly partnered with State LICA Chapters. Founded in 1936, we specialize in protecting businesses in the Construction, Transportation, and Agricultural industries—delivering stability you can count on. We are excited to continue that relationship.

BRUCE MOSIER WILL BE IN STATE COLLEGE IN MARCH TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM PROSPECTS FURTHER WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP SO BRING YOUR QUESTIONS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW VENTURE!

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\$109/NIGHT + tax



PALICA's 2026 Contractor Convention Registration & Hotel Info Sheet

****Please fill out the entire 2 sheets so we have accurate counts for each day.**

# Attending	CATAGORIES OF ATTENDEES	COST PER PERSON	TOTAL COST
	Contractor Member – Attending entire convention	\$150.00	\$
	Contractor's Employee(s), Spouse or Child(ren) 16-18 years old	\$100.00 per person	\$
	Child(ren) Under 16 years old	\$25.00 (to cover meals)	\$
	ATTENDING FRIDAY CLASSES ONLY (includes breakfast and lunch but not Associates Night Event)	\$95.00 per person	\$
	Friday Ladies Activity @ Toftrees	N/C	\$ 0.00
	ENCLOSE CHECK OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD	TOTAL CHARGE	\$

COMPANY NAME _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

NAME TO BE PRINTED ON BADGE	TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)

YOU CAN REGISTER AND SUBMIT PAYMENT ONLINE [HERE](#)

OR YOU CAN EMAIL FORM TO: PENNSYLVANIAICALICA@GMAIL.COM AND MAIL PAYMENT TO PALICA, 775 MERCER ROAD, GREENVILLE, PA 16125 (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PALICA)

Register now for the 2026 Winter Convention

You can download and register here for the PALICA March convention or go directly to the website to register and pay.

****If you're new to PALICA, you are eligible for up to 2 (two) COMPLIMENTARY registrations for your business - you'll only be responsible for your hotel room charges. Contact Joanie to verify eligibility. 724-866-1082.**

CONTRACTOR MEMBERS - REGISTER HERE

PALICA ASSOCIATES

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US IN STATE COLLEGE IN MARCH TO MEET WITH MEMBERS ABOUT THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES YOU OFFER. YOU'RE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON ANY CLASSES BEING HELD AS WELL - BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL WEEKEND.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS-REGISTER HERE

PALICA's 2026 Convention – Associate Registration & Hotel Info Sheet

# Attending	CONVENTION EVENTS	COST PER PERSON	TOTAL COST
	THURSDAY PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS	N/C	\$ 0.00
	FRIDAY BREAKFAST	\$20.00 per person	\$
	FRIDAY LUNCH	\$25.00 per person	\$
DO YOU NEED ELECTRIC? Yes or No	ASSOCIATES NIGHT BOOTH Cost of \$350 includes booth, dinner, and open bar for up to 2 people.**	\$350.00	\$ 350.00
	**\$50 charge for each added attendee	\$50.00 per person	\$
	SATURDAY B'FAST & Membership Mtg	\$20.00 per person	\$
	CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP (Sponsorship of breakfast or lunch qualifies)	OPPORTUNITIES (that meal as N/C to you)	
	FRIDAY BREAKFAST	\$250.00	\$
	FRIDAY LUNCH	\$250.00	\$
	FRIDAY ASSOCIATES NIGHT EVENT	\$750.00	\$
	SATURDAY BREAKFAST	\$250.00	\$
	TOTAL TO BE PAID BY CHECK OR CC	\$	\$

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME(s) TO BE PRINTED ON BADGE	TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)

****YOU CAN PAY REGISTRATION & BOOK HOTEL HERE**

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL FORM TO Joanie at Pennsylvanialica@Gmail.com
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March 6, 2026, or until block is full.

ROOM RATES are \$109/NIGHT PLUS TAX – the BLOCK is UNDER PALICA CONFERENCE

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**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR FIRST PA
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I've placed an excavation notification with Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc., and received a \$125 invoice. How can I get PENNSYLVANIA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRS ASSOCIATION to pay this invoice?

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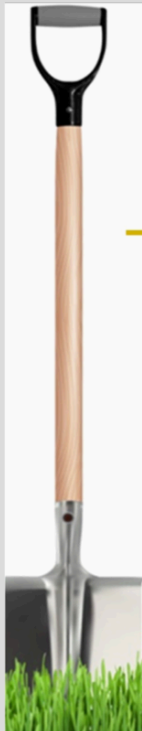
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Greenville, PA 16125

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3 Your association verifies your membership then
sends the invoice to PA One Call System

4 No Payment Required – your account will be
credited



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Pennsylvania Law Requires 3 Business Days' Notice **8-1-1**

PA One Call offers free training programs and presentations.

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Suspected terrorist arrested by ICE had CDL from Pa.; state GOP demand investigation

By ERIC SCICCHITANO

CNHI State Report

HARRISBURG — Republican leaders in Pennsylvania demand an investigation into how an illegal alien suspected of terrorist ties obtained a commercial driver's license from the commonwealth, one that's also a REAL ID — an enhanced security measure for entering certain federal facilities and boarding domestic flights.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Monday announced the arrest of Akhror Bozorov, 31, who is wanted in his home country of Uzbekistan since 2022 for allegedly belonging to an unnamed terrorist organization.

"He is accused of distributing terrorist propaganda calling for jihad online and recruiting terrorists to join the jihad movement," ICE said in a press release announcing the arrest.

According to ICE, Bozorov illegally entered the U.S. in February 2023 and was arrested by U.S. Border Patrol before being released. He was granted work authorization in January 2024 by the administration of former President Joe Biden, the agency reported.

Bozorov was taken into custody on Nov. 9 in Kansas while working as a commercial truck driver under a license issued by PennDOT. An image shared by ICE shows the CDL was issued July 25, 2025, and expired Jan. 7, 2029. It shows he was living in Philadelphia.

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