



New Mexico Chapter

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Legislative Session Ends February 18th

The 2010 Legislative session ended at noon on February 18th. Unfortunately, a Special Session has been called for February 24th to finalize budget issues that the Governor feels still exist. Had the Governor only allowed budget bills to be placed on the call, he would probably have had a workable budget at the end of the session. But, the majority of the bills introduced had absolutely nothing to do with budget issues. ABC was able to kill several bills that would have affected the construction industry.

Senate Bill 14 was originally intended to do away with New York state as an in-state business preference and to increase the NM business preference to 10%. The bill was substituted with a bill that not only did away with the NY state preference, but did away with the NM preference entirely. It also introduced a Reciprocal Agreement with surrounding states. Through the efforts of ABC, NMRA, and NUCA, we were able to amend the bill to put the original 5% preference back in. AGC, SMACMA and ASA attempted to fight the amendment. The bill died in committee at the last minute which means that the 5% NM preference for contractors is still in place. A special thank you goes to Kirk McWethy for coming to Santa Fe to speak to legislators on the amendment.

House Bill 180 sought to force contractors to give employees 90 days notice of an impending lay-off or be sued by the Attorney General and fined \$500 per day per employee up to 60 days. Through the efforts of ABC, ACI, NMRA, and NUCA, we were able to kill the bill.

Senate Bills 208 and 259 were introduced to take dollars away from school building projects. Through the efforts of ABC, ACI and AGC, these bills were also killed.

Denise Baker named a “Woman of Influence”

Denise Baker, President of DRB Electric, Inc. has been named a 2010 Woman of Influence by the New Mexico Business Weekly. Denise was honored along with 29 other women from New Mexico for her achievements in the business community and her philanthropic efforts for the community at large. Congratulations, Denise!

Congratulations to BRYCON!

BRYCON Construction has been named the 2010 Ethics in Business Award winner in the For-Profit category by the Samaritan Counseling Center of Albuquerque and UNM’s Anderson School of Management. The award recognizes those companies and individuals that demonstrate ethical conduct that benefits the workplace, marketplace, environment and community. Congratulations, BRYCON!

March Member Lunch

Please join us at El Pinto on Thursday, March 18th for our Monthly Member Lunch. We have a full agenda planned to include a Legislative Wrap-Up and 2010 Construction Trends. See the attached flyer for information and to register.

Session 4 of Project Supervision Series to Begin in March

The “Planning and Scheduling” session of the Project Supervision Series, taught by Ralph Baldwin, Enterprise Builders Corp., will begin Tuesday, March 16 from 5 to 7 pm. ABC is able to offer this popular class at ½ the cost to members due to WIA funding provided through the NM Workforce Connection. Session 5, “Resource Control and Cost Awareness” will begin April 27th. Please see the attached flyer for details or call Roberta Chavez.

ABC Welcomes Jennifer Mullins

Jennifer Mullins has joined the staff at ABC as our full-time administrative assistant. Jennifer is originally from northwest Florida and most recently lived in Okinawa, Japan. She is married and has two children. Welcome Jennifer!

Please be on the look out for our first ABC Billboard premiering March 1st on I-40 north of Comanche. This is part of our 2010 Public Relations Plan to promote ABC Programs and Philosophy. Through the generosity of our members we will be able to rent this billboard to promote ABC for a year!

Breakfast with the Legislators

ABC's Legislative Breakfast was held Wednesday, February 10 at the Inn of the Governors in Santa Fe. Four legislators and about 25 members attended this exclusive ABC event. Members had the opportunity to discuss proposed legislation and ask questions of Representatives Keith Gardner, Larry Larranaga, Bill Rehm and Thomas Taylor. Due to its success, watch for a repeat of this event next year!

Tom Novak, ABC New Mexico Member of the Year

Tom Novak, CEO of Klinger Constructors, LLC was awarded ABC New Mexico's Member of the Year award at the January 21 Member Lunch. Tom's financial and professional contributions, as well as his leadership and enthusiasm, have been instrumental in getting ABC's new building built. Tom served as Chairman of the Board in 2001 and has been a long time supporter of ABC's Apprenticeship programs. Thank you, Tom - we appreciate all you have done for ABC New Mexico!

ABC 2010 National Convention Follow-up

Two ABC New Mexico members were honored at the 20th Annual ABC Excellence in Construction Awards at the ABC National Convention in San Diego, CA. in February. **Kirk McWethy**, President and **Jerry Morgan**, Vice President of Operations for **SDV Construction Inc.** accepted the **National Safety Excellence Award for General Contractor**. **Klinger Constructors, LLC** received the **Pyramid National Excellence in Constructions Award** which recognizes the general contractor and construction management team for a specific project. They won in the commercial \$10-\$25 million category for the Aperture Center at Mesa Del Sol. **Carson Templeton**, project superintendent, accepted the award. Congratulations to our members!

Four apprentices competed in the National Craft Championships: **Andrew Thompson, Shumate Constructors, Inc.**, Carpentry; **Jefferey Cunningham, D.R.B. Electric, Inc.**, Electrical; **Christian Burton, Rodgers Plumbing and Heating**, Plumbing; and **Jesus Dominguez, Jr., Gardner Zemke Co.**, Sheet Metal. Our apprentices represented our chapter well - we are proud of you!

Benjamin Rodolph, a welder employed by **Big J Enterprises, LLC**, was one of seven finalists for **ABC Craft Professional of the Year**. Ben was selected through an extensive application process, as well as personal and video interviews with a panel of judges. Congratulations Ben!

Office Closed for Move

The ABC Offices will be closed February 25th and 26th while we move into our new building. We plan to be open for business at the new location, **2821 Broadway Blvd. NE**, on Monday, March 1st. Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call us before February 24th.

2010 CALENDAR

February

- 18 **Legislature Adjourns**
- 22 Executive Committee (4:00pm)
- 24 Board of Directors (11:30am)
- 25-26 Office closed for move to new location
- 27 School to World 2010 @ Albuquerque Convention Center (9:00am - 1:00pm)

NOTE: No February Member Lunch is scheduled.
No February Apprenticeship Committee Meetings will be held.

March

- 1 New ABC Office Building open
- 17 Safety Steering Committee (9:30am)
- 17 Safety Team Meeting (10:30am)
- 17 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 18 Member Lunch (11:30am, network; Noon, lunch)
- 22 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)
- 22 Executive Committee (4:00pm)
- 23 Electrical Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 24 Board of Directors (11:30am)
- 25 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)

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