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Hello to everyone from sunny Fairbanks—I hope everyone’s building season has enjoyed the great weather we have been having here in the Interior. This may be the year some projects get completed without protection from the rain!

The economic condition of the State of Alaska is in good health. All of the construction folks I have talked with say things are going well and the future looks optimistic. There will always be difficulties that will have to be overcome, but people of Alaska are problem solvers and survivors.

Now that the Alaska State Legislature has completed its yearly business in Juneau and with the representatives and senators back in our communities, we must take the time to welcome them home. Even when the legislature is not in session, these elected officials spend much of their time representing our communities. We need to thank them for their service.

I would urge each of our local home building associations to develop legislative committees which would invite your local legislators to social events and board meetings. The ASHBA works with these legislators during the legislative session, but much important work is done at the local level. As the legislators represent our local communities, they really want to speak with people from the local communities.

As the occasion arises, please use the opportunity to speak with them, let them know about our industry from your perspective and how it fits into your the local economy. As an example, my local home building association, the Interior Alaska Building Association, is hosting a reception with all of our local elected officials on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are only looking to say thanks for their service and to strengthen our lines of communications. This makes it much easier to discuss issues of interest in the future. IABA also frequently invites legislators to speak at a general membership meeting.

I firmly believe the more politically active our local homebuilding associations become, the stronger our Alaska State Homebuilding Association will be.

Well, back to work for me! I hope everyone has a successful building season, but also remember to enjoy this great state in which we live.

Take care—

**Wally**

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# Spike Report for the Alaska State Home Builders Association

April 30, 2010

## **Anchorage.....237 Members**

Matt Matthews ..... 986.50 Life Spike  
 Chuck Spinelli..... 437.50 Life Spike  
 Evan Rowland..... 270.50 Life Spike  
 Clai Porter ..... 201.00 Life Spike  
 Jim Jackson ..... 129.00 Life Spike  
 Bill Taylor ..... 124.50 Life Spike  
 Wes Keller ..... 120.50 Life Spike  
 Michael Quinn ..... 114.50 Life Spike  
 Larry Partusch..... 100.50 Life Spike  
 Jim Fredrick ..... 79.50 Life Spike

**Retention Rate ..... 78.6%**

## **Juneau.....73 Members**

Rita Hamilton..... 233.00 Life Spike  
 Jeffrey De Smet..... 113.50 Life Spike  
 Alan Wilson ..... 106.00 Life Spike  
 Steve Burnett..... 82.50 Life Spike  
 William Hamilton ..... 61.50 Life Spike  
 Russ McDougal..... 46.00 Life Spike  
 Bruce Denton ..... 43.50 Life Spike  
 John Wood ..... 14.00 Spike  
 Jeff Boman ..... 12.50 Spike  
 Don Nowlin..... 10.00 Spike

**Retention Rate ..... 77.8%**

## **Mat-Su .....109 Members**

Jess Hall ..... 373.50 Life Spike  
 David Owens..... 84.00 Life Spike  
 Steven Orr ..... 71.50 Life Spike  
 Kyle Carr..... 43.50 Life Spike  
 Bill Standard ..... 41.00 Life Spike  
 Kathy Martin ..... 38.00 Life Spike  
 Jeffery Clements ..... 38.50 Life Spike  
 Tom Smith ..... 28.00 Life Spike  
 Steve Norton ..... 14.00 Spike  
 Bob Pevan ..... 9.50 spike

**Retention Rate ..... 68.0%**

## **Kenai..... 86 Members**

Jean Bunn ..... 152.50 Life Spike  
 Nichole Smith..... 145.50 Life Spike  
 Steve Wisdom..... 136.50 Life Spike  
 Jeff Twait..... 53.50 Life Spike  
 Bob Hammer ..... 47.50 Life Spike  
 Gene Rabung ..... 23.00 Spike  
 Marilyn Pipkin..... 21.50 Spike  
 Tim Moerlein..... 14.00 Spike  
 Steve Attleson..... 3.00 credits  
 Dave Keating..... 3.00 credits

**Retention Rate ..... 87.1%**

## **Interior ..... 170 Members**

Steve Bee ..... 676.00 Life Spike  
 Terry Duszynski ..... 372.50 Life Spike  
 Randy Wakefield..... 337.50 Life Spike  
 Richard Tilly..... 229.00 Life Spike  
 Mark Tomlinson ..... 222.50 Life Spike  
 Jack Hebert ..... 199.00 Life Spike  
 David Miller ..... 148.50 Life Spike  
 Dave Dillard ..... 120.00 Life Spike  
 Mike Musick..... 78.00 Life Spike  
 Paul Sauer..... 57.00 Life Spike

**Retention Rate ..... 83.1%**

## **Ketchikan ..... 75 Members**

Kelley Roth..... 179.00 Life Spike  
 Andy Rauwolf ..... 42.00 Life Spike  
 John Matsura ..... 31.50 Life Spike  
 Michael McKim ..... 15.00 Spike  
 Craig Moore ..... 9.50 Spike  
 Trish Hoover..... 3.00 credits  
 Cliff Skillings ..... 3.00 credits  
 Bill Mackie ..... 2.50 credits  
 Todd MacManus..... 2.00 credits  
 Michael Bush..... 1.50 credits

**Retention Rate ..... 86.5%**

## **Alaska State HBA..... 750 Members**

**ASHBA Retention Rate ... 79.2%**

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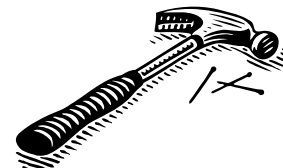
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**Valerie Williams**  
Executive Officer

**Notes From Ketchikan HBA**

No report submitted

**Pamela Roth**  
Executive Officer



## News Around the State

### Notes From Kenai HBA

The Kenai Peninsula Builders Association (KPBA) recently held our 31st Annual Home Show, "Building a Strong Community." We were pleased to present one of our best shows ever, with a sold out venue, many new vendors and strong community attendance. In addition to our many sponsors, 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 collectively, our building industry continues to do our part in **building a strong community**. Our membership is committed to continuing to make our community a better place to live, from our scholarship program, active community involvement, to training our industry's future workforce at the Kenai Peninsula Construction Academy (KPCA).

In continuing with our Home Show tradition, KPBA once again built and raffled a beautiful outdoor garden shed. The shed was built by Jeff Twait and students of the KPCA. In addition to the garden shed, we also raffled several fire pit rings that were constructed by KPCA welding students. The winning tickets were drawn at the close of the show, and all proceeds will be used for our scholarship and education fund. As in years past, all shed materials were generously donated by Spenard Builders Supply, and the fire pit material was donated by Peninsula Scrap and Salvage. KPBA has appreciated the overwhelming enthusiasm of our community in their support of our raffle, as well as the many KPBA volunteers who donate their time to assist with ticket sales.

Now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, our scholarship program continues with strong success. KPBA recently awarded 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. There were a record number of applications submitted this year, and we are proud to announce that four students each received \$1,000 to assist with their education.

We were pleased to present our Fourth Annual Wine Tasting in April. This year's theme, "Explore the Great Northwest" featured superb food paired with fine wines from the Pacific Northwest. It was truly a special evening, with a mix of great company, outstanding entertainment, and a special auction to benefit our scholarship fund. We'd like to extend a very special thank you to our hard working committee members and supportive KPBA member sponsors.

Our annual picnic will be held this year on Saturday, July 31, and will be held at Soldotna Creek Park on the banks of the beautiful Kenai River. We hope you'll plan to attend, as we present a fun-filled family day with good food, fun and games for young and old, and prizes for everyone. Don't forget to bring your fishing

### Notes From Mat-Su HBA

This year we had more than 8,000 people attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show, and due to the generosity of our community, we were able to donate an amazing 840 pounds of food to Valley Food Banks. We also raised \$2600.00 for the Jim White Project and found loving homes for several cats and dogs from the Mat-Su Borough Animal Shelter. Planning is currently underway for the 2011 Home Show and Showcase of Homes.

Our Annual Charity Golf Tournament, with all proceeds being donated to the Jim White Project, will be held on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Settler's Bay Golf Club. Jim White, a double amputee, suffers from Peripheral Artery Disease. Jim and his family, wife and two sons, live in sub-standard conditions. The Mat-Su Home Builders Association in conjunction with the United Protestant Church of Palmer has generously taken on the project of raising funds and building Jim and his family a home.

The Mat-Su Construction Academy is coming to an end, but will start again in mid September. We have successfully trained nearly 50 adults in various construction related areas, consisting of Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Welding, as well as safety classes, such as OSHA 10, CPR, and First Aid.

This fall, our Parade of Homes is schedule for August 13, 14, and 15. This spring we had 13 homes in our Showcase and we are anticipating an even better showing for our Parade.

For more information on the Mat-Su Home Builders Association, please visit our website; [www.matsuhomebuilders.com](http://www.matsuhomebuilders.com)!

**Jennifer Coker**  
**Executive Officer**

pole, as the fishing is great just a few steps away!

KPBA is gearing up to host our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ASHBA Convention, Nov. 4-6 at the Land's End Resort in Homer. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunity, as well as registration information. We are pleased to once again have this opportunity, and hope you'll plan to join us for quality education, lively events, and great networking in a beautiful and unique resort on the shores of Kachemak Bay. We look forward to seeing you at the end of the road!

**Cindy Rombach**  
**Executive Officer**

### Notes From Interior HBA

Break up and spring has come early to the Interior this year . . . with our Home Show behind us our building season is already in full swing. Fort Wainwright is a hive of activity and everyone seems to have plenty to keep them busy this summer.

Upcoming events for IABA include a Legislative Reception to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> @ CCHRC and hosted by our Legislative Committee. So far our guest list is looking pretty impressive and we are hoping to have a nice casual evening with our Federal and State Representatives.

Our Annual Picnic this year is going to be a Cook-Off. Several companies have volunteered to participate in a friendly BBQ competition to show off their grilling skills in our first ever "Thrill of the Grill" event on July 24<sup>th</sup> @ Pioneer Park.

We have some CEU approved courses developed by CCHRC and sponsored by the IABA coming up in June and are working on creating an educational agenda for the fall which would focus on OSHA and other safety courses to help fill in any gaps in our Builders Residential Endorsement Renewal requirements.

IABA has just launched our new website . . . although it will be a work in progress for a while we are very excited about the new, updated look and features we now have available to us. Check it out at [www.InteriorABA.com](http://www.InteriorABA.com)!

**Sandy Fish**  
**Executive Officer**

### Notes From Anchorage HBA

This year marked the 50th year we hosted the Home and Remodeling Show. All vendors we pleased with the quality of the attendees and some companies were swamped with orders for goods and services.

**Membership** – we have a 78.6%% retention rate as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, we have 62 builders, 175 associates for a total of 237 members, which is down 16 members since December 31st of 2009.

**Education Classes** were held May 25-26th with Beverly Koehn teaching CGR and CGB designation classes. We have a dedicated number of remodelers and builders working toward their designations.

**Government Affairs Council** is working with the assembly members over the summer to talk with them about our issues.

**Annual Golf Tournament July 14<sup>th</sup> at Moose Run** -- if you are interested in playing golf and will be in Anchorage call the office for your spot.

**Parade of Homes** will be September 11-13th and the **Awards Ceremony** will be October 1st.

Enjoy the Summer!!!

**Vicki Portwood**  
**Executive Officer**

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**President,  
Wally Smith  
with Interior  
HBA Members  
at last year's  
installation**



**Wes Keller**



**Paul Michelsohn**

**Alaska State Home Building Association named:  
Paul Michelsohn, Builder of the Year 2009  
Wes Keller, Associate of the Year 2009**