

LOCAL EVENTS**Anchorage HBA**

- Member Appreciation Bowling Night is on March 29th
- Bill Popp will be the Lunch and Learn speaker on March 27
- AHBA Home Show at the AK Airlines Center will be April 12 - 14
- AHBA Spring Parade of Homes is April 27 - 28
- Poker Tournament on May 3

For more information, visit:

www.ahba.net

Northern SEABIA

For more information, visit

www.seabia.com

Interior Alaska Building Association

- IABA's Home Show will be held March 22-24
- The Energy Fair and Conference is March 28 - 30

For more information, visit:

www.interioralaskabuilders.com

Builders Are Watching What is Happening in Juneau

The first regular session of the 31st Alaska Legislature is underway in Juneau. On January 28 - 30, the Alaska State Home Building Association traveled to Juneau to engage our state's policy leaders in conversations about the interests of our builders and associate members. These efforts by our State Board Members to travel to Juneau and advocate for the interests of our members is commendable, and reflects positively on the entire building industry.

On Tuesday, we spent the entire day in the Capital Building meeting with legislators. At each meeting, we present our talking points about the issues that matter to our industry, and we also hear from them about how things are going in the session. Our entire group was also able to meet with Governor Dunleavy at the end of the day.

Our primary goal this session is to introduce a bill that recognizes the 2018 International Residential Code for statewide residential construction. We would like to see this adopted under the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC), where there is a board of directors of members from the housing industry.

Last year, HB359 was introduced but did not pass. HB359 was a bill to recognize the IRC as the state residential code under AHFC. The language from this bill was a great starting point in moving forward towards getting a new bill introduced this session. Our new bill this year is HB79, here's a web link:

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/31?Root=Hb76>

We spoke with legislators about the cost of workers' compensation. Last year we supported a bill (HB79) to define independent contractors. Although HB79 passed and was signed into law in November, we're now hearing about insurance audits that are classifying subcontractors as employees.

It gets complicated, but the bottom line is if you hire a contractor, and they fail to meet the definition requirements of an independent contractor, you can be liable for their workers' compensation.

Owners of sole proprietorships, partnerships, and LLC's are not required by state law to buy workers' compensation coverage on themselves. This is where contractors can be found liable for their subcontractors who don't have coverage and who fail to meet all criteria required to define them as an independent contractor.

Our next concern was to express support for funding towards the Cold Climate Housing Research Center. For many years CCHRC has received state funding through the AHFC budget, which has allowed them to bring added funding into their research programs and all the other help they provide toward supporting our industry.

Last, we also spoke to about extending the deadline for homeowners with earthquake damage to apply for assistance. Many of our members are helping homeowners deal with the damages from not only the November 30 quake, but also from the thousands of aftershocks. Some damages will not be fully known until after the Spring thaw, which will require government agencies to extend the deadline for people to apply for disaster assistance. Our efforts were successful in getting the deadline extended until the end of February, but hopefully this can be extended again.

In the meanwhile, our state building association is watching things in Juneau and looking out for the interests of our local associations and their members.

LOCAL EVENTS**MatSu Home Builders Association**

- MatSu Spring Preview of Homes will be held April 26 - 28
- MatSu Home Show is April 26 - 29 at the Curtis Menard Sports Center

For more information, visit:
www.matsuhomebuilders.com

Southern SEABIA

- The 2019 Trade Show will be held at the Ted Civic Center March 8 and 9

For more information, visit:
www.sealaskabuilders.com

Kenai Peninsula Builders Association

- Open Mic Nights for Youth every month from March through September at the Reading Corner
- KPBA Home Show will be held on April 6th and 7th

For more information, visit:
www.kenaipeninsulabuilders.com

Letter From the President

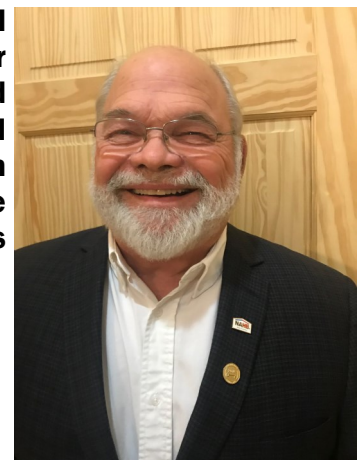
Hello to all and hoping some of you were able to attend the International Builders Show in Los Vegas this year. It was a fantastic event as usual and was an excellent opportunity to catch up with people I haven't seen in a while as well as meet new people is always a treat. To be able to talk with others about what is going on in their area of the world of building is so valuable. Swapping stories and ideas with one who has been there a done it, mistakes and all, is very beneficial. Also the vendor booths were amazing. There are so many new products and tools out there that truly can make our jobs more efficient, bring us more profits and make it more fun. The National Association meetings were great to attend. It is impressive to see what is happening on a national platform. The people working nationally are dedicated individuals that work hard for our benefit and are true leaders in our industry. It was good to meet many of them.

Back home, I want to lend my voice of support in regards to our work in Juneau. I think our trip down there was very productive and received many positive affirmations of support for our state-wide code endeavor. I am pleased to announce that we now have a bill (HB 76). It was introduced on February 27 and referred to the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee and Labor & Commerce. The co-chairs for the House C&RA are Rep Drummond (D-Anchorage) and Rep. Hannon (D-Juneau). We will begin the effort to ask them to schedule a hearing on HB76 sometime within the next 2-3 weeks.

This kind of thing does not happen without the efforts of many individuals. Our legislative committee is to be recognized for their huge efforts- Co-chairs, Victor Banaszak, Dave Owens and Jim Dunlap, THANK YOU guys! As the old saying says: Things do not happen in a vacuum and these guys filled that vacuum beautifully. (and all the other volunteers who worked behind the scenes). Thank you John Bitney for your expertise. Also, another thank you in advance for all the future hard work that is going to be required to get this passed in Juneau. If you get a chance please tell these guys "thank you, it will encourage them. We continue to pursue other issues such as our workers comp problems and CCHRC funding. We are your voice in Juneau and we labor hard to see to it our voice is heard down there. As always, if you want to contact us please call me or email me at any time. Your questions will always be answered and respected.

Sincerely,

Richard Carr, President
Alaska State Home Building Association



ASHBA 2019 Building Conference

The 2019 Building Conference will be held
October 16 - 18 at the Land's Inn in Homer



REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Wednesday, October 16

- 5:30 - 7:00 Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 17

- 8:00 - 5:00 Continuing Education Classes
- 8:00 - 5:00 CCHRC Board Meeting
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 5:30 - 7:00 Gold Key Event

Friday, October 18

- 8:00 - 5:00 Continuing Education Classes
- 8:00 - 5:00 ASHBA Board Meeting
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 5:30 - 7:00 No-Host Cocktails
- 7:00 - 10:00 Dinner and Installation of 2020 Directors And Officers
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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 gun wall raffle with its gaming permit. The winning tickets will be drawn at the 2019 Building Conference, October 18th in Homer. Contact a member or the executive officer of your local association to purchase a ticket.

State Membership Summary

Local Association Members on 1.31.2019

AHBA - 49 Builders & 160 Associates
NSEABIA - 16 Builders & 24 Associates
MAT-SU HBA - 44 Builders & 72 Associates
KPBA - 46 Builders & 52 Associates
IABA - 35 Builders & 73 Associates
SSEABIA - 26 Builders & 37 Associates



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 \$1,169.69 to members in 2017 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 50 participating manufacturers covering 35+ difference product categories.

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