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# Spike Report for the Alaska State Home Builders Association

February 29, 2008

## **Anchorage.....287 Members**

Matt Matthews ..... 874.00 Life Spike  
 Richard Coan ..... 379.00 Life Spike  
 Chuck Spinelli..... 362.50 Life Spike  
 Evan Rowland..... 248.00 Life Spike  
 Clai Porter ..... 190.00 Life Spike  
 Bill Taylor ..... 118.50 Life Spike  
 Michael Quinn ..... 109.00 Life Spike  
 Jim Jackson ..... 108.50 Life Spike  
 Jim Ward..... 107.00 Life Spike  
 Larry Partusch..... 99.50 Life Spike

**Retention Rate..... 76.1%**

## **Juneau.....92 Members**

Rita Hamilton..... 217.50 Life Spike  
 Jeffrey De Smet..... 100.00 Life Spike  
 Wes Keller ..... 94.00 Life Spike  
 Alan Wilson ..... 89.50 Life Spike  
 Steve Burnett..... 74.50 Life Spike  
 Gary Ogden..... 57.50 Life Spike  
 Bruce Denton ..... 41.50 Life Spike  
 Susan Ogden ..... 34.50 Life Spike  
 Russ McDougal..... 28.50 credits  
 John Wood ..... 2 credits

**Retention Rate..... 76.9%**

## **Mat-Su .....154 Members**

Jess Hall ..... 336.00 Life Spike  
 Scott Pattison ..... 119.00 Life Spike  
 Steven Orr ..... 67.00 Life Spike  
 David Owens..... 55.00 Life Spike  
 Bill Standard ..... 40.50 Life Spike  
 Kathy Martin..... 36.00 Life Spike  
 Gary Smith..... 35.50 Life Spike  
 Bill Bruu..... 27.50 Life Spike  
 Tom Smith ..... 24.00 credits  
 Jeffery Clements ..... 16.00 credits

**Retention Rate..... 69.7%**

## **Kenai..... 101 Members**

Jean Bunn ..... 152.50 Life spike  
 Steve Wisdom..... 126.00 Life Spike  
 Nichole Smith..... 89.50 Life Spike  
 Bob Hammer ..... 27.00 Life Spike  
 Jeff Twait..... 24.50 credits  
 Gene Rabung ..... 15.00 credits  
 Marilyn Pipkin..... 14.50 credits  
 Tim Moerlein..... 11.00 credits  
 Larry Smith..... 6.00 credits

**Retention Rate ..... 85.7%**

## **Interior ..... 195 Members**

Steve Bee ..... 672.50 Life Spike  
 Terry Duszynski ..... 339.50 Life Spike  
 Randy Wakefield..... 323.00 Life Spike  
 Mark Tomlinson ..... 207.00 Life Spike  
 Richard Tilly..... 197.00 Life Spike  
 Jack Hebert ..... 168.50 Life Spike  
 David Miller ..... 132.00 Life Spike  
 Dave Dillard ..... 106.00 Life Spike  
 Mike Musick..... 65.00 Life Spike  
 Paul Sauer..... 48.50 Life Spike

**Retention Rate ..... 85.8%**

## **Ketchikan ..... 76 Members**

Kelley Roth..... 126.00 Life Spike  
 Andy Rauwolf ..... 23.50 credits  
 John Matsura ..... 20.50 credits  
 Michael McKim ..... 11.00 credits  
 Trish Hoover..... 3.00 credits  
 Craig M. Moore..... 2.50 credits  
 Bill Mackie ..... 2.00 credits

**Retention Rate ..... 85.5%**

## **Alaska State HBA..... 905 Members**

**ASHBA Retention Rate ... 78.4%**

## News Around the State

### Notes From Kenai HBA

The Kenai Peninsula Builders Association (KPBA) recently held our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show, "Still Building Strong!" We'd like to thank Spenard Builders Supply for again co-sponsoring our show and for playing such an integral part in its continued success. Our theme exemplifies the fact that we are *still building strong*, not only on the Kenai, but in every local across Alaska. We hope to continue to express this sentiment to our community and reassure the public that Alaska's economy is strong, with the building industry playing a vital role in its health.

In continuing with our Home Show tradition, KPBA once again built and raffled a beautiful outdoor gazebo. As in years past, all materials were generously donated by Spenard Builders Supply and the project was spearheaded by our President, Jeff Twait. Proceeds generated from ticket sales are used to fund our scholarship and education programs. The public support through the years has been tremendous and has become a Home Show tradition that is looked forward to by all.

KPBA will again be awarding several thousand dollars in scholarships to Kenai Peninsula students who plan to pursue a building-related career and attend a trade school, university or college within the state of Alaska. Applications are coming in and interviews will soon be held. We are proud of our program that is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, and pleased to support the young people in our community.

The KPBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting held in March was a great success. In addition to enjoying the fine wine, silent auction, entertainment and outstanding food, members spent a relaxing evening socializing in a beautiful restaurant on the banks of the Kenai River. Over 100 people attended and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to our outstanding committee and KPBA member sponsors for their hard work and support.

The Kenai Peninsula Construction Academy (KPCA) has been a remarkable success and classes in both carpentry and plumbing are being held. KPBA members Bob Hammer, Hammer Enterprise, Jeff Twait, Cornerstone Custom Homes and Designs and Jason Avigo, M & J Plumbing & Heating have been doing a great job teaching the classes and the

enthusiasm from the students is evident. We have a long list of KPBA members who are anxiously waiting to hire the graduates which will go a long way in the eventual measurement of the programs success. In addition to the KPCA, the Kenai Peninsula School District has done a great job in furthering the expansion of their Workforce Development Program, with interest being generated from high schools across the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak. It has been a very rewarding experience to witness the enthusiasm from students and young adults who will be a part of the future building industry in Alaska.

Best wishes to our members across the state as we prepare for another productive building season. Hope to see you down on the Kenai!

**Cindy Heaverley**  
Executive Officer

### Notes From Mat-Su HBA

No report submitted.

**Emma Markley**  
Executive Officer

### Notes From Anchorage HBA

**Membership** – we have a 76.1% retention rate as of Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, we have 66 builders, 221 associates for a total of 287 members, which is up 4 members.

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Home & Remodeling Show** – attendance was down by 63 people from last year, vendors were happy with the quality of the patrons attending the show. We spent a significantly higher amount to advertise this event in the down market. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year we have been scheduled during Spring Break which hurts our attendance and we look forward to 2009 when we will not be during Spring Break.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tour of Homes** – 36 homes were entered in the event. Traffic was strong on Saturday with folks looking for design/remodeling ideas.

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Create a Community** – In February 166 students from 7 schools in the Anchorage/Eagle River area produced 121 communities of the future to be judged to win savings bonds.

**NAHB Fall Protection OSHA Class** – April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-1:00pm we will be hosting a FREE class to our members. NAHB offered this class to us for FREE paying all of the expenses and in return we agreed not to charge for the class. Matt Murphy of Maryland will be the instructor. If any of you are interested in attending call the office at 522-3605.

**We are looking forward to hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Nov 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Anchorage Marriott Hotel and seeing all of you in the Fall.**

**Vicki Portwood**  
Executive Officer



**Think Spring!**

## News Around the State

### Notes From Ketchikan HBA

**Ketchikan Construction Academy:** The Ketchikan partnership includes the University of Alaska Southeast – Ketchikan Campus, Ketchikan Job Center, Ketchikan Youth Initiatives, Ketchikan Indian Community and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District. We launched our Academy plan at our Trade Show in February with a survey of employers to see what types of entry level skills were needed. We were then able to focus classes on those areas. The adult classes will help students raise math and technical reading skills and will prepare students for their first construction jobs and career training through apprenticeships. Our first class began on March 26. We had over 20 people apply for the Academy with 16 meeting our criteria. 11 students were chosen for the Academy training out of that pool of applicants. We currently have 10 trainees continuing in the program.

This KCA class will complete their training the end of April. We are holding a Community Reception, Completion Ceremony and Meet & Greet to get perspective employers and the trainees together on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm at UAS Ketchikan Technical Center Lobby. Ketchikan Mayor Weinstein and Senator Stedman will be guest speakers. We are now tasked with placing these trainees in construction related jobs in our community. We are looking for employers who will commit to hiring students from the Academy. There are OJT funds for employers who hire a KCA trainee and commit to training them in their specialty.

**2008 Directory:** Our Directory Committee is in the process of compiling our 2008 Consumer Directory. Due to increased demand, we will be increasing the number of directories printed this year by over 200 copies for this building season.

**Fire Sprinklers:** Our Association worked very hard on and was successful in coming to an agreement with the Ketchikan Public Safety Director to delete references to sprinklers and Knox Boxes from City Ordinance No. 07-1583 -Adopting the 2006 Edition Of The International Fire Code With Deletions, Amendments, And Additions; "Providing For Mandatory Fire Inspections; Amending The Area In Which New Bulk Plants Are Prohibited And Extending The Prohibition To Liquefied Petroleum Gas Bulk Plants; Amending References To Other Codes And To Penalties; Requiring Installation Of Sprinkler Systems As Required By 2006 Building And Fire Codes; Requiring Installation Of Knox Box Systems; Increasing Fines For Violation Of Fire Codes; Making Various Other Changes In The Fire Code; And Establishing An Effective Date".

Verbiage for this Ordinance will be recommended to the City Council pending approval by our Association. Paul Michelsohn was a great resource to our Code Committee and made 2 trips to Ketchikan to assist with the negotiations as well as countless time on the phone with our Code Committee members. NAHB was once again a great help to our Association in this effort. Our local could not have done it without all the people who stepped up to assist. We would like to thank everyone involved.

**Roadless Resolution:** Our local was notified by NAHB that the NAHB Roadless Resolution which originated from our Ketchikan local with a supporting resolution from ASHBA will "sunset" this year. SSEABIA will be revising this resolution with assistance from NAHB staff to include current circumstances. Pam will be carrying it to 6 NAHB committees the week of Spring Board in DC. If successful, it will be included on the agenda for renewal at the NAHB Board of Director's meeting on May 3rd.

**Membership:** Our membership continues to grow as we gain positive exposure in our community. We have a very active Board of Directors and participation from the local membership on Committees is increasing. We signed on 3 new members in April. This brings our total to 79 members.

**Pamela Roth**  
Executive Officer

### Notes From Interior HBA

Well, as April snow showers keep spring at bay for just awhile longer and with the Home Show now behind us our Members are gearing up for another season. Even with all the talk of a housing slowdown you would be pressed to find a builder in the Interior without work right now. Our lenders and realtors are reporting that inventory is moving quickly once again.

Our Home Show this year was another resounding success. Every booth was sold out and we still had a waiting list as the Show kicked off on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say we already have plenty of reserved spots for 2009! Even though our attendance was actually down slightly this year the vendors all reported that those who did attend were much more serious about the products and services presented than they have been in the past.

The big buzz in the Interior these days is the alarming rise in energy costs. With this in mind the IABA is in the process of organizing a one day public forum on June 7, "Be Energy Fit . . . On Your Budget." With a series of open forums throughout the day consumers will have an opportunity to ask questions of industry professionals about how to make efficient, cost effective improvements to their homes in order to reduce energy consumption and save a few bucks in the process. In partnering with several other organizations with the same goals in mind our goal is to bring much needed information and peace of mind to our community residents.

So as the building season is fast upon us we are strapping on our tool belts and our hammers are swinging . . .

**Sandy Fish**  
Executive Officer

# Think Spring!

### Notes From Northern SEABIA

During the month of January we had our annual Holiday Party on the 17<sup>th</sup> and we installed our new Board of Directors.

2008 Board of Directors

President – John Wood, O'Rourke

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Wes Keller, First American Title

On February 29<sup>th</sup> we had our first Wine Tasting event on the eve of our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show. The folks who attended gave us high marks. We hope to make the Wine Tasting a part of our annual Home Show. We would like to thank Specialty Imports for their participation in the event.

We were very pleased with the attendance at our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We sold out our booth spaces and over 2700 attendees came by to visit our exhibitors at Centennial Hall.

During the month of March we were busy with the Legislative Fly-In Conference and visiting our legislators on Capitol Hill. We combined our visits with the Ketchikan HBA and it was fun to be part of a group effort to keep our legislative delegation informed about issues that we are concerned with.

The Juneau Construction Academy was initiated in January. The academy had 98 applicants and 57 of those applicants qualified for an interview. After the interview process 35 were placed in classes. We look forward to the success of this program.

**Tracey Miller**  
Executive Officer

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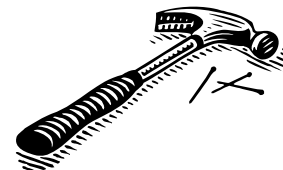
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## Green Building in Alaska

Coming soon to a development near you: An affordable green home, with a national certification to prove it.

That's because the National Association of Home Builders' brand new NAHB National Green Building Program launched in February, 2008. What's in it for home buyers? Well, you can barely open a newspaper or magazine without reading about the "greening" of just about everything: schools, hospitals, office buildings, cars. There's a lot of fluff and even more hype – and worse, it's hard to know exactly what you are getting.

NAHB members know that a house with extra insulation or doesn't have to be a yurt or a considered green when energy conservation, the use of sus- and indoor air quality consid- the process of home building.

The increased availability of consumer awareness and the able, environmentally friendly has accelerated green build- into the mainstream. The Green Building Program is be- ceptance and is based on the have been certifying and veri- homes for years.



green home is more than just a high-tech windows – and that it geodesic dome. A home can be efficiency, water and resource tainable or recycled products, erations are incorporated into

education for builders, growing exploding market for sustain- and recycled building products ing's acceptance rate and move brand-new NAHB National ing fueled by this growing ac- success of local programs that fying "authentically green"

The NAHB National Green Building Program will transform the market by allowing home builders to provide homes that are as green as homebuyers want and as energy- and resource-efficient as is economically feasible.

There is an NAHB Green Web site—[www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org)—with features for builders and homebuyers. Builders can use the site to create a document that describes the home they want to build and what green features they want to incorporate. An online scorecard then keeps track of the home's growing "greenness" and can add and subtract features to keep that cost-effective and customer-preference balance.

Homebuyers can go to the site for educational resources and a national registry of green builders and green homes for sale. One-stop green shopping with local flexibility: that's the new NAHB National Green Building Program.

**Watch the state website: [buildersofalaska.com](http://buildersofalaska.com) for information on local programs from around the state.**

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Do you remember this???



Summer

Board of Directors Teleconference

July 9th - 10:00am

Visit  
NAHB website:  
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**Alaska State Home Building Association named:  
Chuck Spinelli, Builder of the Year 2007  
Nichole Smith, Associate of the Year 2007**