



Member NEWSLETTER

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Advancing the Industry, Together

Dear Members,

The start of a new year brings renewed energy—and a clear focus on who we are and why we exist. At the Carolinas Irrigation Association, we are rallying around a simple but powerful framework: **One mission. High impact. Good people.**

One mission. To advance and protect the irrigation profession across the Carolinas through education, advocacy, and a clear path toward professional growth.

High impact. In 2026, we are prioritizing professional development to help you stay ahead of evolving technologies and regulations. Our goal is to strengthen the support for various certification pathways—from state licensing preparation to advanced industry credentials—ensuring our members continue to represent the highest standard of practice.

Good people. CIA is more than a trade association. It is a community of professionals committed to excellence, innovation, and responsible water stewardship. When you show up to a meeting, training, or event, you are surrounded by peers who understand your challenges and share your commitment to doing the job right.

Your membership fuels this mission and amplifies our collective impact. Thank you for being part of an association that is focused, forward-thinking, and united.

Together, we move the industry forward.

My best,
Marcy Miller
Chief Strategy Officer
Carolinan Irrigation Association



GREEN & GROWIN' 2026

Thank you!



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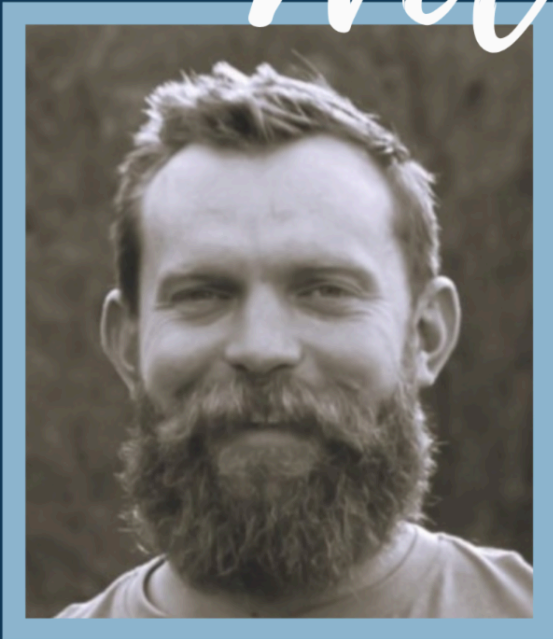


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A huge thank-you to the outstanding irrigation educators from the Carolinas Irrigation Association who shared their expertise at NCNLA's Green & Growin' 26 in Greensboro! 🌱 Your technical insights and practical guidance helped make the irrigation track one of the most valuable parts of the education program, empowering attendees with new skills and ideas to grow their businesses and improve water management. We truly appreciate your time, energy, and commitment to advancing our industry.

INDUSTRY & MEMBER NEWS

Welcome



Hamilton Garvey
President



Carolinas Irrigation Association would like to officially welcome Hamilton Garvey as our next president. Please take a moment to read his letter if you have not already done so! We are grateful for his leadership and look forward to what is to come.

[Read President's Letter](#)



The Carolinas Irrigation Association is launching a bold new chapter — and we want you in it.

Built around our promise of **One mission. High impact. Good people.** The Board has approved new advisory committees designed to strengthen and position CIA for long-term growth. And now, we're launching a new volunteer leadership campaign to power it all.

Which Lane Is Yours?

We've made it simple to plug in where your strengths make the biggest difference:

Membership & Engagement (“The Power Broker” Lane)

You're the connector. This team drives recruitment and retention, defines member value, and shapes can't-miss networking opportunities that grow both CIA and your professional circle.

Education & Content (“The Mastermind” Lane)

You're the expert. This committee curates webinars, regional trainings, and conference programming — deciding what the industry learns and elevating standards across the Carolinas.

Annual Conference & Event Logistics (“The Producer” Lane)

You're the architect behind the scenes. From vendor and venue strategy to flawless on-site execution, this group ensures CIA events deliver excellence every time.

Leadership roles are an exclusive benefit of CIA membership. Now is the perfect time to get involved. Committee service is one of the most meaningful ways to make a high-impact difference — alongside great company.

If you're ready to step forward, raise your hand by emailing us today. Together, we're building a stronger, more focused association — and we'd love for you to be part of it.

I'm ready to LEAD!

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

Coming Soon!

CHARLOTTE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Rocky River Golf Club at Concord
Concord, NC | April 16, 2026 | 11am - 5pm



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Insider Tip:

Registration for the Charlotte Golf Tournament opens Friday, February 27!
Look for an email or check our [website](#) for more info.

20 Carolinas Irrigation Association
26 WATERPALOOZA

Don't miss Carolinas Irrigation Association's landmark event!

**Waterpalooza
October 7, 2026
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC**

2026 IRRIGATION SHOW & EDUCATION WEEK

Save the date for the 2026 Irrigation Association's Irrigation Show & Education Week. This year's event will be held in Las Vegas, December 7-10, 2026.

[Learn More](#)

2026 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Thank you to these industry partners!

Gold

[Heritage Landscape Supply Group & The Toro Company](#)

Silver

[Central Turf & Irrigation Supply, Ewing Outdoor Supply, HARCO Fittings LLC, Hunter Industries, K-Rain Manufacturing, NDS, Rain Bird, SiteOne Landscape Supply, Smith Turf & Irrigation & E-Z Trench.](#)

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