



NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders July 2017



Eric Brenden
NDAB President

Presidents Message

As I sit down to write this letter, we recently finished meetings with Senator Hoeven, Senator Heitkamp and Congressman Cramer for the NAHB legislative conferences in Washington D.C. There were several topics that were discussed with our delegation. Some of them included regulatory reform, the National Flood Insurance Program, tax reform, housing finance, softwood lumber prices, and energy codes. I will go over a brief description of a few of them.

As I said a few months ago, there is optimism within NAHB of getting more things accomplished than has been possible for many years. Regulatory reform is something that is badly needed. Nationwide, regulation accounts for approximately 25%, or about \$85,000, of the cost of a new house. There are a few different bills in the house and the senate that would provide more accountability to the bureaucrats who make the rules. An important part of the accountability is Congressional oversight of proposed regulations.

Another issue that we discussed is the affordability of lumber. There are a couple components of the affordability that we need to address. The first is increasing the domestic supply of lumber. Currently, the U.S. consumes over 14 billion more board feet than it produces. We could narrow that gap by opening up the supply from public lands. However, we still will need to rely on other countries, most notably Canada, for the remainder of the lumber supply we need. A 20% tariff on Canadian softwood lumber has only made lumber less affordable. Therefore, we need Congressional support to reverse the tariff and help resolve the trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada.

The National Flood Insurance Program was a major topic of discussion as well. The first area of importance is to get a long term reauthorization of the NFIP to make sure that flood insurance is available and affordable as well as fiscally solvent. Another concern for builders is the mapping of the flood plain areas and how those areas are determined.

There is not enough space to go over every topic that was discussed. However, if anyone would like more detailed information about the topics that we discussed with our congressional delegation, please let us know, and we can get it to you. Also, please email our representatives and ask for their support on these issues. The more they hear from their constituents on these issues, the better chance we have of getting some of these things accomplished.

Eric



Kim Schneider
CEO

Here it is already July and it seems like summer is flying by way too fast! I hope as you are reading this newsletter you find that you have stepped back to look around, slowed down and enjoyed your days. We hope that each of you have a spectacular and safe 4th of July celebrations!

"It will be celebrated with pomp and parade, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other." - John Adams on July 4th celebration

June was the month on the move for NDAB members as we traveled to Washington, D.C.

June 13-17 for NAHB board meetings and spent the day at the National Capitol where we had the opportunity to meet with Senator Heitkamp, Senator Hoeven and Congressman Cramer. We are always grateful for the time our National Delegation gives to us when we are visiting D.C. and the great experience it is to be visiting a city full of such rich history! NDAB members covered topics such as regulations, national flood insurance, energy, lead paint and softwood lumber. We also took the opportunity to thank the delegation for their continued hard work as they represent North Dakota and the Home Building Industry! If you are ever visiting Washington, D.C. for business or personal, please know you can always schedule time to meet with the delegation, tour the capitol, possibly the White House and other historical sites. If you have any questions or would like help, please do not hesitate to contact the office. NDAB board members also meet with our delegation back in North Dakota throughout the year as well, and we always welcome our members to join us. When it comes to advocacy for our industry, your voice matters the most. Bringing forth your personal stories, experiences and opinions matter most! Please watch your emails for calls to action from NAHB regarding national issues that impact North Dakota.

With only one week in between our D.C. travels, the NDAB Board of Directors met in Williston June 27-28 for our summer board meeting. Thank you to all of our sponsors, but especially to NDAB 2nd Vice President, Bob Horab, who graciously opened up McCody Concrete to host our NDAB-PAC Summer Legislative Social! Working with Bob and all of the members of the Williston Area Builders Association was such a pleasure and we had a very fun and successful evening! NDAB Event Coordinator, Brenda Bry, knocked it out of the park once again, working hard behind the scenes, yet never letting the stress show! NDAB-PAC hosted special guests from NAHB including Third Vice Chairman, Greg Ugalde, National Area Chairman, Keith Butz and Area 10 Field Representative, Alex Martindale. We also hosted Lt. Governor Brent Sanford and ND Legislators to an evening that included a corn hole tournament, casino games and networking opportunities. NDAB members had an opportunity to tour an oil well site, participate in NDAB-PAC meeting and our NDAB Board of Directors meeting. We value our board members and the time that they graciously give to us to join us at our events and meetings. We recognize that our members have to take time away from their families and businesses and for that, we say thank you! Kim

Back your PAC ... your PAC backs you! NDAB-PAC is the North Dakota Association of Builders' Political Action Committee. It is a non-partisan political action committee that provides support for candidates who are friends of the building industry. Contact NDAB at (800) 326-4746, (701) 222-2401 or info@ndbuild.com to contribute or learn more!

Around the State

Bismarck Mandan Homebuilders Assoc.

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- Registration is now open for the 2018 Home Show. The event takes place Feb. 9-10.
- The New Member BBQ attracted 45 members for a fondue steak dinner on the HBA patio.
- Hundreds of members met at The Post for our Annual Scholarship Picnic. Proceeds from raffles and a silent auction support three, \$1000 scholarships to BSC.
- The Fall Parade of Homes will be held the last weekend in September. Builders are encouraged to mark their calendar in anticipation of the annual event.

Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.

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- The DABA hosted their Summer Picnic & Bean Bag Toss Tournament on June 7th. We had around 130 people attend the event and 8 teams in the tournament. DABA member Mark Selle and EO Tiffany Dolechek were the winners! A big thank you to the Picnic committee for planning and organizing the event, and to Dakota Community Bank for grilling for us again this year!
- The DABA Golf Scramble is set for August 10th, and we are looking forward to having a great event!
- We are busy planning our 2nd annual Parade of Homes for September 9th and 10th. We have a fantastic committee working hard to make it another successful Parade!

Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead

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- Held a landscaping volunteer day for Army Master Sergeant Eric Mart's home being built through Home Builders Care, ISR Homes and Homes For Our Troops.
- The Herdina Academy for Construction Trades ran June 5 - 16 and had 16 students participate. Thank you to our Adopt-a-Student Sponsors: Dave Anderson, Dave Anderson Construction; Chris Bachmeier, Bachmeier Custom Homes, Inc.; Grace Backman; George Blank, Structural Materials, Inc.; Toby Christensen, Camrud Foss Concrete Const., Inc.; Dakota Supply Group; Jason Eid, Eid-Co Buildings, Inc.; Clay Dietrich, Dietrich Homes, Inc.; John Gunkelman, Dakota Construction of

Fargo, Inc.; Darrick Guthmiller, Kochmann Brothers Homes, Inc.; Rachel Hanson, McGough Construction; Ryan Hoss, Matrix Properties Corporation; Bob Kochmann, Kochmann Brothers Homes, Inc.; Nancy Kelly, Labor Masters; Dustin Murray, Dustin Murray Construction; Dan Parrow, ISR Homes; Tom Spaeth, Accent Contracting; Jeff Swenson, Twin City Garage Door, Inc.; Mark Wentz, Graybar Electric Company Inc.; Scott Wirth, Roers West LLC.

- The HBA of F-M Golf Outings will be July 11 and Aug. 22. Spots are still open for both events, but are filling up quickly. New this year is the Hirshfield's Paint Bloody Mary Bar during registration and lunch!
- A press conference with the mayors of Dilworth, Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo was held June 5 to proclaim June as Homeownership Month.

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- We are looking forward to the annual July Builders After Hours at Tim Shea's Nursery and Landscaping on July 18th. It is always a great networking time for our members.
- Our Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for September 7th at Kings Walk Golf Course.

Minot Association of Builders

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- MAB's first Tool Belt Barbecue was a success! Over 50 people attended the lunch hour event that raised over \$100 during the meat raffle sponsored by Future Builders. Derek Bischoff of Connole and Somerville won the meat raffle and took a cooler full of meat treats home! MAB President, Chris Dahl, reigned supreme and won the Battle of the Board with his BBQ rib recipe beating his competition by only a point. MAB is looking forward to next year's Battle of the Board! Thank you to Dakota Stone and Granite, Anasazi Builders and First International Bank and Trust for sponsoring the event!
- May's Lunch Hour Learning session was well attended and featured speakers like Lance Meyer of the City of Minot, Aaron Moss of the Minot Police Department, and Rodney Torgeson of the Highway Patrol.
- June's Lunch Hour Learning will feature a presentation from North Dakota's

Department of Health's Water Quality Division. Signups have already begun.

- The Board Bash takes place June 19th at Elysha's home. It will be a great chance for MAB board members to get to know one another and enjoy a backyard picnic
- The 2017 Birdie with the Builders Golf Tournament is July 31st at the Minot Country Club. Several teams have already signed up and many tickets to the Builder Ball Drop have been sold! There are big surprises in store for this year's participants that will be revealed soon!
- The Guns 'n' Roses Trap Shoot is August 29th from 5-9 PM at the Minot Gun Club. Enjoy an evening on the range, a hearty steak dinner and then bring home a dozen roses for \$20 to your someone special!
- The 2017 Parade of Homes is shaping up to be a good one! Several homes are already signed up with more to come! More details will be announced soon!

Williston Area Builders Association

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- A special thank you to the Williston CVB for the grant to assist with the ND-PAC Summer Conference June 27-28, 2017 in Williston.
- WABA is pleased to announce start of a sub chapter. On June 7th, the McKenzie County Builders Association was named.
- The 1st Annual Playhouse Raffle drawing is scheduled for July 18th. There are many great prizes with the grand prize of a custom 8'x12' playhouse donated by Windsong Custom Homes. Tickets are \$50. For additional information, contact us at 701-572-5744 www.willistonbuilders.com. WABA will be hosting 2nd Annual Clay Shoot and Membership Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, August 17th at Painted Woods Sporting Range. The golf scramble is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th at Eagle Ridge Golf Course and our Parade of Homes will be held in late September. For additional information on upcoming events, visit: www.willistonbuilders.com.

