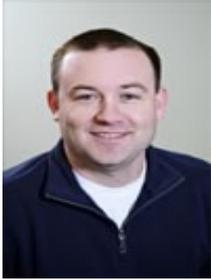




# NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders May 2017



**NDAB President  
Eric Brenden**

## Presidents Message

Now that the legislative session has ended, we have time to breathe a little bit and then turn our focus toward other important items for our members.

One thing that we discussed at our board meeting in March was to get our education committee re-energized. The association has struggled the past couple of years in coming up with education opportunities for our members. We would like a member from each of the local associations involved in this committee, so that we can make sure to represent everyone's interests. It was decided that the 1st Vice President of the association will chair the committee each year. For those of you who don't know, our 1st Vice President this year is Dan Lindquist from Fargo. These days there are so many on-line training and educational opportunities, but I believe there is still the need for in class education and hands-on training.

Once we have all of the members of the committee in place, the first goal of the committee will be to brainstorm different topics that are important for our members to get trained on. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please let us know, and we can pass it on to the committee members.

Once we have a list of potential topics together, we can then do the research to see how we can best facilitate the training. Again, there is a great deal of knowledge on a variety of topics within our membership, so any input, ideas and suggestions is appreciated.

We are looking forward to having a busy and productive month of June as well. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, the NAHB midyear meeting is in Washington, D.C. from June 13-17. We also have our next NDAB board meeting and PAC legislative social in Williston June 27-28. We will be taking a tour of a drilling rig while we are out there as well, so I look forward to seeing everyone from across the state at those two events!



**Kim Schneider, CEO**

## State and National Capitol Visits

May is here and that means flowers, warmer days, and the final day of the 65th Legislative Session! May 1st is the 80th day of the legislative session and per law, the legislators are limited to 80 days during the regular session. On behalf of NDAB, a heartfelt thank you to all our members that participated in NDAB sponsored events at the state capitol, that connected with your representatives, those who testified in front of committees, and everyone who donated to NDAB-PAC or BUILD-PAC. Your continued dedication and support is greatly appreciated and noted by the legislators! We encourage you to watch your local associations calendar of events for more opportunities to meet with your legislators while they are back in their home districts. Our elected officials are working year-round and we always encourage the communication to continue.

April brought us the official opening for registration for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) midyear board meeting. Being held June 13-17 at Marriott Wardman Park hotel, all members are invited to join in education, networking, and the celebration of NAHB's 75th anniversary! Washington DC is full of history and a fantastic summer vacation destination if interested in bringing your family and extending your stay. NAHB and NDAB members will meet with their congressional delegations on Capitol Hill to discuss issues of vital interest to the home building industry. NDAB members from ND will be visiting with Senator Heitkamp, Senator Hoeven and Congressman Cramer and our MN members will be making additional visits with their representatives. We invite all of you to join us! If you have never had the opportunity to attend NAHB meetings, we have plenty of members that have regularly attended and would invite you to join them at their committee meetings and to watch the board of directors meeting. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meetings or are interested in a possible White House Tour, US Bureau of Engraving, and Printing or of the National Capitol while in DC, we can do our best to help you out! Just call us at 701-222-2401. "You are as welcome as the flowers in May." – Charles Macklin  
If planning to join us in DC, I want to take this opportunity to share some fun facts:

DC Residents drink more wine per capita than residents of any of the 50 states.

There is an empty crypt beneath the Capitol building. George Washington was supposed to be buried there, but he wanted to be buried at Mount Vernon, so the crypt is empty. Beneath that crypt, you will find a nuclear fallout shelter.

Washington DC residents could not vote for the President until 1961 and DC still has no representation in the Senate.

Washington DC was built on mosquito-infested swamp and 20% of DC is park land.

If you should visit the Library of Congress, the biggest library in the world, you can read a top-secret FBI interrogation manual which is one item among the more than 162 million objects in the library's collection.

DC averages 39 inches of rain every year, which is more than Seattle. Pack your umbrella!

The Washington Monument will sway about .125th of an inch if the wind is at least 30 mph.

Washington DC is technically named for George Washington, but it is also named for Christopher Columbus (The District of Columbia).

Take care,  
Kim Schneider

**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](mailto:info@ndbuild.com) to contribute or learn more!

# Around the State

## Bismarck Mandan Homebuilders Assoc.

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- The 2017 Home Show was hosted in February attracting more than 219 vendors filling 100,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space.
- The Spring Parade of Homes will be hosted in early May to accommodate Builder member needs due to extreme winter weather.
- Box Lunch with a Builder debuted in March. The event pairs a roomful of Associate members with two Builder members to share industry insight.
- Fun Night at Jerome Distributing was in March. Board members will battle to win the 2017 Chili Champ ladle.

## Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.

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- The Dickinson Area Builders hosted the Home Show April 1st and 2nd! There were over 90 different vendors exhibited with over 140 booth spaces. On Saturday April 1st we hosted our annual Home Show Social at the Eagles for the vendors, committee members, and volunteers to network and relax after the stressful day. Thank you to our Platinum sponsors Builder First Source Montana Dakota Utilities and Bosch Lumber, Gold sponsors Dakota Community Bank & Heartland Homes, Silver sponsors Benchmark Engineering & Midwest Doors, and bronze sponsors Jay R's Spray Foam, Seacrest Homes, Kahm Construction, Allan's Decorating Center, Jerome's Distributing, & Quality Quick Print!
- March 29th was our PAC event & general membership meeting at the Elks lodge. We have invited all the local legislators and city officials to speak to our members at this event. Our goal is to get 5 more members signed up at the 365 level. We are hoping for a great turnout again this year and a fun night!
- The Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce made us their Business of the Week the first week of March! From left to right Vice President Mike Jangula, Director Gene Kruger, EO Tiffany Dolechek, and Past President Lance Kilwein. (See photo)

## Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead

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- Home Builders Care of Fargo-Moorhead Foundation, HBA of F-M's charity, held its Fish Fry April 7. 572 attended this event, which is open to the public and over \$6,000 was raised for Home Builders Care. Thank you to our sponsors and member volunteers for helping make this event successful!
- In celebration of National Remodeling Month, the HBA of F-M is holding its annual Remodelers Council Picnic May 12.
- The Spring Parade of Homes Celebration is May 18. This event concludes the Spring Parade of Homes, and congratulates Builder and Associate Members for their hard work.
- The HBA of F-M is excited to Welcome Ali Froslic as a communications intern for the summer. In addition, Public Affairs Intern Liza Thompson will extend her internship and expand her focus to include communications.



## Forx Builders Association

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- The PS Garage Doors team did a great job as hosts for the last Builders after Hours. Hats off to them.
- Our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at the Dakota Hunting Club May 23rd. Fargo Glass & Paint is the event sponsor. Italian Moon will provide the burger and brat meal after the shoot. Thanks go out to Loren Abel, Abel Construction, and Andy Hendrickson, Insure Forward, for co-chairing this fun event.

- The 2017 Project House is near completion and it is a very nice house. Thank you to the Project House Committee for all their help on this house. The Committee, Board of Directors and students meet at the house for a tour and pizza the first part of May. The students from the Northland Community & Technical College will graduate May 12th. After graduation the carpentry students invite their relatives and friends to a reception at the house to show what they have been working on all year.

## Minot Association of Builders

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- The Minot Association of Builders presented Hard Hat Happy Hour on April 25th. This is a new event for our Association which will also include the Bags for Builders Cornhole Tournament and a visit from the North Dakota Association of Builders Executive Officer, Kim Schneider. Join us at the Minot Country Club at 5 PM on April 25th to learn more about MAB, how our Association can help grow your business and how you can get involved in state activities.
- The Tool Belt Barbecue is headed our way on May 23rd at the MAB parking lot from 11 AM to 1 PM. It's a party in the back...of our parking lot! We invite our members to take part in our mullet themed lunch barbecue!
- The Birdie with the Builders golf tournament is coming up on July 31st at 11 AM at the Minot Country Club. This year's tournament brings a new venue, new games and much more! Spots are sure to fill up this year!
- Planning has started for the 2017 Parade of Homes. This year's Parade will take place on September 16th from 10 AM to 4 PM. We have several builders interested in showing their homes already and hope match the same amount of homes we had last year! Be on the lookout for more details coming soon.

## Williston Area Builders Association

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- 2017 Home and Garden Show Scheduled for April 7-8, 2017
- The Williston Area Builders Association (WABA) is excited to announce that the date for 7th Annual Home and Garden Show has been set for April 7-8, 2017 at the Raymond Family Community Center in Williston.