



# NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders March 2017



NDAB President  
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It has been a busy and productive couple of months at the State Capitol during the legislative session. The list of bills NDAB has been tracking is fairly long, but I will try to update you with some of the activity that has happened so far. HB 1026, the One Call Bill, was one of the first bills that had a hearing. It passed the house 91-1, so it looks like it has a good chance to pass the Senate and become law. HB 1186 relating to disclosure of radon hazards by a seller was defeated in the house. HB 1188 related to radon resistant construction practices also was defeated in the house. HB 1388, which was a complex bill related to home builder and many other tax incentives and other tax matters, which NDAB opposed, was defeated as well. At this time no action has been taken on HB 1201 related to carbon monoxide alarms. Finally, SB 2234, which Joan Mainwaring from Williston has been working diligently on related to the establishment of an essential worker single-family home ownership incentive program, received a Do pass recommendation out of committee. As always, if anyone has any questions about these bills, or any others, please don't hesitate to contact us.

February 15 we had legislative impact day at the Capitol, our NDAB Pac meeting, and then capped the evening off with the Chili/Oyster feed that we host every session with the Realtors. I hope everyone that attended had a great time!

March 16 we will be having our Builder Day at the Capitol event followed by our first board meeting of the year. This will be another great opportunity to spend some time at the Capitol, talk with some of your legislators, and maybe go to a committee meeting or part of the session that day. At this event we will have lunch with our legislators and their staff in the Great Hall from 11:30 – 1:00. If you are interested in sitting with a legislator on the floor, Kim could arrange that as well.

Looking forward to June the NAHB midyear meeting will be held again in Washington DC June 13-17. Now is the time to plan to attend that event. The mid-year meeting will have all the usual committee meetings and the board of directors meeting. In addition to that, we have the opportunity to meet with our Congressional delegation and discuss the important legislation on the national level that affects all of us locally. There is a great deal of optimism at NAHB currently that progress can be made to pull back many of the regulations that have been hurting the housing industry!

Eric Brenden



Kim Schneider

## Call to Action

Greetings from the ND State Capitol where I am spending most of my time these days. As a registered lobbyist for NDAB, my time is being spent watching for proposed legislation that may positively or negatively impact the building industry. Working closely with other associations and statewide offices, our priority is looking out for the wellbeing of our over 2,000 members. Weekly updates are sent out to our members and occasionally you may see a call to action asking that you reach out to committee members asking for their support. Hearing the voices of our members makes a big impact whether you are calling, emailing, or making the visit to Bismarck to testify in person. The legislators would like to hear from their constituents and we appreciate your time.

A big thank you goes out to all who joined us in Bismarck in frigid cold mid-February for the Oyster and Chili Feed NDAB co-hosted with the ND Association of Realtors (NDAR). The room was packed with friendly faces from both sides of the aisle and from across the state. It is with great respect that we work closely with the members of the 65th assembly and we appreciate that after putting in a long day they joined us over a hot bowl of chowder and chili to catch up on the issues and hear our stance. New to NDAB this year, we participated in the Legislative Impact Day where each local and the state association teamed up with members from NDAR to host an informational table and a Q&A lunch with members from the House and Senate leadership along with legislators from both of our respective industries. NDAB members proudly wore shirts that tied us all together and helped us to stand out amongst the hustle and bustle of the capitol hallways.

NDAB-PAC (Political Action Committee) members from each local association and the Executive Officers all met to discuss the future of NDAB-PAC and the importance of the role it has in North Dakota. We welcomed ND Lt. Governor Sanford who graciously took time to meet with our group in an opportunity to start building a relationship with the Governor's office. We have been working closely with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General's office as well. As you have read throughout this newsletter, the theme is really about unity and building relationships across the state. Our voice is powerful when we join and rise together. One opportunity to show our strength locally and nationally I through our Political Action Committee or NDAB-PAC. NDAB-PAC recognizes there is strength in numbers and people who show they care and are concerned about the future of the building industry make contributions to NDAB-PAC because they believe that cooperation equals strength. You alone can't influence the Legislature or Congress on issues that can devastate your business. NDAB-PAC is your front line of defense. It monitors legislative issues and works to protect and promote the building industry. Also, a portion of your contribution is passed along to BUILD-PAC, the National Association of Home Builders' Political Action Committee, one of the most recognized and well-respected PACs in Washington. If interested in learning more about NDAB-PAC or how to contribute, please contact our office or reach out to your local Executive Officer to learn more.

Warm wishes to you and yours,

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 Home Builders 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 debuts on March 7. The event pairs a roomful of Associate members with two Builder members to share industry insight.
- Fun Night at Jerome Distributing is March 23. Board members will battle to win the 2017 Chili Champ ladle.

### Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.

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- The DABA Home Show is April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are excited for this year's show! We have ten great items for our raffle this year which include a storage shed, patio set, cordless tool kit, artic cooler and more! We still have booth space available and are working hard to try and fill it.
- The DABA has come up with a yearly sponsorship for our members to help them plan and budget for the upcoming year. We have gotten a few great sponsors so far, but we are still looking for more!
- Our next General Membership Meeting is February 22nd at the Eagles and our PAC event is March 29th at the Elks.

### Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead

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- The HBA of F-M's Home & Garden Show was Feb. 24-26. Over 300 vendors exhibited. The show featured a Kids' Treasure hunt, Lego Homebuilding Competition, Beer Walk for adults and multiple workshops. Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor Accent Kitchen & Bath.
- Over 25 members attended the NDAB Legislative Impact Day at the Capitol. Thank you to Kim, Brenda & Shirley for putting together this event.
- Applications are coming in for the Spring Parade of Homes, which will feature three weekends April 22-23, April 28-30 & May 5-7.

- The HBA of F-M has its "Chilly" Cook-Off March 23. This event features a chili and dessert competition.

### Forx Builders Association

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- Our annual Contractor's Education Day will be held March 1st at the Canad Inn. Minnkota Cooperative was a sponsor for the day which offered Minnesota contractor's continuing education credits.
- Structural Materials is hosting the March 23rd Builders after Hours. Our group looks forward to their hospitality each March.
- The host for the April 25th Builders after Hours will be PS Garage Doors.
- The 2017 Home Design & Garden Show is scheduled for March 31, April 1 and 2 at the Alerus Center.

### Minot Association of Builders

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- The Minot Association of Builders is proud to present the all new 2017 Home and Garden Show! Join the Association on March 3rd and 4th to see the new events accompanying the Show this year like the Pub in the Park, Workshops with The Market on 4th, the Ready Builders Lego Competition, Blastin Belt Sander Races, The Youngster Yard and much more!
- The Home and Garden Show goes hand in hand with a new event this year, Preview Night. MAB invites its members to preview the show the night before it opens from 6 to 8 PM on March 2nd. Members and guests will be able to get a sneak peak at the Show while dining on appetizers and enjoying drinks from The Pub in the Park. They can also partake in the new events as the belt sander races and Lego Competition will be set up for use!
- April 25th is MAB's first ever Hard Hat Happy Hour. Final details will be released soon!
- Join MAB on May 23rd for the Tool Belt Barbecue. MAB and its sponsors will provide lunch for our members in our parking lot. It's a great time to learn more about the Association and get a free lunch!

### 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.

The Home and Garden Show is the largest public event WABA hosts each year with over a 100 vendors and thousands of participants.

We hope you will join us for this fun filled two-day event!

"This show will have something for everyone. From seminars for the DIY enthusiasts to 'How to pick the right contractor'. We encourage everyone to come out and see what's new and trending in technology and design. Our vendors and the Builders Association invites you for a fun and informative weekend." Bob Horab, President, WABA.

"Both days will have great food provided by the Boy Scouts, fun, entertainment and prizes for the family. We'll have Miss North Dakota, Handy Andy, and special activities throughout the show. Participants will be able to register for outstanding door prizes and raffle tickets will be sold we have some great items.", Ken Callahan, Home and Garden Show Committee Chair.

More information will be released as it becomes available. Sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths are still available! For information, visit WABA's website at [www.willistonbuilders.com](http://www.willistonbuilders.com). Vendors will receive a discount for registering before February 16th. For more information, please contact the Williston Area Builders Association at 701-572-5744



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