

**LOCAL EVENTS****Anchorage**

- Home Show will be April 15, 16 & 17 at the New Alaska Airlines Center
- Poker Tournament on May 13 at Gallo's Restaurant
- Golf Tournament on July 21 at AGC

For more information, visit:

[www.ahba.net](http://www.ahba.net)

**Northern SEABIA**

- Call 907-463-5774 for information on General Membership Meetings

For more information, visit

[www.seabia.com](http://www.seabia.com)

**Interior Alaska Building Association**

For more information, visit:

[www.interioralaskabuilders.com](http://www.interioralaskabuilders.com)

**2016 ASHBA Legislative Update**

**HB81/SB161 – Regulation of Unlicensed Contractors - Both of these bills are pending in the House and Senate. Our goal is to focus on moving HB81, which requires the House to schedule a hearing and move the bill as soon as possible. HB81 is a consumer protection measure. The bill will require an unlicensed contractor to file a disclosure with the state in the event that they advertise or otherwise attempt to sell a home within two years after construction is started. This accomplishes two purposes: 1) it discloses to the home buyer that the newly constructed home they are purchasing was built by an unlicensed contractor (and there is requirement for the builder to have bonding & insurance); and 2) it provides better tracking and enforcement on unlicensed contractors who are illegally building and selling new homes. To get HB81 moving, it is important to express support to your representative.**

**HB313 – Public Construction Contracts - On March 17th, the House Labor & Commerce Committee introduced HB313, relating to public construction contracts. Current state law says any public works contract over \$25,000 is required to include a payroll for Little Davis-Bacon. HB313 would raise this threshold amount to contracts for \$75,000 and higher. The argument for raising this threshold is to encourage smaller local contractors to bid small public works jobs, and also to save money for the contracting government. This would apply to both state and local municipal governments.**

**Administrative Order 281 – Consolidation of State Corporations. On March 10th Governor Walker signed A0281, which tasks the Commissioner of Administration (Sheldon Fisher) with overseeing a study to consolidate AHFC, Alaska Energy Authority, and AIDEA.**

**The impacts of budget reductions and new revenue measures will impact the state's economy. Legislators are concerned about how their actions will be perceived, and how things like the housing market will react. Housing and home sales are considered a key indicator of economic trends. This is time when builders can play a key role by speaking up about what is happening.**

**LOCAL EVENTS****MatSu Home Builders Association**

- Annual MAHBA Golf Tournament on July 15th at Settlers Bay Golf Club

For more information, visit:  
[www.matsuhomebuilders.com](http://www.matsuhomebuilders.com)

**Southern SEABIA**

For more information, visit:  
[www.sealaskabuilders.com](http://www.sealaskabuilders.com)

**Kenai Peninsula Builders Association**

- Annual KPBA Golf Tournament on August 6th at Bird Homestead Golf Course

For more information, visit:  
[www.kenaipeninsula.builders.com](http://www.kenaipeninsula.builders.com)

**Andre Spinelli, 2016 ASHBA President**

It's another early Spring. The snow is gone or disappearing quickly, ground is thawing, plans are progressing, permits being pulled and the home building industry is commencing the annual ritual of preparing to accomplish as much of the year's work as possible prior to winter's return. Every year this circus seems to get a little more complicated with the ever expanding and changing array of building codes, federal safety and environmental laws, construction lending environment, home financing, appraisals and last but not least, trying to keep up with the latest construction and design trends. With all of this going on it is easy for us in the business of navigating this mine field to ignore things like the State Budget and discussion of the need for a State Income Tax as a new revenue source. In our association's 2016 visit to Juneau to meet with the Governor and the Legislators to brief them on the issues that face our industry, we delivered a message that boiled down to; we don't know what the solution is but please make the hard choices and achieve one. The idea here is that one of the largest factors in our industry is consumer confidence and news headlines we have been reading and hearing lately do not promote this. So far they have yet to figure it out and don't appear to making much progress. I think it is important for our elected officials to hear feedback from their constituents to help guide them. So please make an attempt to find the time to contact your Representative or Senator and let them know how you feel about things like State Budget cuts, State Income Tax and restructuring of the PFD.

You can find your Alaska State Legislator here: [https://www.elections.alaska.gov/vi\\_eo\\_state.php](https://www.elections.alaska.gov/vi_eo_state.php)

You can learn more about the issues that face our state here:

<http://www.alaskanomics.com/> or  
<http://www.commonwealthnorth.org/>

Best of luck this building season.

Andre Spinelli, President

Alaska State Home Building Association



## ASHBA 2016 Building Conference

The 2016 Building Conference will be held October 27, 28 and 29 at the beautiful Lakefront Hotel on Lake Hood in Anchorage. Save the date for great events, education, speakers and networking.



## Homebuilder Association Member Rebate Program

The Member Rebate Program (MRP) is a free member benefit of the Alaska State Home Building Association available to all active Builder and Remodeler Members. With over 5,200 active members nationwide, MRP gave an average of \$1,010.63 to members in 2014 alone. ASHBA's Member Rebate Program lets builders and remodelers receive cash rebates for using certain manufacturers' products in the building and remodeling of homes. There are currently 51 participating manufacturers covering 35+ difference product categories.

Once you are registered, you are eligible to claim, on a quarterly basis, on any home, remodeling project or multi-family unit. The claiming process is simple; an address is submitted once the project is completed. MRP will ask for your company name, the completed address, and the completion date. You then provide all of the information required for each manufacturer used.

National wide, over 70% of the builders and remodelers who participated last year have received in rebates more than they paid in annual dues to the HBA.

Get the most of your membership by taking advantage of the free member benefit.

[www.HBArebates.com](http://www.HBArebates.com)



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide an organization wherein building contractors and persons engaged in a trade, industry or profession related to housing may meet to discuss various problems of common interest, particularly those related to labor, production and finance. To maintain high standards in the building industry, to support building contractors in efforts to rectify conditions of an unsatisfactory nature, to encourage those methods of contracting work which reduce the building contractors risks and to encourage sound business methods. We are an aggressive, service oriented Association run by and for the membership.

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## Raffle

The Alaska State Home Building Association will conduct a cash raffle with its gaming permit. The winning tickets for cash prizes will be drawn at the 2016 Building Conference, October 28th in Anchorage. The prizes will be: \$1,000 - \$750 - \$500 - \$250 - Contact a member or the executive officer of your local association to purchase a ticket.

## State Membership Summary

### Local Association Members on 2.29.2016

AHBA - 43 Builders & 167 Associates  
NSEABIA - 23 Builders & 46 Associates  
Mat-Su HBA - 50 Builders & 74 Associates  
KPBA - 37 Builders & 46 Associates  
IABA - 57 Builders & 73 Associates  
SSEABIA - 19 Builders & 33 Associates

## NAHB Health Insurance Services Affinity Program

For years, NAHB has received calls from members in need of health insurance. In response, on September 27, 2015 at the NAHB Fall Board of Directors meeting in Dallas, the NAHB Executive Board approved a Health Insurance Services Program provided by an independent firm, March & McLennan.

The Marsh program launched November 2, 2015 and includes major medical, short term medical, HSA health plans, income protection, critical illness, dental, vision, life insurance, term life, whole life and AD&D. The program is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act and is available to individual members, their employees and their families. Contact your local association.

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