



April 2014

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- Webinars – See last page of Newsletter
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Nebraska State Home Builders Association

The week of March 17th thru the 21st the National Association of Home Builders took housing back to the grassroots. Local and state associations across the country set meetings with their Congressman and Senators in their districts resulting in over 225 meetings in 48 states. Members of the Nebraska State Home Builders Association held meetings with Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Congressman Adrian Smith, Senator Deb Fischer and Congressman Lee Terry across the state.

Topics discussed included Housing Finance Reform, Tax Reform, Labor Shortages, Flood Insurance, Lead Renovation and more. Brochures outlining these issues were distributed at each of the meetings and also furnished to congressional staff members.

Thank you to all who took the time to attend these meetings and helped to make this effort successful.

LB191 - Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act which was amended by Omaha Senator Burke Harr passed the legislature on April 10th 45-0. Senator Harr's language includes suggestions that were the result of the Tax Modernization Committee which Don Wiznieski testified at in Norfolk, Nebraska. Thanks to all of you who worked with your state senators at our legislative dinner to help inform them of the importance of this bill.

LB191 states that two or more vacant or unimproved lots in the same tax district which are owned by the same person and are held for sale or resale would need to be included in one parcel if the owner so elected. This bill requires the county assessor, when determining the value of such parcels to utilize the income approach, including the use of a discounted cash-flow analysis.

The bill has been sent to the governor for his signature or veto.

NSHBA Legislative Dinner – March 5th, 2014

On Wednesday, March 5th, 2014, NSHBA held its annual legislative dinner at Wilderness Ridge Golf Club. This is our annual dinner dedicated to bringing members together with the Nebraska State Senators. Twenty-one senators and nine spouses attended the event. Several bills were discussed and all in all, we had over 80 people in attendance. Our thanks to all of our members, EO's and staff for helping to make this dinner a huge success.



**THANKS To all who
attended the
Legislative Banquet**



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As part of the **Nebraska Energy Office's** commitment to provide on-going energy building codes training for the compliance, construction and design industries in Nebraska, a series of seven specialized, no-cost workshops are being held in May and June, 2014:

- **REScheck and COMcheck, May 21 in Lincoln (1/2 day sessions) and May 22 in Omaha REScheck will be covered in the morning session and COMcheck in the afternoon session.**
- **2012 IECC Fundamentals, June 11 at Mahoney State Park (All day session)**

And two never before offered workshops:

- **ASHRAE 90.1, May 20 at Mahoney State Park (All day session)**
- **Right-sized HVAC Design — The Missing Ingredient in Most Homes, June 4 at Mahoney State Park (All day session)**

Seating is LIMITED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Click on the below link for more information and to register:

http://www.neo.ne.gov/home_const/codes_training/codetraining5-20_6-11-14.htm

As many of you know, the CM faculty along with a group of 13 UNK students attended the NAHB International Builder Show and Student Competition in Las Vegas, NV this past week. At the award banquet, they give national awards to members of the over 120 student chapters spanning across high schools, technical schools, and 4-year University. UNK was on the stage four out of the five award opportunities.

- *Congratulations Dr. Ken Larson! He was recognized as this year's National Outstanding Educator!*
- *The UNK Student Group also took home 2nd place in the National Student Chapter Award for their work on campus and in the community. 1st place went to a technical high school in Pennsylvania. There are over 120 student chapters across the country, so great job to our student organization leaders!*
- *A \$64,000 check was given to UNK - a HELP (Housing Education Leadership Program) Grant from the National Housing Endowment. This money will be used over the next four years as we continue to improve our program.*
- *UNK CM Student Colin Millar was UNK's NAHB Student of the year.*
- *The Student Competition Team placed 17th nationally in the management competition. They scored an 81 out of a possible 100 points. There were 36 teams that made it to Las Vegas to compete. This is UNK's best finish and as you can see from the points, there is a very small gap between the top 5 teams and 17th place.*

1. 2014 HELP Grant Recipients - UNK has been awarded \$64,000. First school to receive the award twice!



CONGRATULATIONS!

2. National Outstanding Educator Award - Ken Larson

3. Outstanding Student Chapter Award -2nd Place





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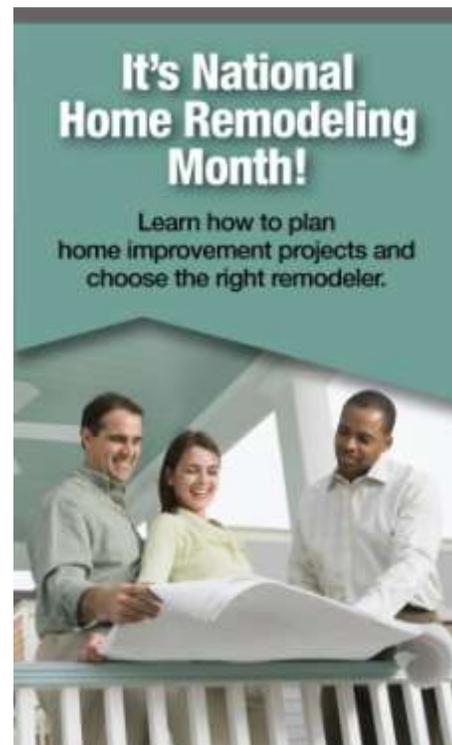
Importance of Building Energy Codes Video

Below is a link to a video that is part of an energy efficiency series produced by Nebraska Energy Office and UNL.

PLUS, it stars the Nebraska Code Compliance Collaborative's very own Bob Ruskamp of Lincoln Electric System! You may all ask for his autograph at the next meeting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsURzf_eNmY

NAHB will kick off the annual [National Home Remodeling Month campaign](#) in May to help promote the benefits of your professional remodeler members to home owners who are planning a remodel. National Home Remodeling Month is the perfect time to help members gain leads by promoting the benefits that a professional remodeler offers. [Read More...](#)



Housing Finance Reform Takes Center Stage in the Senate

Senate Banking Committee to consider NAHB-supported bipartisan proposal to fix the nation's flawed housing finance system. [Read more...](#)

May is National Home Remodeling Month

Families remodel their homes for many different reasons. It may be to save money on utility bills, to redesign the space to better suit the family's current lifestyle, or to be better stewards of our natural resources.

But as the home building and remodeling industry celebrates National Home Remodeling Month in May, one thing is for sure—whether we call it energy efficient or green, remodeling that includes sustainable features is growing in popularity like never before.

Home owners will find more options when they search for a professional remodeler with experience in green remodeling. Over the next five years the percentage of remodelers who expect to be doing more than 60% of their projects green will double.

Many remodelers are seeing increased interest in sustainable home features from home owners. Remodeling your home can not only fulfill your family's dream of a more comfortable and stylish home, but depending on the upgrades you choose, you can realize savings on utility costs, improve air quality for better health, and strengthen the long-term value of your home.

Green remodeling incorporates sustainable, durable, and healthier design into the renovation of existing homes. The increased interest in sustainable remodeling is due largely to the availability of more affordable products of higher quality as well as the integration of green features into standard construction practice.

Some of the top upgrades that can make a home more energy efficient include putting in high-efficiency windows and low-flow water fixtures, replacing appliances and water heaters with ENERGY STAR[®]-rated models, increasing or upgrading the quality of insulation, and installing a high-efficiency HVAC system that is appropriately sized for the area that is to be heated or cooled.

To learn more about remodeling or to find a remodeler in your area, contact your local HBA or go to nahb.org/remodel.

NAHB Applauds House Approval of Flood Insurance Bill

Urges Senate to Act Quickly [Read More](#)

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Education: NAHB – Webinar Wednesdays

[Design Trends: 45 Design Ideas for Single-Family and Multifamily Homes](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 2-3 p.m. ET
Design and Technology series

[Remodeling Market Outlook](#)

Wednesday, May 14, 2-3 p.m. ET
Economics and Research series

[Financing Solutions for Housing Rural Americans](#)

Wednesday, May 28, 2-3 p.m. ET
Policy and Finance series

[Building Information Modeling \(BIM\) and Residential Construction](#)

Wednesday, June 18, 2-3 p.m. ET
Business Improvement series

[Save Time and Money Using Systems-Built Strategies: Modular Construction](#)

Wednesday, June 25, 2-3 p.m. ET
Business Improvement series

New Webinar Series Helps You Build a Better Business

The housing market is steadily improving—but are you? Are you tackling tomorrow's business using yesterday's methods? It's time to take action **now** so you can succeed in housing's positive future. This is why you should take advantage of **[The New Normal: Retooling Your Business for Bottom Line Success webinar series](#)**. The webinars are free to NAHB members.

The topics the series will cover are:

May 1: **[Using Design Trends to Create a Competitive Advantage](#)**

May 22: **[Securing Capital for Your Company's Growth](#)**

May 29: **[Solving the Supplier/Trade Shortage: New Rules, New Thinking](#)**

Our industry-leading speakers include renowned new home sales educator **Myers Barnes**, advertising phenom **Mollie Elkman** and NAHB/National Sales and Marketing Council (NSMC) 2014 Legend of Residential Marketing award winner **John Schleimer**. **Register TODAY!** For more details about the series, visit **nahb.org/newnormal**.

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