



New Mexico Chapter

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At Last! We Are In Our New Building!

After many years of planning and hard work by our members, the new ABC Office and Training Facility has opened at 2821 Broadway Blvd. NE, just north of Menaul. The offices and training facility comprise 12,000 square feet and will house the labs and classrooms for ABC Apprenticeship programs. ABC plans to have the labs ready for the fall semester. Three large rooms equipped with high bays and tool cribs will be used by the carpentry, drywall, electrical, sheet metal and plumbing apprentices. Utilizing input from the instructors, the labs will be outfitted with the necessary tools for training. Please come by and tour your new facility!

Bannering Pamphlets

ABC NM has developed a bannering pamphlet in order to address the problems that our members have been experiencing with the carpenters union. This pamphlet, entitled "Dealing with Union Bannering", discusses the issues and the tactics used by the carpenters union and the facts. It also talks about what owners and contractors can do to address this issue. The pamphlet is only available to ABC members and is available at the office and online at www.abcnm.org if you would like to print and distribute to your clients, customers and to the general public.

ABC Traveling to Las Cruces

Several members of the staff and ABC Chair Bob Pelletier will be traveling to the Las Cruces area to hold an educational meeting for open shop contractors. We will make them aware of ABC NM and member benefits, including networking, political advocacy and the Apprenticeship programs. ABC wants to build membership around the state because we believe that especially in this election year, many companies will be attracted to our philosophy of free enterprise, open competition and advancement based on merit.

WIA Funding Now Open to Current Employees

Workforce Investment Act job training assistance is now available for employers who wish to place a current employee into the ABC Apprenticeship Program. Previously this funding was only available for unemployed, potential apprentice applicants. Employers vetting individuals into apprenticeship are eligible to receive 50% of the apprentice's wages for the first six months of their apprenticeship. WIA funding is also available for customized training that upgrades employees' skills. Please contact Patrick Gannon at 843-1940 or Charles Rose at 843-1930 of NM Workforce Connection for additional information on these opportunities to make your training funds go further.

Grand Opening/ 30th Anniversary Celebration Re-Scheduled

In order to assure that ABC National President and CEO Kirk Pickerel and National Chairman Jim Elmer can attend our Grand Opening and 30th Anniversary Celebration, it has been re-scheduled for **June 10, 2010 from 4-7 PM**. Please mark your calendars and prepare to celebrate with fellow members, apprentices and local officials. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact BJ Raynes at bravnes@abcnm.org or call the office.

Free Member Mixer!

Thursday, April 22
4-6 PM

Hosted by:
**Northwestern Mutual
Financial Network
8220 San Pedro NE**

*Meet and mingle with fellow
members – bring a guest*

Free food and drink!

This issue sponsored by:



ANNUAL MERIT GOLF TOURNAMENT FILLING UP FAST!

This year's Merit Golf Tournament will be held **Monday, May 17, 2010**, at Tanoan Country Club! Many of our team slots have already been filled, so get your registration in before **March 22** and save \$ with early registration fees! To help celebrate ABC New Mexico's 30th anniversary, we have lowered the player fees and some sponsorship fees! Player registration fees are \$175 until March 22, \$185 after March 22. There will be breakfast, a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., lunch mid-day and a raffle for some great prizes! Oh, and of course, prizes for the winners! IF YOU HAVE RAFFLE ITEMS TO DONATE OR WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ TO PURCHASE RAFFLE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT BJ RAYNES @ braynes@abcnm.org or at 505.830.4222.

March Member Lunch

Our March Member lunch was held on the 18th at El Pinto. Matt Kennicott, the Chief of Staff for the NM House Republican Caucus gave an update on the 2010 NM Legislative Session and an outlook on what to expect at the 60 day session in 2011.

Public Policy Committee

The first meeting of the ABC NM Public Policy committee was held on March 15th. We discussed opportunities in the legislature, participation in Interim committees, union issues, and the Prevailing Wage battle. We also began to create a grassroots activities plan. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Roxanne Rivera-Wiest at rrivera@abcnm.org or call the ABC office.

Region I Conference in April

The ABC Region I conference will be held on April 23rd and 24th in Portland, Oregon. Conference registration is \$100. This conference is a great opportunity for you to meet other contractors in the region and compare notes with them. Please contact the ABC office for more information or go to www.abc.org to register.

Women's Leadership Forum

"The Women's Leadership Forum – Strategies for Women In Male-Dominated Fields" will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010. This half day forum will address the challenges of being a woman in the male-dominated industries of construction, engineering, architecture and others. We will begin with a breakfast and Panel Discussion followed by four break-out sessions and lunch. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact BJ Raynes at braynes@abcnm.org or Roxanne Rivera-Wiest at rrivera@abcnm.org

2010 CALENDAR

March

- 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)

April

- 12 Public Policy Committee meeting (4:00 pm)
- 13 Diversity Committee-Women's Forum (8:30 am)
- 13 CICA meeting (10:30am, APD Police Academy, 5412 2nd St. NW)
- 15 Member Lunch (11:30am, network; Noon, lunch)
- 21 Safety Steering Committee Meeting (9:30am)
- 21 Safety Team Meeting (10:30am)
- 21 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 22 Member Networking Event
- 23-24 Region 1 Conference in Portland , OR
- 26 Executive Committee (4:00pm)
- 26 Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee (3:30pm)
- 27 Electrical Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 28 Board of Directors (11:30am)
- 28 Drywall Applicator Apprenticeship Committee (3:30)
- 29 Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (3:00pm)
- 31 Board of Trustees (3:30pm)

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