

NEBRASKA STATE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION



This has been a rigorous year for Nebraska State Home Builders Association. Closure has been reached regarding the Home Builders Association of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Home Builders Association.

Our thanks to all of our local associations who were so supportive and helpful during this time. We are looking forward to a bright and prosperous 2016 and a rebuilding of our state association through involvement, membership, communication and education.

Each and every member does make a difference in helping us to achieve our goals in the coming year.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you from the officers and staff of the Nebraska State Home Builders Association.

Don Wisniewski

December 2015

IBS Courses

Attending the NAHB International Builders' Show® (IBS)? **Take a pre-show course** on a specific industry topic to increase your skill set. These one- or two-day courses give you the chance to really immerse yourself in the subject matter. Courses encourage collaboration and participation, with the understanding that your industry experience plays a crucial role in the classroom. Nowhere else during the year will you find all these courses available in one place, at one time. See last page of Newsletter for list of courses.

RSVP for DAR Today!

Register by **January 2** for the **Designation Achievement Reception** during IBS, January 18, 5:00-7:00 PM at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. Join your peers for this exclusive networking event, in which top designees and educators will be honored for their achievements. The event is complimentary but only open to active NAHB designees and your guest, approved instructors and licensed HBAs.

IBS Hotel Room Bloc – **CLOSES Dec 18th**

Don't scramble for a place to stay during the 2016 International Builders' Show® (IBS). Make your **hotel reservation** today!

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BANQUET

Honoring the Senators of the Nebraska Unicameral

Thursday, March 3, 2015

Cost: \$65 Per Person \$520 for Table of 8

**Location: The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge
1800 Wilderness Woods Place
Lincoln, NE**

**5:00 pm NSBHA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 pm Cocktails 7:00 pm Dinner**

**RSVP (402) 435-6772 or
nhomebuilders@windstream.net**

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RECAP 2015

January - 2015

NSHBA Officers and Members attended the 2015 IBS Show in Las Vegas, Nevada

February - 2015

NSHBA offered an **OSHA** 10-Hour Certification Class in Kearney, Nebraska

March - 2015

NSHBA held one of the most well-attended, successful Legislative Dinners in its history. Over 25 State Senators attended.



NSHBA held **"Bringing Housing Home"** here in Nebraska scheduling meetings with all of its Congressional Representatives. This included a luncheon held with Congressman Smith at the Riverside Country Club in Grand Island, Nebraska. Issues affecting the building industry were the focus of the meeting. Over 35 people attended.



NSHBA promotes Education and Safety on the Job and offers a weekly **"Tool Box"** for all members to subscribe to for training within their companies.



March 26th, 2015 - NSHBA was called upon to present testimony on the Waters of the U.S. and how it affects the building community. A Federal "Field Hearing" was held in Lincoln, Nebraska on the 26th with our President Don Wisnieski testifying on our behalf along with ranchers, farmers, the Attorney General's office and the Nebraska Association of Resources District. The Douglas County Board of Commissioner's Office also testified. A great deal of information was brought forward at this hearing and it is on record at the Capital. This was an important event for our association and for the industry.

NSHBA worked on several legislative bills at the state level. LB28 Radon Resistant New Construction Act and will again be working on that in 2016. LB276 Workers Comp did make it through and will be brought up again this year. We also worked on LB540 International Building Code Standards which passed.

May - 2015

Membership Drives were held in the state and Kearney and Central Nebraska HBA's recruited nearly 20 members.

NSHBA had representation at the Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C. We held meetings on the hill with Senators Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse. Waters of the US was the main focus and we touched on several other issues of concern to the industry.



H. R. 1732 passed on May 12th (The Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015) and we are pleased to report that Congressman Brad Ashford was a co-sponsor on that bill. I am pleased that through our work with the Common Sense Nebraska Coalition, NAHB, and our representatives on Capital Hill, we have been able to make a difference on an issue of such great importance.



NSHBA RECAP 2015

June - 2015

NSHBA held its Board of Directors meeting in North Platte, Nebraska. Our thanks to North Platte for hosting a great meeting and showing our members a great time at Nebraskaland Days.

July - 2015

NSHBA held one of the most successful golf tournaments in its history. Thanks to the generosity of our First Vice President, Stan Poff, we were again able to play golf at Awarii Dunes. Twenty two foursomes played and a great time was had by all. NSHBA was able to make money on the tournament thanks to Stan. Thank you to all of our hole sponsors, members who played golf and bought raffle tickets.

August - 2015

NSHBA held **CPR classes** in Norfolk and Kearney. Our thanks to our certified trainer. This was another great way to **"Invest in your employees with Safety Training"**. NSHBA CARES!

September - 2015

NSHBA and HBAL Representatives attended the NAHB Fall Board of Directors Meeting to conclude the final order regarding the relationship between NSHBA and HBAL.

NSHBA held its Board of Directors Meeting in Norfolk, Nebraska at the new industry training facility at Northeastern Community College. We thank Norfolk for hosting that meeting and lining up several tours to keep us very busy.

NSHBA has joined the United for Patent Reform Coalition along with NAHB and other local and state associations to stop patent trolling. This will be an ongoing national effort.

We have added a new member to the NSHBA family". Congratulations Jenn and Chad Kleewein of North Platte on the birth of Taje.



October - 2015

NSHBA held a **"Sweep the State" OSHA** Training made possible by a grant from the State of Nebraska Department of Labor. Three sessions were well attended. Education and Awareness is the key to Job Safety.

December - 2015

NSHBA's Board Meeting was held in Kearney, NE at Stan Poff's new training facility. We then toured the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument. Thank you to Stan and Kearney for hosting this meeting. We held a **Build-Pac Fundraiser** at our meeting and over **\$7,000** was raised in contributions and pledges.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, NSHBA has communicated numerous legislative bills from Washington D.C., to both the members and to our members of Congress when adversely affecting our industry. We have participated in Build-Pac, NAHB Member Advantage Benefits, NAHB Webinars and Certifications.

It has been a very busy year and we thank all of you who helped make it a success.

IBS Courses Schedule

Saturday, January 16

[Principles of Residential Marketing: Research & Analysis](#)
[Spokesperson Training Part I: Question & Answer Skills for Business & Media](#)
[Business Accounting & Job Cost](#)
[Project Management](#)
[Business Management for Building Professionals](#)
[Advanced Green Building: Building Science \(Day 1\)](#)

Sunday, January 17

[Principles of Residential Marketing: Strategy & Implementation](#)
[Green Building for Building Professionals \(Day 1\)](#)
[Financial Management](#)
[Estimating for Builders & Remodelers](#)
[Advanced Green Building: Building Science \(Day 2\)](#)
[Spokesperson Training Part II: Presentation Skills](#)
[Marketing & Communications Strategies for Aging & Accessibility \(CAPS I\)](#)

Monday, January 18

[Diversification: Capitalizing on New Business Opportunities](#)
[Green Building for Building Professionals \(Day 2\)](#)
[Marketing & Sales for Building Professionals](#)
[Risk Management & Insurance for Building Professionals](#)
[Train the Trainer](#)
[Construction Contracts & Law](#)
[Design/Build Solutions for Aging & Accessibility \(CAPS II\)](#)
[Advanced Green Building: Project Management](#)