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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Wausau Area Builders Association, chartered in 1967 and affiliated with the Wisconsin Builders Association and National Association of Home Builders, is a professional non-profit trade association. Serving the community we represent the interests and concerns of the consumer, building trades, industry suppliers and all facets of the building industry.

The primary goal of our association is to provide quality, affordable housing through community and government involvement, while promoting high standards of professionalism.



Tom Bychinski was our motivational speaker for the March Dinner Meeting. He spoke on the value of being a member of our association and gave us insight on how to present that value to prospective members.





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TUESDAY, APRIL 13 WABA Board Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 Silent Auction Dale's Weston Lanes

TUESDAY, MAY 18 WABA Board Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 20 Membership Dinner Meeting VFW Clubhouse

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 Parade of Homes Bus Tour

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 6 Parade of Homes

> FRIDAY, JUNE 11 Golf Outing Pine Valley Golf Course

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 WABA Board Meeting

A NOTE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the beautiful weather we've been lucky to have.

Kristin and the Membership Committee asked me to remind everyone that the "Who Do You Know" membership drive is going to wrap up at the end of the month so now is the time to plant the seed with your prospective new members. Something else you'll see new this month is the "Member Spotlight". Starting now, at every dinner meeting one Associate Member and one Builder Member will be drawn from the attendee list. In the next newsletter, those two people will be our Spotlight Members. Only people who are at the dinner

meeting will be eligible. The committee decided it was only fitting to start with our Builder and Associate of the year. Congratulations again guys!

"Builder Bucks" will be unveiled at the April Silent Auction night and will also focus on the attendees of the dinner meetings. That's all I'm allowed to say at this point, other than it's going to be in the Builders best interests to be in attendance!

To date WABA has hosted two Lead Classes, and are looking to do more however we need an idea of the interest level before we can book another date. Time is growing short, so call me at the office to get your name on the waiting list.

Lastly, Andy Radant and his committee are working feverishly to gather prizes for the Silent Auction on the 15th. If you haven't been contacted yet and would like to donate an item, contact either Andy or me at the office.

Enjoy the weather and we look forward to seeing you at Dale's Weston Lanes on the 15th. Please remember it's very important for you to let me know if you're coming so we have an accurate count.

- Chris Briquelet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It looks like spring is here to stay. I hope everyone has been able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather.

The silent auction is Thursday, April 15. Please help by donating and attending. There are always some great items to buy for a cause that benefits us all.

On behalf of myself and the association I would like to extend our condolences to Chris Briquelet & his family for the loss of his father on Friday, March 26th.

Sincerely, - Garry Volm, Volm Builders LLC

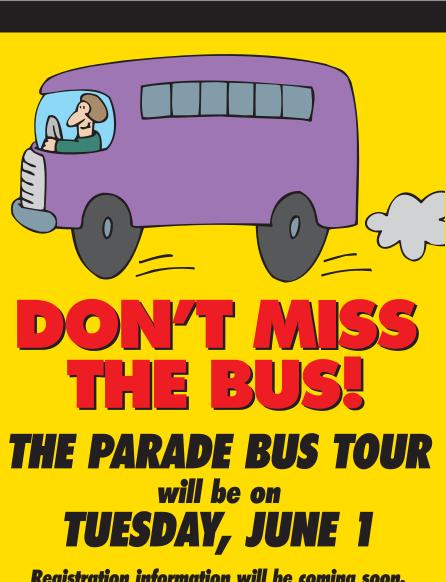
STILL NEED YOUR LEAD ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION?

We are thinking of hosting a few more classes but need an idea of the interest level before we can book any dates. Once a class is scheduled they fill up fast; please call the office to be added to a waiting list.



We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Andrea Reede on the loss of her mother. And also to Chris Briquelet and his family on the loss of his father, who passed away on Friday, March 26.

Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.



Registration information will be coming soon. If you are interested contact the office.



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Thursday, April 15, 2010 Dale's Weston Lanes

Andy Radant and his committee are looking for help with auction items. If you have items to donate please contact Andy at 715-302-0345 or send in the form below.

WABA SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Member Name:	
Occupation:	
Company Name:	
Description of Item:	
Retail Value of Item:	
	All items must be registered before the auction.
	I will deliver the item to Dale's Weston Lanes by 6:00 pm the evening of the auction.
	Please let this serve as my reservation for dinner
	Name: Guest:
	I cannot attend and would like someone to pick the item up at my office.
	Return by Friday, April 9
Mail to: Wausau A	rea Builders Association, 141 W. Thomas Street, Wausau, WI 54401 or fax 715-845-5435

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The 2010 Parade of Homes will be held June 1-6. Ten builders featuring 13 homes have committed to having a home in the parade.

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THE "MONDAY MORNING" REVIEW



Business Day 2010 Wrap Up

On Tuesday, February 23 over 120 WBA members from across the state traveled to Madison to be part of WBA's annual lobby day, Business Day in Madison 2010. The timing of this year's event was perfect as both houses of the legislature were in session that day and the Assembly was voting on the veto override of the DNR Secretary Bill (AB 138).

We began the day with an issue briefing so members were educated on the issues we wanted them to talk about with their legislators. The issues we highlighted this year included:

- Housing=Good Paying Wisconsin Jobs
- Oppose the appointment of the DNR secretary by the DNR Board and not the Governor
- Oppose the Global Warming Initiatives as currently drafted
- Support for updates to Wisconsin's platting process
- Support the elimination or delay of the farmland conversion penalty

Originally we had planned to have members lobby in favor of a bill requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in one and two-family homes but that moved quicker than expected in January, passing both houses in advance of Business Day 2010.

We thank all of those that attended this year's event and hope those that attended enjoyed the day and will be back in the future. A quick reminder, please remember to send back your meeting notes and evaluation forms either by e-mail (bboycks@wisbuild.org) or fax (608-242-5150).

Win on DNR Secretary Bill

As we mentioned above, those attending Business Day in Madison 2010 had one very timely thing to talk to members of the state Assembly about this Tuesday, the override vote of the DNR Secretary Bill (AB 138) that was taking place on Tuesday. WBA GA staff had been working this issue very hard since the bill was introduced last year and WBA members began lobbying against this proposed change at Business Day 2009.

As you know this bill was first passed by the Assembly, changed in the Senate and passed again as amended by the Senate. Governor Doyle vetoed this bill in November and we had been expected a veto override attempt even though a number of Assembly members needed to change their vote from the previous time they took up the issue.

Leading up to Business Day 2010 we received word that the override vote would take on Tuesday, February 23 which would give our members the opportunity get one last opportunity to talk to members of the assembly before they went to the floor to vote on this issue.

Your efforts lobbying member of the state Assembly paid off when the attempt to override the governor's veto of the DNR Secretary Bill (AB 138) was unsuccessful. 64 votes were needed to override but only 58 members voted in favor of the override.

Your grassroots efforts made this vote possible, congratulations!

As a follow up, please send your state representative (if they voted no on the override) a follow up e-mail, letter or place a phone call thanking them for their vote in favor of DNR or consider doing a "letter to the editor" publicly thanking them for their vote (if you are interested in a letter to the editor please contact me for some suggested language to us in your letter). To find out how your state representative voted go to: http://www.thewheelerreport.com/releases/feb10/feb23/0223dnrov erridevote.pdf

Regulatory Update: Existing Multifamily buildings need plug in CO monitors as of April 1, 2010

Last session the legislature passed and Governor Doyle signed into law a measure requiring CO alarms in all new and existing multifamily units. The requirement for existing multifamily units is coming up quickly (April 1, 2010). Plug in alarms are acceptable to comply with this new law in existing multifamily units.

CO bill signed into law

Recently Governor Doyle signed into law the bill authored by Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) and Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) that will require CO alarms in all new and existing homes after February 1, 2010. The bill signing took place on Wednesday, March 10 after a press event and the announcement of a CO alarm giveaway program in Green Bay earlier in the day.

The press event in Green Bay featured the bill authors, WBA President Jim "Kuba" Kubasta, the fire chiefs from Green Bay and Oshkosh and representatives from Safe Kids Wisconsin. The event received wide press coverage and was a great opportunity for our new president to show his rhetorical skills before the television cameras.

You may remember that part of the 2009-2010 WBA GA Agenda, which was approved by the WBA Board of Directors in October 2008, included a provision to support legislation that would require carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in Wisconsin homes. Existing homes would be required to install a plug-in alarm and any new one or twofamily home would be required to install a hard-wired carbon monoxide alarm.

This new law mirrors the current smoke detector law which essentially means that to comply with this new requirement you would simply need to replace a smoke alarm with a "combo alarm" that acts as both a smoke and carbon monoxide detector in new homes.

The new law becomes 2009 Wisconsin Act 158.

Save the Date: April 21, 2010 for NAHB Legislative Conference

This year NAHB's annual lobby day is set for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in Washington D.C. Members can begin registering on line starting for this event today.

Much like our Business Day in Madison this is the last opportunity to join other members from throughout Wisconsin and the country to advocate for important housing issues directly to your member of Congress.

For more information including a draft agenda, please visit www.nahb.org/Legcon.

For more information on the above legislative matters please contact WBA Director of Government and Political Affairs Brad Boycks (bboycks@wisbuid.org or 608-242-5155, ext. 16).

(This is a monthly report from the Wisconsin Builders Association, our "political arm" at the state Capitol in Madison. Each month, the Monday Morning Review will highlight the going's on under the Capitol Dome with an eye toward what matters to the housing industry.)

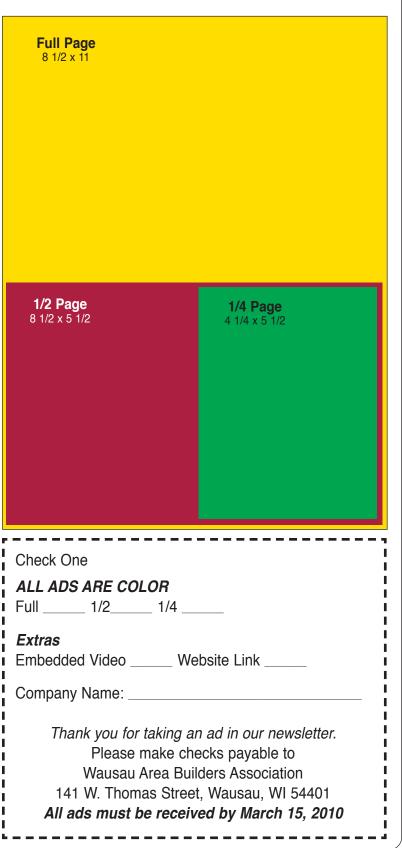
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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1 BUILDER MEMBER AND 1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER

TO BE CHOSEN YOU MUST BE REGISTERED AND ATTEND THE DINNER MEETING



Builder Member Spotlight



Kolby Muscha Kolby Construction, LLC

- 1) How long have you been a member? *Since 2002*
- 2) What's the most valuable thing you've gotten from being a member? *Building relationships with colleages and networking with assoc.*
- 3) Favorite Beverage? *Mountain Dew before noon, Coors lt later*
- 4) If you could be any super hero who would it be? *Mighty mouse*
- 5) Favorite vacation? Difficult to choose, but small hunting town in Idaho with no cell phones
- 6) Favorite Childhood Toy? *Tyco Slot Cars*
- 7) Oddest thing a customer has ever asked for?*A customer was once contemplating a cold water only bidet*
- 8) What is one thing that people would be surprised to know about you? *I know it's hard to believe, but I don't really care for public speaking*
- List the things you are involved in with WABA 2009 Builder of the Year Local Director Parade of Homes Chair I enjoy supporting the various WABA events such as; Summer Picnic, Christmas Parade, Golf Outing,

Associate Member Spotlight



Jerry Jarosz ProBuild

- How long have you been a member? *Since the mid-80's*
- 2) What's the most valuable thing you've gotten from being a member? *The many new friends would be the first*
- 3) Favorite Beverage? *A glass of good red wine with my many new friends*
- 4) If you could be any super hero who would it be? Spiderman, I'm afraid of heights and think it would be cool to fly around with the security of the web
- Favorite vacation? A golf vacation with my wife were she shops and I golf. It don't get no better than that.
- Favorite Childhood Toy?*I must have been born an adult, I can't remember any toys.*
- 7) What is one thing that people would be surprised to know about you? *That I play the piano*
- 8) List the things you are involved in with WABA Board Member, Golf Committee Chair Scholarship Committee Chair

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ...



Ben Beaty

Jennifer Gordon

Joe Wickman



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- Give you an opportunity to know your competitors as individuals and enjoy their friendship and respect.
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- Encourage professional business practices and increase public and government respect.
- Provide a forum in which your views can be expressed, and give you a means by which you can help to shape trade policies and practices.
- Finally, it will afford you a means by which you can carry your fair share of the load, voluntarily, in fighting the common battles of your trade, instead of riding free at the expense of others, as well as at the loss of your self-respect.

WABA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2010

Beginning March 1 the WABA Membership Committee is asking every current member to sign a new member before April 30. This is a very aggressive goal, but as you already know, being affiliated with a viable Association like the WABA is more important now than ever. Aside from this being an excellent opportunity for you to share Membership benefits with a business colleague, you can also take advantage of some very exciting incentives.

- 1) For every three people you bring as a new member, you'll receive one full page color advertisement in our newsletter.
- 2) If you bring six new members to the Association, you will be given \$200 plus a full page color advertisement in the newsletter.
- 3) The Membership Committee will also be giving an award for the top performer in our Association.

On this page a number of member benefits are listed to assist you in presenting this to potential members. If you need any further assistance, contact Kristin Flamang - Membership Chairwoman.

THE DRIVE IS ON, JUST REMEMBER .. "WHO DO YOU KNOW"

Ways to achieve the maximum return:

- Member Advantage Program
- Continuing Education Your Association provides education seminars throughout the year .
- Marketing to the public through signature events and advertising.
 - a) Home Show
 b) Parade of Homes
 c) Advertise in WABA publications
- Get involved at the General Membership Meetings and Association Activities - visit with your fellow builders and associates. Get involved in the Association by joining a committee.
- Community Service Projects The Association gives back to the communities where your members live, work, raise your families and retire.
- Insurance Services WBA provides you an alternative to your insurance needs. Contact WBA at www.wisbuild.org or (800) 362-9066.



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MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION:

Basic membership dues are \$395.00 per year. Please check your membership categories:

- Builder: Any self-employed person, firm or corporation whose primary source of income is from the construction industry, land development or remodeling and has been in business for at least 12 months immediately prior to date of application. Applicant must present a copy of a valid contractor's license. Certificate Number ______
- Associate: Any person, firm or corporation, that provides service and/or products to the construction industry and has been in business for at least 12 months immediately prior to date of application

By signing this application you are authorizing the Review Committee to contact the above references for additional information. This application is subject to the Board of Director's approval within 60 days of this application date. If this application is denied, a check for the application fee will be returned to the applicant. This Association does not discriminate in membership on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, ancestry, age or against qualified handicapped persons or qualified disabled veterans. No question on this application is intended to secure information to be used for such discrimination. This application will be given every consideration, but its receipt does not imply that the applicant will be accepted.

I agree to abide by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Local Association to which this membership application is directed and the Wisconsin Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders of the United States with which it is affiliated. A remittance of \$395.00 representing my annual membership dues in the affiliated Associations accompanies this application. Of the amount remitted, a portion shall be used as subscription dues for one year to all national, state and local newsletters. Along with this application for membership, certificate of insurance must be submitted for not less than \$500,000 Liability, \$300,000 Auto Insurance and Worker's Compensation, unless exempt.

Sponsor _

Applicants Signature _

Date

Dues payments to WABA are NOT deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deductible as an "ordinary and necessary" business expense. Make checks payabe to WABA & return this application to: WABA, 141 W. Thomas St., Wausau, WI 54401

Please complete page 2 of this application in full

NAHB MEMBER IDENTIFICATION (ID) CODING INSTRUCTIONS

The NAHB Member Identification (ID) Code is made up of eleven data blocks which are explained below. It is separate from the six-digit NAHB Membership Number assigned to each member. The ID Code designed for use by NAHB and its affiliated state and local associations to provide services which respond to the changing needs of our membership. Please note as in the examples below. If the requested data for a particular block is not applicable, enter a dash (-). Also, if you don't know the exact answer for a particular block, please give your best estimate. In order for an associate member to receive the Builder Magazine they must be classified with an occupation code ranging from (A-Z). A "Z" or "other" classification code must be further defined by writing the members specific occupation in the space provided. Any associate member not classified as outlined will not receive a copy of the Builder Magazine.

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