



## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the desk of Greg Lane

### Three Things You Need To Know

1. Legislative Session Wrap-up
2. Workers' Comp Raid & HPA updates
3. Resources for BIAW members regarding COVID-19

### 2020 Session ends as COVID-19 outbreak begins

The 2020 Legislative Session adjourned sine die on March 12. Last-minute efforts to adopt a Clean Air bill failed, but the governor has pledged to continue to press for the legislation, even if he has to replace moderate Democrats who voted against the measure. Unfortunately, we were not able to resolve the double taxation issue with concrete pumping, nor were we able to have the Legislature delay implementation of the energy code. With the COVID 19 outbreak, we will be asking Governor Inslee for a 120+ day implementation delay of the state's new building codes to give us more time to educate members.

At current count, there are anywhere between 14-18 legislators who have announced they will not or are rumored to not be seeking re-election. Some of these are in swing districts and others are hard Republican or Democrat districts. We are tallying scorecards for members on our key votes and will publish them in the May issue of the *Building Insight* for our members and for WAHC endorsement consideration at our June board meeting.

For more information, contact [Government Affairs Director Jan Himebaugh](#).

### Progress made on BIAW legal work

The 2020 Supplemental Budget approved by the Legislature fixes the raid they passed last session of the Workers' Compensation Trust for the governor's green energy program. Last summer we filed a suit on this issue and agreed to stay the suit if the Department of Labor and Industries sought different funding for that program. Assuming the governor signs the budget, we will dismiss the lawsuit. However, we are evaluating the supplemental budget for additional examples of misuse of the workers' compensation fund which could mean future litigation.

The Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) will be re-opening public testimony on our HPA concerns – likely on April 10-11, 2020 (unless postponed due to COVID-19). This delays the proposed rules, originally scheduled to be implemented on Feb. 21, 2020. In the revised draft, WDFW did address many of the concerns we raised, including the pre-fine compliance process and the fining per violation v. per day issue. WDFW staff would likely request adoption of the proposed rules, including those described in WDFW's supplemental CR-102, during the April 24, 2020 commission conference call. Although it still contains a significant fine increase, the new rule represents a substantial win in getting the Department to consider our members' concerns in their process, rules, and policies.

For more information, contact [General Counsel Jackson Maynard](#).

## COVID 19 Resources

BIAW is in contact with state and federal agencies to provide the most current updates for our members regarding programs that offer assistance during the COVID 19 outbreak. This includes tax extensions from the IRS and Washington Department of Revenue, as well as loans or grants from the Small Business Administration, and resources for unemployment and paid family medical leave. We have built out a special page on the BIAW [website](#), which will continually be updated as we receive new information.

As for the BIAW offices, we are assessing the situation daily, with employees able to work from home if they are exposed or limited by childcare with school closures through April. All of our employees have the tools to access our network, receive voicemails, and work remotely as coordinated with their supervisor. Our Education program is working with local associations on class cancellations and evaluating remote learning opportunities. Currently, work on our Parkside Building is ahead of schedule.

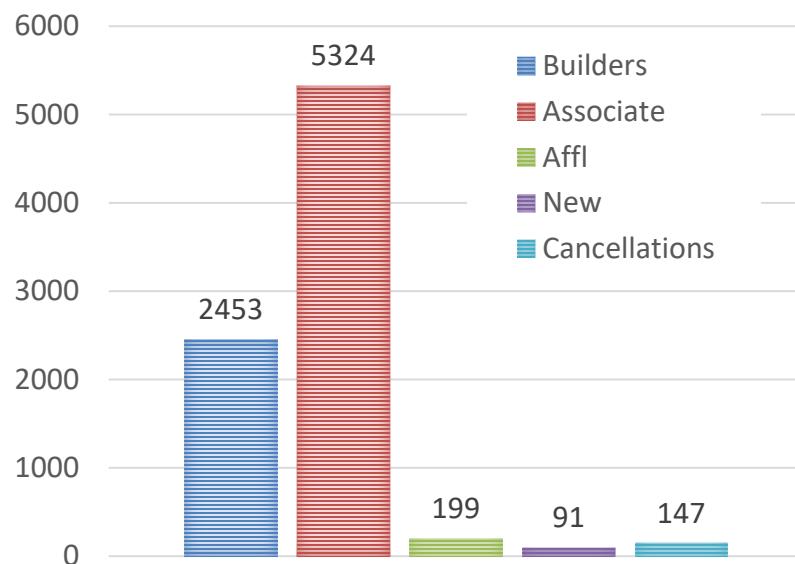
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## Membership

BIAW ended February with 7,976 total members, including affiliates, representing a net loss of 24 members from January 2020. BIAW continues to hold fourth place ranking for Group A and AA states and continues to hold first place for retention at 84.4% (down .3% from January), which is significantly higher than the national average of 78%.

### 2020 Top Spike Recruiters

Through February 2020



1. MaryAbigail Dills
2. Sherry Schwab/Luellen Smith/Brett White
3. Matt Williard

This fall NAHB will be launching a “Gain of Thrones” competition for the fall drive between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2020. Local associations can earn up to \$50/member for 3+ new members and can sign up for double Spike points either April/May or Sept./Oct./Nov. For more information: [www.nahb.org/2020drive](http://www.nahb.org/2020drive)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- NAHB Spring Legislative Conference & Leadership Meeting | June 18-20 | Washington, DC
- BIAW Summer Board Meeting | June 22-24 | Skamania Lodge