



NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders January 2017



Eric Brenden
2017 NDAB President

Happy New Year!

Hello fellow Happy New Year! It is hard to believe 2016 is behind us already. Many of you will probably be reading this around the time of IBS. I hope to see many of you there. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself and reflect on where we have been and look forward to 2017. My name is Eric Brenden. I have worked at Northwest Contracting in Bismarck since 1998. My wife, Tara, has been teaching Math at Bismarck High for the past 10 ½ years. We have three children, ranging in age from 13 to 3.

I would like to thank our past president Arnold Karsky for his service this past year. It has been a privilege working with Arnold, and I know that he will continue to be involved in the Association for years to come. I would also like to thank all of the committee members and the board of directors. Many of them have spent countless hours working behind the scenes on behalf of the Association. Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing directors for the work they have done the last several years for NDAB.

As I mentioned at the annual banquet, the mission of the ND Association of builders is to represent the professional building industry through legislation, information, and education. This year is a legislative year, and I believe that one of the most valuable member benefits are the efforts of the local, state, and national associations to promote builder friendly legislation. There are many examples of legislation that NDAB has promoted in the past that have helped keep housing more affordable. One specific example was the fire sprinkler legislation from a few years ago. North Dakota became the first state in the nation to prevent fire sprinkler codes from being mandated in the state building code for single family homes and duplexes. Since that time, several states have passed similar laws that have been modeled after ours. I would encourage everyone to get involved. One person can, and often does, make a difference. However, the more people that we have engaged, the more our voice is heard at the Capital.

Finally, I would like to thank our membership for the opportunity to serve as your President for the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with the NDAB staff, committee members, and our board of directors in 2017.

Eric



Kim Schneider
NDAB Executive Officer

Time to Come Together

As we ring in the New Year NDAB is also excited to welcome new Board Members and members across the state! 2016 was a busy year for NDAB and we are looking forward to presenting new opportunities to our membership, visiting each of the six local associations (hope to meet you!) and continuing our strong advocacy work.

Last month we all came together as we teamed up with the Bismarck-Mandan HBA to host our Annual Awards Banquet in Bismarck. We had a fun night reflecting back on a successful 2016, presenting awards, swearing in our 2017 NDAB Board of Directors, reconnecting with friends and ending the night with laughter brought to us by a construction comedian. It was a great escape from the cold and snow! One important event of the night was the passing of the hammer as we gave a heartfelt thank you to our 2016 NDAB State President, Arnold Karsky. Arnold, along with his family and his business, dedicated countless hours and miles to NDAB and we feel so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers in our organization willing to work hard for the building industry. With the outgoing of Arnold, we are proud to announce our 2017 NDAB State President, Eric Brenden. Eric and his family live in Bismarck and he has taken the opportunity to introduce himself in his article. Thank you to Eric, Tara and their children for their dedication and support through the years as Eric climbed the NDAB ladder to the position of State President. We are excited for your year ahead as our leader!

We truly value all of our Board Members and the time and dedication they put into serving on the board. We also send our heartfelt thank you to the board members families for the time away. Thank You!

We are proud to announce that at our banquet we also presented four state-wide awards. Congratulations to our winners:

Builder of the Year: Tom Spaeth, Accent Contracting, FM HBA

Associate of the Year: Dawn Cruff, Green Team Reality, FM HBA

BEAM Award: Chad Moldenhauer, K&L Homes, Bis-Man HBA

Membership Award: Bryce Johnson, Fargo-Moorhead HBA

January is also the month to renew your sponsorships or sign up for one! Your company can be an annual Partner or maybe you are interested in just one of our statewide events. We have many great options and opportunities to display your logo be provided recognition. If interested in learning more, please contact our office at 701-222-2401 or visit our website for details.

Cheers to a New Year, I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Take care,
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 Home Builders Assoc.
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- 2017 board members were sworn in at the Dec 1 Annual Banquet. Shannon Reichenberg of Diversity Homes will serve as the association president.
- The HBA drummed up support for school children. Members donated buckets for each 4th grade student at Red Trail Elementary bucket band.
- Bismarck City Commissioners and staff sat down with the association in December to discuss better processes for building-related change and communication.
- Home show exhibit space is filling fast. The 2017 event will take place on Feb. 17-18 at the Bismarck Event Center. Visit bismanhomeshow.com for details.

Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.
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- The 2017 DABA Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet was held on December 8th at the Ramada. We had 121 RSVP's and 32 Silent Auction items donated. We are splitting all silent auction donation profits between two local non-profit organizations: the Sunset Senior Center and the Dickinson Optimists Club. Thank you to our event sponsors, Winn Construction and Bosch Lumber, our Drink Sponsors Biersbach Equipment and Supply and Montana Dakota Utilities, and our Dessert Sponsor, Ameriprise Financial. We would also like to thank the entire committee for all of their hard work and all of the companies who donated and bid on silent auction items. It was a wonderful evening and we are excited to be able to give back to two great organizations!
- The DABA has created an Annual Marketing and Sponsorship guide with sponsorship opportunities for the entire year. We presented it at our Annual Christmas Party and will be sending it out to the entire membership. There are all inclusive options, as well as special event options.
- The DABA Home Show is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd! We have a great committee working hard and are planning to have an awesome show. We still have booth space open and are looking for vendors.

Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead
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- The HBA of F-M thanks outgoing director Terry Lipp, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Showroom, and welcomes Scott Persoon, Camrud-Foss Concrete Constr., Inc. Home Builders Care of F-M Foundation thanks Dan Parrow, ISR

Homes, and Brad Morris, Midland Garage Door, Mfg. Co., for their years on the board of trustees, and welcomes Trevor Odden, Stone Ridge Builders, LLC. The 2016 Membership Directory & Consumer Guide is off to the printer, the new guide will be available in January.

- The Health, Tech & Trades Career Expo was Dec 1. Over 2,700 ninth-grade students attended and tried out power tools, operated equipment and learned about a multitude of careers.
- The HBA's communications intern Ashley Germann said goodbye Dec. 1. She graduated from Minnesota State University -Moorhead in mid-December and moved to Chicago. The HBA welcomes Haley Foster and Liza Thompson as communications and public affairs interns for 2017 spring semester.
- The New Year Celebration & City Night is January 26. This event features a popular Mayoral Panel as well as outlines the past year's accomplishments and 2017 board installation.
- Congratulations to Dawn Cruff, Green Team Reality, and Tom Spaeth, Accent Contracting, for winning Associate of the Year and Builder of the Year from the North Dakota Association of Builders at its Annual Meeting last month.

Forx Builders Association
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- The December Builders after Hours hosted by Keith's Security World was a blustery winter evening, but that didn't keep our members from coming out to network and enjoy good food and beverages that were provided by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors.
- The January General Membership meeting and Installation of Officers will be held this month at the Canad Inn. New Board of Director members and Officers will be installed.
- Our annual Contractor's Education Day will be held March 1st at the Ramada.
- The 2017 Home Design & Garden Show is scheduled for March 31, April 1 and 2nd at the Alerus Center.

Minot Association of Builders
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- Due to weather, the Builders Banquet has been rescheduled for January 24th. All tickets will be honored and the Association looks forward to seeing all the attendees to celebrate our group's achievements of the past year.
- The Association is looking forward to all the changes the 2017 Home and Garden Show! MAB is optimistic that refreshing the show in a number of ways including

Friday and Saturday dates will bring in higher Lego Homebuilding Competition, Belt Sander Races and adult classes presented by The Market on 4th will give the show a different feel than year's past.

- The Association is pleased to announce new 2017 member events. One such event is the Tool Belt Barbecue. In May of 2017, MAB members will gather to enjoy a picnic, play corn hole and other yard games and enjoy the nice weather! A final date and event details will be posted at a later time.

Williston Area Builders Association
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- On December 8th, WABA held a Legislative Social as our December Holiday GMM along with the Williston Regional Economic Development Corporation and our member sponsor KLE Construction LLC. This event included a social time with appetizers, drinks and Christmas music. We had a gift basket giveaway to raise money for Salvation Army, a 50/50 with our proceeds going to the Salvation Army. The Legislative discussion began at 7:00 pm with legislative representatives from District 1, 2, 4 and 39 introducing themselves and the committees they are a part of, bills they are supporting and other important information. After introductions, we opened it up for questions from our members and community members. The event was a success with almost 100 people in attendance and we raise over \$700 for the Williston Salvation Army!
- WABA Watford City Membership Drive meeting in Watford City will be held January 17, 2017.
- 2017 Williston Home and Garden Show will be April 7, 8, and 9th,
- 2017 BUILD-PAC and NDAB-PAC event will be held in Williston in June.



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