



New Mexico Chapter

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Apprentice Graduation A Success!

Nearly 300 attendees gathered to celebrate the 29 graduates of four trades at the Sandia Hotel and Resort Friday evening, June 4th. Former Governor Gary E. Johnson addressed the graduates on pursuing their goals. He cited his early beginnings in construction doing concrete work while in college which culminated in the establishment of **Big J Enterprises, LLC**. In addition to serving two consecutive terms as governor, Mr. Johnson participated in triathlons and reached the summit of Mt. Everest. We would like to thank all the companies who generously gave donations for door prizes. The Grand Prize raffle which included deluxe accommodations for one night at Sandia, a spa gift certificate and goodie basket went to Richard Durbin of **Alpha Southwest Inc.**

Gubernatorial Forum Draws 165 Attendees

Our May Member Lunch featured a Republican Gubernatorial Forum and drew over 165 attendees on May 17th. All of the Republican candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor were in attendance. This was the *only* Gubernatorial Forum in the entire state for the Republican candidates that featured all five candidates, other than the debate on KOB television. Also featured were Kent Cravens and John Sanchez, candidates for Lt. Governor. The candidates were all asked the same three questions which ranged from their business experience to immigration.

ABC to Co-host August Gubernatorial Forum

On August 30, ABC along with several other associations including NAIOP and AGC will host the General Forum for Governor featuring Susana Martinez and Diane Denish. Please look for information forthcoming in the July Matters and also in a separate flyer to be sent out in July.

ABC Celebrates Grand Opening and 30th Anniversary

On Thursday, June 10, over 150 ABC members celebrated our 30th Anniversary in NM and the Grand Opening of the ABC Offices and Training Facility. Kirk Pickerel, National President, and Jim Elmer, National Chair participated in the festivities, which included a ribbon cutting by the **Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce**. Thanks to **First Community Bank, Aon Risk Services, Inc. of NM, New Mexico Mutual and Mechanical Concepts Ltd. Co.** for sponsoring this great event!

ABC Receives Diversity Grant

ABC received a \$10,000 grant from ABC National for its Diversity Initiative – the Women’s Leadership Forum which will be held on September 16, 2010. The grant will be put toward defraying the expenses of the forum which will help to further our mission of achieving diversity within our membership. The Forum is being co-sponsored by NAIOP, CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) and NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction. Please watch for more information to follow.

Mount Corporation Sponsors July Billboard

Mount Corporation, owned by Stanley Mount is sponsoring our ABC billboard for July. Mount Corporation, a commercial general contractor, is a provider of uncompromised general construction services for the discriminating client.



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ABC 2010 Legislative Conference

At this writing, Bob Pelletier, ABC Chairman, and Roxanne Rivera-Wiest, President, are at the ABC Leg-Con in Washington, D.C. They have been able to meet one-on-one with Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, where they voiced their concerns about President Obama's Executive Order for Project Labor Agreements on federal projects over \$25 million. They asked both senators to please be cognizant of the fact the NM contractors are 92% non-union. They also inquired as to what could be done in this economy to make access to capital easier for contractors. In addition, Bob Pelletier asked Senator Udall to look into the Residential Tax Credit to see if it could be expanded to cover commercial building. When Bob and Roxanne met with Representatives Lujan and Teague, both stated that the House had just passed a bill authorizing local community banks to lend \$30 billion to small businesses. They are also scheduled to meet with Representative Heinrich. Next month's Matters will contain a complete wrap-up of the conference.

Field Trip to UNM Pit Renovation

ABC members are invited to visit UNM's Pit renovation by **Flintco, Inc.**, the general contractor on the project. The \$60 million renovation has been underway since early 2009 and will be completed before this fall's basketball season. Please use the attached flyer to register for the field trip. Although there is no charge, a limited number of visitors can be accommodated.

July Deadline for Apprentices Applications

If your company wishes to enroll current employees in the ABC Apprenticeship programs, they must be interviewed no later than the July committee meetings (see the calendar for dates). The fall semester begins August 30th. If certain criteria are met, there is WIA funding available to ABC companies which will cover half of the new apprentices' wages for the first 6 months of their new position. Please contact Patrick Gannon, NM Workforce Connection, 843-1940 for more information on this opportunity.

2010 CALENDAR

June

- 21 Education Committee (11:30am)
- 21 Executive Committee (4:00 pm)
- 22 Electrical Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting (11:30 am)
- 24 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 24 Trust Board (4:00pm)
- 28 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)

July

- 5 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- 6 Public Policy Committee (4:00pm)
- 13 CICA meeting (10:30am) Location TBD monthly
- 15 Member Lunch (11:30am, network; Noon, lunch)
- 21 Safety Steering Committee (9:30am)
- 21 Safety Team Meeting (10:30am)
- 21 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 19 Executive Committee (4:00pm)
- 20 Women's Leadership Forum Committee (8:30 am)
- 21 Board of Directors (11:30am)
- 26 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)
- 27 Electrical Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 28 Drywall Applicator Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)
- 29 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)



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