



## New Mexico Chapter

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### Legislative Session Begins January 19<sup>th</sup> in Santa Fe

The NM Legislature convenes on January 19<sup>th</sup> for a thirty day session. This is a budget session, so we are hopeful that controversial bills will be kept to a minimum. There are however, several items of concern. To address the shortfall in the budget, there has been an idea proposed that in-state contractors be required to purchase a bond for GRT. The Governor is working to take back allocated, unspent construction grant and loan funds. Additionally, because of the budget cuts, we will be working hard to keep Apprenticeship dollars from being cut. Senator Keller has introduced several bills that could affect the construction industry to include SB 48 which prohibits owners and officers of construction companies that bid public works to contribute to any candidate for public office. There are several tax bills that are being considered that will affect the business community. We will know more as the session progresses.

*We will keep you informed via weekly email alerts with regard to what is going on in Santa Fe.*

### ABC Legislative Breakfast in Santa Fe

ABC will be holding an informal **Legislative Breakfast** in Santa Fe on **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**, so that you have the opportunity to ask questions of our legislators and talk about the issues in this legislative session. We have asked the Leadership of the Senate and the House to join us. The Breakfast will be held at the **Inn of the Governors from 7:30 – 9:00 AM**. The cost of the breakfast buffet is \$20. Please try to join us for this informative session. It is only with your participation in the political process that our legislators know what is important to you as business people! After the breakfast, you can take the opportunity to visit the Round House and be able to visit other legislators. Please register with the attached flyer.

### Public Policy Committee

ABC is starting a Public Policy Committee. It is imperative, as business people that we stay aware of the political climate both on a state and national level. Meetings will be on a bi-monthly basis so the time commitment is not prohibitive. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Roxanne at the ABC office at 830-4222 or email her at [rrivera@abcnm.org](mailto:rrivera@abcnm.org).

### Construction Industry Crime Alliance

ABC joined with other construction trade organizations in forming the Construction Industry Crime Alliance to curb construction equipment and other property thefts. In partnership with the Albuquerque Police Department, the efforts of CICA have decreased the number of thefts significantly. It is free to join this alliance which includes monthly meetings to discuss any crime issues or public safety concerns. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the APD Training Academy at 5412 2nd Street NW (2nd and Montano) behind the Gerald Cline Substation at 10:30 am. To join, go online to [www.safecityabq.org](http://www.safecityabq.org) and click "Join Us" at the top of the page; then "Become a CICA Partner". Call Roberta for information.

### Save the Date!

April 22

*Member Social Networking Event  
at NW Mutual Financial Network*

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## ABC National Convention News

The four top apprentices in their trades will be competing in the ABC National Craft Championships at the 2010 ABC National Convention in San Diego on February 3 – 7. These apprentices will take a 2 hour written exam and participate in a 7 hour practical hands-on competition. They are: **Andrew Thompson, Carpentry – Shumate Constructors, Inc., Jeffery Cunningham, Electrical - D.R.B. Electric, Inc., Christian Burton, Plumbing – Rodgers Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Jesus Dominguez, Sheet Metal – Gardner Zemke Co.** Four ABC instructors will also be attending the convention to support their students: **Mike McDonald, BRYCON Construction; Jerry Morgan, SDV Construction; Andy Gonzales, BRYCON Construction; and Charles Gurule, Gardner Zemke Co.** Congratulations to our apprentices and good luck at the convention!

## Re-Cap of January Planning Session

The Strategic Planning Session for 2010 was held last Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard Marriott. Thanks to those who attended. Our goals for 2010 are to increase membership by increasing our diversity initiatives and building our brand, increasing collaboration with other organizations, increasing our political advocacy and enhancing our education programs. We have a healthy agenda for 2010, but we are confident that we will accomplish our goals.

## STEP Update

Contractor members should have received their 2010 STEP applications in the mail by now. If not, we have some here at the ABC office. There have been some changes in the requirements this year: the 20 Key Components have been enhanced, a new Incidence Rate qualifier is needed for Gold and Platinum levels, and a copy of the 2009 OSHA 300A must be included with the application. Those applying for STEP Platinum must include their 2009 OSHA 300 as well. Please turn in applications to Roberta here at the ABC office ASAP.

## Building Progress!

Our new building is almost complete and we anticipate moving in by March 1<sup>st</sup> if all goes well! Save the date for our Grand Opening Party on April 29.

## 2010 CALENDAR

### January

- 19 **Legislative Session Begins**
- 20 Safety Steering Committee (9:30 am)
- 20 Safety Team Meeting (10:30 am)
- 20 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Committee (3:00 pm)
- 25 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30 pm)
- 25 Executive Committee meeting (4:00 PM)
- 26 Electric Apprenticeship Committee (3:00 pm)
- 27 Board Meeting (11:30 AM)
- 28 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00 pm)

### February

- 3-7 National ABC Convention in San Diego, California
- 10 **Legislative Breakfast – Inn of the Governors, Santa Fe (7:30am-9:00am)**
- 15 **PRESIDENT'S DAY – Office Closed**
- 17 Safety Steering Committee (9:30am)
- 17 Safety Team Meeting (10:30am)
- 17 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 18 **Legislature Adjourns**
- 22 Executive Committee (4:00pm)
- 22 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)
- 23 Electrical Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)2
- 24 Board of Directors (11:30am)
- 25 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 27 School to World 2010 @ Albuquerque Convention Center (9:00am – 1:00pm)

**NOTE:** No February Member Lunch is scheduled.



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