

Southern Arizona Home Builders Association

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Next Generation of Home Builders Competes at IBS

NAHB's 2020 Student Competition highlighted the next generation of home builders as 60 collegiate and high school teams competed during the 2020 International Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

This year's competition included 39 four-year programs, 14 associate programs and seven secondary programs.

[The winners](#) were announced in a high-energy awards event sponsored by Beazer Homes, Clayton Properties Group, Consort Homes, DR Horton, K. Hovnanian and Toll Brothers.

Four-Year Programs

First Place: Michigan State University
Second Place: Brigham Young University
Third Place: University of Wisconsin – Stout
Fourth Place: Texas A&M University
Fifth Place: Tarleton State University
Rookie of the Year: Tuskegee University

Associate Programs

First Place: Kirkwood Community College
Second Place: Brigham Young University – Idaho, Team 2
Third Place: Pennsylvania College of Technology, Team 1
Rookie of the Year: Collin College

Secondary Programs (High School)

The student competition for secondary programs is broken into two categories: architecture and construction management.

Architecture

First Place: Shadow Ridge High School
Rookie of the Year: Charles J. Colgan, Sr. High School

Construction Management

First Place: Dowell J. Howard Center
Rookie of the Year: Dowell J. Howard Center

EPA Announces Water Rule at IBS

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced a final “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule during the International Builders’ Show in Las Vegas.

“The Navigable Waters Protection Rule is a big win for states, municipalities, builders and developers, landowners and the American public,” Wheeler said in remarks to NAHB’s Leadership Council. “It will make it easier to understand where the Clean Water Act applies and, as importantly, where it does not.”

The EPA administrator noted the [new water rule](#) is good for the economy and the environment.

NAHB Unveils All-New Website

To better serve the needs of its members, industry partners and other key stakeholders, NAHB recently unveiled an [all-new nahb.org](#) website.

The site not only features a much more modern look, but also greatly improved search performance, enhanced content functionality and improved navigation for a better user experience.

President Trump Signs USMCA Trade Pact

In a positive development for the housing industry, President Trump on Jan. 29 signed the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

The U.S. residential construction and remodeling industries rely on tens of billions of dollars in building materials sourced from Mexico and Canada each year. By modernizing and strengthening free trade with our largest trade partners, [the USMCA will boost](#) U.S. economic growth and help keep the price of homes and home improvements low.

DOL Announces Joint Employer Rule

In a win for NAHB, the Labor Department in January announced a final rule to provide a clearer method for determining [joint employer status](#).

The rule will provide clarity and certainty regarding employers' responsibility to pay federal minimum wage and overtime for all hours worked over 40 in a week.

The new rule will take effect March 16. It includes a set of joint employment examples to further assist in clarifying joint employer status.

New App Offers Accessibility Guidance

NAHB unveiled the "Pocket Guide to the Fair Housing Act," a free app to help home builders, contractors and designers meet the [accessibility requirements](#) of the act, during the Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

“HUD welcomes the efforts of this important housing industry partner in working to meet the needs of persons with disabilities,” HUD Secretary Ben Carson told NAHB's Leadership Council.

NAHB Elects 2020 Leadership Team at Builders' Show

NAHB members elected the association's [leadership team](#) during IBS in Las Vegas.

Taking the helm as NAHB's Chairman of the Board this year is Dean Mon, a New Jersey-based builder and developer with more than 30 years of experience in the home building industry. The first Hispanic chairman of NAHB, Mon is president of the D.R. Mon Group, Inc.

Also moving up on the NAHB's leadership ladder is John "Chuck" Fowke, founder and president of Homes by John C. Fowke, Inc. in Tampa, Fla. He was elected First Vice Chairman of the Board.

Jerry Konter, founder and president of Konter Quality Homes in Savannah, Ga., was elected Second Vice Chairman of the Board.

Alicia Huey joined NAHB's leadership team with her election as Third Vice Chairman of the Board. She is president of AGH Homes, Inc. in Birmingham, Ala.

2019 NAHB Chairman Greg Ugalde, from Torrington, Conn., remains on NAHB's leadership team as Immediate Past Chairman.

Major Funding for Skills Training

HBI announced recently that [The Home Depot Foundation](#) will commit up to \$500,000 to fund student training in home construction careers in high schools across the country. Additionally, the National Housing Endowment (NHE), NAHB's philanthropic arm, has pledged \$200,000 in support of the effort.

This combined \$700,000 will provide training to thousands of students in construction trades skills.

The funds will allow HBI to provide a hands-on curriculum for high school students, along with instructor training and materials. Upon completion, students will earn a pre-apprenticeship certification endorsed by NAHB and recognized by the Department of Labor.

IBS Showcases Industry Optimism

Nearly 65,000 home building professionals from around the world filled the exhibit halls of the Las Vegas Convention Center as NAHB hosted one of the largest turnouts in recent years at the [NAHB® International Builders' Show](#) (IBS) Jan. 21-23.

IBS and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) again combined to create Design & Construction Week® (DCW), which drew a total of roughly 90,000 attendees.

"The strong attendance at this year's show reflects the positive outlook for the home building industry and the enthusiasm that our attendees have for the future," said Geoff Cassidy, NAHB senior vice president of exhibitions and meetings.

Exhibit space for IBS totaled approximately 600,000 square feet.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 4

BRE Meeting
7:30am-8:30am
SAHBA Board Rm

Wednesday, February 5

Remodelers Council Meeting
12:00pm-1:00pm
SAHBA Board Rm

Wednesday, February 12

Custom Build Council Meeting
12:00pm-1:00pm
SAHBA Board Rm

Monday, February 17

SAHBA Office Closed
Presidents' Day Holiday

Tuesday, February 18

BRE Meeting
7:30am-8:30am
SAHBA Board Rm

Tuesday, February 18

Tech Committee Mtg
3:30pm-5:00pm
SAHBA Board Rm

Thursday, February 27

Legal Lunch & Learn
12:00pm-1:00pm
SAHBA Board Rm

To see a complete list of events or to register, visit www.sahbha.org and click on the **Events** tab.

The BASH Business Associate Social Hour

March
WEDNESDAY
04
5pm-7pm

We're "mixing it up" with members of SAHBA, ASID and NKBA at Brother John's. Join us for an evening of socializing and a whole lot of fun! Appetizers provided & cash bar. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues from 3 different associations, generate business leads and create friendships. And it's FREE!



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- Rotating company logo on tv during event
- Opportunity to provide party favor or brochure

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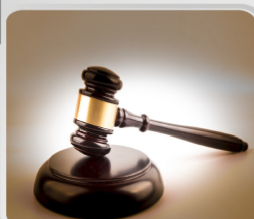


Register at www.sahba.org
(Events tab)

Questions: 520-795-5114

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Presented by:



EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUES

Thursday, January 23
12pm-1pm

Indemnification vs Insurance/Design Errors
Kristen Wendler — Farhang & Medcoff

Thursday, February 27
12pm-1pm

Warranties & Defects Claims
Eric Hawkins — Farhang & Medcoff

Thursday, March 27
12pm-1pm

Termination of Employees
TBA — Snell & Wilmer

Thursday, April 23
12pm-1pm

ROC Complaints
Neal Eckel — Farhang & Medcoff

Thursday, May 21
12pm-1pm

Estate Planning for your Construction Business
Kristen Wendler — Farhang & Medcoff

LOCATION:

SAHBA
2840 N. Country Club Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85716

\$15 to attend
Lunch provided

REGISTER AT: WWW.SAHBA.ORG

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