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## Indiana General Assembly helps housing in final hours of session

See page 3 for how the model home tax relief impacts 2009 tax bills.

### Budget fails, Legislators to hold special session

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned from the 2009 regular session, but with a House vote of 27-71 defeating the budget bill, legislators will be called back to the Statehouse to pass a budget during a special session.

The budget needs to be passed by June 30 which marks the start of a new fiscal year, although the Governor has not announced when he plans to call legislators back to work on the matter. IBA will continue working and discussing the possibility of an Indiana-specific new home tax credit to be included in the next budget that would be open to all home buyers.

### Unemployment insurance trust fund bill passes

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund issue was one of the more difficult tasks lawmakers tackled this session as the bankrupt jobless fund needed an infusion of cash to keep federal regulators from taking over Indiana's program.

A bill passed late one evening that will lower the rate for many credit balance employers, while raising the rate on debit bal-

ance employers. IBA was appointed to a special task force over the summer to review the solvency of the Trust Fund and recommend changes to the current structure.

Many of IBA's members are small businesses who are credit balance employers.

Employers now pay into the system premiums ranging from 1.1 to 5.6 percent based on Indiana's taxable wage base or the first \$7,000 of an employee's annual wage.

Under the compromise plan, several changes in premiums would help plug the fund's gap. What is known as the taxable wage base would be increased from \$7,000 to \$9,500 and the minimum and maximum premium rates would range from .70 to 9.5 percent for calendar year 2010, with annual minimum employer contributions per employee ranging from \$66.50 to \$902.50. After that year, businesses would begin paying premiums based on a new rate schedule ranging from .75 to 10.2 percent, with annual minimum and maximum employer contributions per employee ranging from \$71.25 for businesses not tapping the fund, while the maximum contribution would increase to \$969 for those who use the fund the most - still below the Midwest average maximum contribution of \$1,041.

Employers would be able to make contributions over five years beginning in 2010 or 2011 to buy down to a lower range of premiums - similar to paying points on a mortgage - generating up to an additional \$75 to \$100 million in extra revenues to jump-start the fund's balance.

The bill will also reform the system, potentially saving the fund about \$302 million annually, making up nearly half of the \$617 million proposed overhaul.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/ls/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&session=1&request=getBill&docno=1379>.

### Burdensome employee classification bill fails - but issue addressed

The employee classification bill that passed the House earlier this session did not pass the Indiana General Assembly this year, but the issue was addressed in other legislation.

IBA was successful in amending residential construction from the original bill.

Legislative (see page 5)



Leaders of the Indiana Builders Association visit with Senator Evan Bayh during NAHB's Legislative Conference (left to right): National State Representative Mike Bell, GMB, CGB, CGR, CAPS, CGP; Darren Reaman; NAHB Area 9 Vice Chairman Tom Mullen, MIRM, CMP, CGB, CGP; Senator Bayh; NAHB Build-PAC Alternate Trustee Jud Motsenbocker, CGB, CGR, CAPS; Dave Van Dyke; NAHB Build-PAC Trustee Heath VanNatter, CGP; IBA President Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP; Brian Mann; and IBA CEO Rick Wajda. See page 15 for more photographs.

## Secretary of State Todd Rokita to speak at IBA Board meeting

The Indiana Builders Association's board of directors will convene for a Board and committee session on Monday, June 8, 2009 at the Hilton Indianapolis North on the northeast side of Indianapolis. The Board meeting will be at 4 p.m. with Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita addressing the Board.



Todd Rokita

Since being elected as Indiana's 59<sup>th</sup> Secretary of State in 2002, Rokita has effectively redefined and modernized the Secretary of State's office to provide Hoosier investors, businesses, and voters vastly better service and to promote Indiana's economic vitality and prosperity for the future.

He is committed to ensuring an open, collaborative approach to government. Secretary Rokita has earned praise from across Indiana and beyond due to his leadership in the areas of election reform, combating investment fraud and other white collar crimes, civic involvement, and establish-

ing Indiana as a vibrant economic force in a global economy.

He has a Bachelor's degree from Wabash College and a law degree from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. After law school, he worked as a practicing attorney for several years before serving as General Counsel to former Indiana Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy and later as Deputy Secretary of State. He is a native of Munster, Indiana.

Several committees will meet prior to the board meeting and all members are invited to attend the meetings of their choice. See the list on page 3.

All members are invited to convene at the Hilton Indianapolis North in between meetings for lunch with your colleagues from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The hotel restaurant will offer a buffet lunch for \$11 per person. In addition, everyone is invited to network immediately following the Board meeting in the hotel lobby bar.

All meetings will take place at the Hilton Indianapolis North, 8181 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Board (see pages 3 & 8)

## HBA of Howard County brings 16 players to IBA Golf Outing



Even in a tough economy, the HBA of Howard County members turned out to support the political action efforts of the Indiana Builders Association and the NAHB. See page 7 for more outing photos and info.

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## How are Indiana builders doing?

**A**s I travel the state many of you are asking the same questions — How are Indiana builders doing and is the housing market at the bottom?

My answer is that Indiana builders are hanging on by their fingertips and it depends on how you measure the bottom. Unemployment continues to be the underlying force that is slowing the recovery in many areas.

I had a rare chance recently to attend a dedication of the first NAHB All Green Community in the country. The great news is that it is located in Porter County, Indiana. The **Village in Burns Harbor** was awarded the first NAHB Green development award. The presentation was made by **Bob Jones**, NAHB's First Vice Chairman, and accepted by builder and developer **Cliff Fleming**. Cliff took me into his home prior to the ceremony and showed me his plans for this new community. Cliff's vision in these tough times is that while everyone is pulling back, he is moving forward and will be in a great position when the economy spikes back up. **Congressman Pete Visclosky** was also in attendance to praise the new Village. Thanks to Cliff Fleming and the Porter County BA, including **Executive Officer Vicky Gadd**, for a great day in north-west Indiana. The Porter County BA is planning an all Green Home Show at the Village in Burns Harbor later this year. They are truly setting the bar high in the Green Building arena.

I also recently attended the Monroe County Building Association meeting and was impressed with the positive attitude of members. What a great sight to see two thirds of their members in attendance. I encourage everyone to visit their Website at [www.mcbaindiana.org](http://www.mcbaindiana.org). It's progressive and provides information to consumers and members. **Executive Officer Nancy Baldwin** hosts a Saturday morning radio show that is called House to Home show. The show is a great benefit to the association membership. The group is also the IBA leader in membership retention. Many thanks to **President Aaron Stolberg** and his association for a job well done.

Next I traveled to a beautiful spot in southern Indiana, the Dearborn County Builders Association. It is always great to be with old friends after traveling so far from home as Life Director **Dave Sunderman, CAPS**, and Builder Area Vice President **Dan**



### President's Message

By **Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP**  
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**Losekamp, CGB, CAPS, CGP**, made me feel right at home. **President Randy Maxwell** and **Executive Officer Kim Roell** are working hard to keep members informed about state and national issues.

I traveled back to Indianapolis the next day to attend the Certified Green Professional certification classes. Instructor and **Past IBA President Stephen Robinson, GMB, GMR, CGB, CGR, CAPS, CGP**, taught the sell-out crowd techniques from the NAHB Green Building curriculum. Indiana has the most certified green Professional designation holders in the country at 356. I have always taken great care in my energy efficiency building techniques and now will build green as well. Stephen's passion for the subject made my experience a good one. Indiana builders are ahead of the rest of the country with trained Green Professionals. Thanks to **Cindy Bussell** and the IBA staff's effort to educate our members.

Other good news for our members is the future Indiana Builders Associations involvement in weatherization. A historic

time for this Association if our proposal is accepted by the State of Indiana. IBA was asked by the Governor to assist the State in administering monies to help Hoosier homeowners weatherize their homes. It is a credit to past and present IBA leadership that we have gained the confidence of our state government officials. This will be a way to get Indiana builders and remodelers back to work in 2009 when we need it the most. **IBA Past President Mike Hannigan, Jr.** and IBA staff worked tirelessly in their efforts to craft our Request for Funds proposal. We expect to know more in June. If you have questions on this program please direct your inquiries to [www.buildindiana.org](http://www.buildindiana.org).

Membership is and will continue to be a concern in the upcoming months. There are great things happening to talk about to prospective members, as well as those that are considering not renewing in an effort to save money. Our strength is in our numbers and I hope that everyone will continue to bring new members in each month. They are out there and just need to be asked. Invite them to a meeting or an event. Let them know that their membership gives them a voice in the Statehouse that just recently won a huge victory with our model home act.

I would like to commend **CEO Rick Wajda** and his staff for keeping their eye on the ball at the eleventh hour. Look for the Legislative Report in this issue for details.

Best Regards, Dennis



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# Legislature passes model home act revisions

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned at the end of April from the long session without passing a new two year state budget and lawmakers are expected to be called back in to session in early June.

However, shortly before the midnight deadline on April 29, 2009 lawmakers did pass HEA 1071, which addresses homeowners associations and revisions to the model home act. As of printing, the bill awaits Governor Mitch Daniels signature into law.

HEA 1071 included a provision that revises the model home act passed in 2008 that would apply the provisions of the law to the 2009 payable tax bills for model/spec homes. IBA lobbyists worked late into the evening to negotiate a compromise with leadership in the House and Senate to pass a bill that applies the model home act tax relief language to tax bills coming out this year. This piece of legislation should bring some much needed relief to builders who have existing model/spec homes in inventory right now.

A link to the existing law and the bill that just passed are: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title6/ar1.1/ch12.6.html> and <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2009/HE/HE1071.1.html>.

The Model Home Act provides a 50 percent property tax deduction on the structure of a model or speculative home built in Indiana. The deduction is allowed for an assessment date for which the residence is partially assessed and for the first three years for which the residence is fully assessed, as long as the structure has never been used as



**Inside the Issue**  
By Rick Wajda  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
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a principal residence or used as the owner's principal office space. Property, such as garages, used to store or display promotional material or used to meet with prospective clients qualifies for the deduction.

The legislation provides that not more

than three model residences in Indiana owned by the same owner or an affiliated group of owners may qualify for the deduction for an assessment date. After one residence becomes ineligible for the deduction, another model or speculative home initially assessed at a later date may take advantage of the deduction.

Many legislators, including House and Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle helped the IBA on this critical issue throughout the session. Legislators know the home building industry is hurting and this provision should help ease the financial burden of many builders across the state sitting on existing inventory.

HEA 1071 in its final form passed the Sen-

ate by a vote of 48-1 and passed the House by a vote of 92-5. The conferees for HEA 1071 were Rep. Cheatham (D-North Vernon); Rep. Hinkle (R-Indianapolis); Senator Boots (R-Crawfordsville); and Senator Lewis (D-Charlestown). Senator Hershman (R-Wheatfield) inserted the model home language in the Senate and Rep. Herrell (D-Kokomo) introduced a version of the bill in the House.

On behalf of the Indiana Builders Association, thank you to the many additional legislators for standing up for affordable housing in the Indiana General Assembly and working behind the scenes to include the model home act in legislation in the waning hours of the session.

**IBA BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**June 8, 2009**  
**Hilton Indianapolis North**  
 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 Senior Officers  
 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Executive Committee  
 11:00 - 12:30 pm  
 Lunch with colleagues  
 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
 Local Presidents Council  
 Local Executive Officers' Council  
 Area Vice Presidents  
 Investment Policy Committee  
 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
 Housing Protection Fund Board  
 Green Building Committee  
 Rural On-site Wastewater Sub.  
 Membership Committee  
 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
 Remodelers'  
 Land Use Committee  
 Associates' Committee  
 2:30 - 4:00 pm  
 Codes Committee  
 3:30 - 4:00 pm  
 Executive Committee  
 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Board of Directors'  
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## Work begins on Indiana's next statewide residential code

By a vote of 13-10 in favor of the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC), the 2009 Residential Code Review Committee of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission begins work on Indiana's next statewide residential code.

The Committee is comprised of 24 voting members with eight Indiana Builders Association (IBA) members, eight Indiana Association of Building Officials (IABO) members, and eight independent voters. IBA and IABO voters are selected at each meeting by the respective codes committee chairs, Lynn Madden and Jim Markle. The independent voters, ratified by the Committee, are not members of the IBA or IABO and must be Indiana residents. Independents are experts in the areas of fire safety/services, public utilities, product suppliers, architects, building designers, engineers, and manufactured housing.

IBA's eight voting members at the Committee meeting on April 9 were Calvin Bolt, Warsaw; Matthew Brown, CGP, Merrillville; Houser Canter, New Albany; Steve Dean, Indianapolis; Matt Lancia, CGP, Fort Wayne; Lynn Madden, Centerville; Matt Sigler, Noblesville, and Jeff Washler, Auburn. Other IBA members present were Doug Crook; Bill Fox, Jr., CGB; Phil Gettum, CGB, CGR, CAPS; Joe Heinsman; John Kremke II, CGB, CGP; Tom Mullen, CGB, CGP; Kris Owen; Chuck Skopelja; Steve Washburn, CGP, and Will Wright.

Now that the Committee has decided on a



code, the review process begins and will last anywhere from six months to a year. During the review process anyone may submit proposed code changes. The Committee discusses the proposals then votes on whether or not to amend the code. When the Committee has finished its work it submits the revised code, in the form of a proposed rule, to the state to begin the promulgation process.

IBA will work diligently with the state's Committee to ensure that safety is balanced with affordability when it comes to fire sprinklers and many other mandated provisions in the 2009 IRC.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these Committee meetings: May 21, June 11, July 9, July 30, August 20, September 10, October 1, October 22, and November 12, 2009. The meetings are open to the public. The meeting notice, minutes,

and agenda for upcoming meetings are posted at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2494.htm>.

To propose a code change, complete and return the Proposed Code Change Form 41186R to the state of Indiana. The form

can be downloaded from the code services section of the state's website at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2375.htm> or contact Carlie Hopper at [Carlie@BuildIndiana.org](mailto:Carlie@BuildIndiana.org) or (800)377-6334 for a Word template.

## Brace for changes in braced wall lines in the 2009 IRC

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Just what is a "Braced Wall Line"? As with almost everything in the residential code, wall bracing was simpler in past codes. Back in the CABO code days (before the IRC existed) exterior walls required bracing and interior walls were not addressed and therefore had no requirements. In the 1995 CABO code, the text of wall bracing was less than half a page and the wall bracing table, which was the only table or figure for wall bracing, was about 2" tall. In the CABO code each wall segment, from one corner to the next, was treated separately and met the requirements on its own.

The term "braced wall line" debuted in the 2000 IRC and the addition of the requirement for interior braced wall lines came with the 2003 IRC. The Indiana Residential Code, 2005 edition reads "Braced wall lines shall consist of braced wall panel construction methods in accordance with Section 602.10.3. The amount and location of bracing shall be in accordance with Table R602.10.1 and the amount of bracing shall be the greater of that required by the Seismic Design Category or the design wind speed. . . . Braced wall panels that are counted as part of a braced wall line shall be in line, except that offsets out-of-plane up to 4' shall be permitted provided that the total out-to-out offset dimension in any braced wall line is not more than 8'". The intent was to allow combining of several parallel wall segments into a single wall line so they could be considered together when trying to meet the wall bracing requirements. This was a helpful change since over time the average house had become considerably bigger, more complex, and had a lot more offsets in the walls. Treating each wall segment separately on such a house was becoming increasingly difficult, especially when one or more of these wall seg-

ments consisted of mostly openings.

Generally speaking, the wording was interpreted to mean the braced wall line was on top of one of the wall segments, generally the "main" or longest one. As you jogged back and forth from one parallel wall segment to the next, no offset from one wall segment to the next could be over 4' and from the left most to the right most parallel wall segment could be no more than 8'. All these segments could then be considered together and the amount of bracing required for these segments together would depend on the length of the wall line from the beginning of the first wall segment to the end of the last wall segment.

The 2009 IRC will, however, make it clear that this is not the case. In the 2009 IRC a braced wall line is just a line on the page wherever you choose to put it. It does not need to be on top of any wall segment. The offsets between wall segments are completely irrelevant and they can be any amount. The 4' offset is the offset from the wall line to a particular wall segment. Any wall segment parallel to the wall line and within 4' of either side of it is included in that wall line. Generally (the exceptions are not important for this discussion) the length of the wall line is from the beginning of the first wall segment included to the end of the last wall segment included. Braced wall panels may be placed in any of these wall segments following the rules for braced wall panel location.

The interesting thing about this is that there is no reason not to interpret the Indiana Residential Code, 2005 edition in this manner. If you read the wording of the current code above you will see that it talks about the offset of the braced wall panels from the braced wall line and not about the offset of wall segments from each other. The wall line is never said to be on a wall segment. In fact walls are never mentioned but only the braced wall panels as if isolated and separated from the walls that contain them. Discuss this way of looking at braced wall lines with your local building officials if they agree you will find that it creates even greater flexibility in complying with the bracing requirements.

## Celebrate May with National Remodeling Month

The National Association of Home Builders Remodelers have developed promotional materials that are available free to remodeler members, home builders associations and local remodelers councils. The promotional materials are designed to increase remodeling awareness with consumers.

The materials are available by logging

onto the NAHB Web site [www.nahb.org/remodelingmonth](http://www.nahb.org/remodelingmonth).

The information available includes easily customizable press releases, articles and plenty of marketing ideas to help promote remodeling throughout May.

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## Legislative (from page 1)

However, SB 478 provides for the sharing of information concerning the classification of individuals as independent contractors in the construction industry among the department of labor, the department of state revenue, the department of workforce development, and the worker's compensation board of Indiana. It also provides that certain information pertaining to employee classification shared among the state agencies is confidential and may not be published or open to public inspection.

IBA supported SB 478 as a good tool to get a handle on the classification issue.

For complete details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=478>.

### Property tax caps not voted on in House

The Indiana House did not take up Senate Joint Resolution 1 which, if passed, would have allowed the tax caps of 1%, 2%, and 3% passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2008 to go in front of the voters in 2010.

The General Assembly must pass the resolution in the upcoming special session or in the 2010 short session or the issue will not be eligible for a voter referendum in 2010 to put the caps in the Constitution.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&session=1&request=getBill&docno=0001&doctype=SJR>.

### Homeowners association bill passes

HB 1071, authored by Representative David Cheatham, (D-North Vernon), deals with homeowners associations and will impact all homeowners associations established after June 30, 2009.

This was one of the last pieces of legislation to pass the House and Senate after reaching a compromise with IBA. IBA has been wrestling with this issue for several years and with the passage of the bill it would be our hope not to revisit the issue in the near-term.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&session=1&request=getBill&docno=1071>.

### Water nuisance bill heads to summer study committee

HB 1278, authored by Representative Milo Smith, (R-Columbus), which originally dealt with water nuisances and diffusing surface water from one person's land to another, passed the Indiana General Assembly in the waning hours of session, but sent the water nuisance issue to a summer study committee.

The bill urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of water rights, drainage, and utilities and awaits the Governor's signature into law.

IBA will be working on the issue over the summer with interested parties and Legislators.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2009/HE/HE1278.1.html>.

### Immigration bill dies in House

SB 580, authored by Senator Dennis Kruse, (R-Auburn), dealing with immigration died without receiving a hearing in the House this session.

The bill included language to revoke the business licenses of companies that repeatedly hire illegal workers among other provisions.

The bill passed the Indiana Senate earlier this session by a vote of 37-13.

House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer said he believes immigration is a federal issue and should not be dealt with in Indiana. IBA concurs with that position and continues to urge Congress to address the issue.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&session=1&request=getBill&docno=580>.

### 'Holey Moley' bill awaits Governor's signature into law

SB 487, authored by Senator Ed Charbonneau, (R-Valparaiso), requires an operator to provide information concern-

ing the locations of its underground facilities to the IUPPS. It also establishes the underground plant protection advisory committee (advisory committee), authorizes the advisory committee to conduct hearings on certain violations of underground plant protection law, and authorizes recommended penalties to the Indiana utility regulatory commission.

It also establishes the underground plant protection account to receive deposits of civil penalties and deletes obsolete provisions requiring operators to record underground facility locations with county recorders.

IBA worked with the author of the bill to address our outstanding concerns.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=>

[getBill&docno=487](http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=487).

### New disclosure for rental property in flood plain

HB 1473, authored by Representative Milo Smith, (R-Columbus), requires residential, agricultural, and commercial rental agreements entered into or renewed after June 30, 2009 to disclose if a structure on the property is located on a flood plain.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=1473>.

### Green building mandate dies

HB 1620, authored by Representative Matt Pierce, (D-Bloomington), which required certain government buildings to be designed and constructed to achieve or

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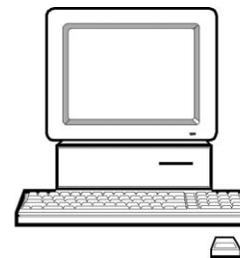
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# News from around the state



Monroe County Building Association leadership welcomes IBA President Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP, to a recent membership meeting (left to right): Mike Baker; Dan Killion; Kevin Powell; Monroe County President Aaron Stolberg; IBA CEO Rick Wajda; IBA President Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP; Tom Fuller, GMB, CGB, CAPS, CGP; Lori Abram; and Ben Beard.



Representatives from the HBA of Greater Terre Haute recently met with Congressman Brad Ellsworth to discuss the challenges facing the local housing industry (left to right): Rick Jenkins, Jenkins Builders; Jim Nichols, First Financial Bank; Tom Slater, Timberland Lumber Company; Mitch Lankhaar, L & L Drywall; Marsha Doan, HBA Executive Officer; Brian Cottom, Woodco Walls; Aaron Mackey, Woodco Walls; Congressman Ellsworth; Mark Zimmerly, Zimmerly Development; Jack Crapo, ReMax; Don Eycler, E & R Construction and HBA President; and Fred Nevils, Wetnight & Nevils Construction.



In attendance at the a recent BA of Elkhart County general membership meeting were (left to right): David Miller, D.L. Miller Woodworking; Lance Swank; IBA Past President Larry Swank; Stillman Knight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of HUD; and IBA Past President Charles Daub, CGB.



NAHB 2nd Vice Chairman Bob (second from left) and Carol Nielson are pictured at the BA of Elkhart County general membership meeting with Indiana national leaders (third from left to right): Stephen Robinson, NAHB Build-PAC Trustee; IBA Treasurer Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CAPS, CGP; and Tom Mullen, MIRM, CMP, CGB, CGP, National Area 9 Vice Chairman.

## Board (from page 1)

Members do not need to make reservations for the board meeting as their will not be a meal function. Attendance will be taken at the door for IBA records.

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**Henry County BA President Pat Smith** speaks about their local association's "Coats from the Heart" fundraiser garage sale at a **Henry County Chamber Luncheon**.



**Pat Smith, president of the Henry County Builders Association**, talks to eighth-grade students (left to right) **Katelyn Downs, Brittany Criswell and Amber Anderson**, during a **Career Day exhibition at the New Castle Middle School** recently.



**Rick Wajda (right), IBA CEO**, and his two sons, catch up with **Congressman Mike Pence** at a baseball game at **Victory Field in Indianapolis**.

## Indiana development first to earn National Green Building Standard Certification

A neo-traditional community in Northwest Indiana is the first in the country to earn land development certification under the National Green Building Standard.

The 60 acre parcel was carved from unused farm fields and old commercial sites in the town of Burns Harbor, a once-dying steel town an hour from Chicago by train. The successful - and documented — focus on environmental stewardship earned the development its certification.

Approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in January, the ICC-700-2008 National Green Building Standard sets benchmarks and a verification protocol for single-family homes, apartments and condominiums, remodeling, lot and site development and all kinds of residential construction.

Already, more than 1,000 new homes, renovation projects and subdivisions are in the scoring process for the standard at [www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org), the online home of the NAHB National Green Building Program. "That is indicative of explosive growth in the two months since the standard was approved," said NAHB Chairman Joe Robson, a builder and developer in Tulsa, Okla. "It's another demonstration of how NAHB is leading the green building movement to the benefit of the environment and American home buyers."

In laying out the Village in Burns Harbor, developer T. Clifford Fleming protected environmentally sensitive areas, preserving existing vegetation and the natural water and drainage features on the site while adding more plants native to the Upper Midwest.

The high-density residential areas are connected by sidewalk to the town center, and

two South Side railroad line stations are within five miles of the development, providing easy access for commuting. Interstate 94 also runs alongside.

When completed, the community will include a mix of 265 single-family, semi-detached and multifamily homes and a town center with retail, residential and commercial development. Sixty homes have already been completed, including two single-family homes built by Coolman Communities that were certified earlier this year by the NAHB National Green Building Program.

For homes to be certified, builders must address a range of factors, including energy, resource and water efficiency; lot design and preparation; indoor environmental quality; and education for the home owner on the operation and maintenance of the green home.

The National Green Building Standard is the result of the efforts of 42 individuals, including builders, architects, regulators, code officials, product manufacturers and environmental experts who conducted four public hearings and read through more than 2,000 comments.

"The certification of the Village in Burns Harbor is another great step forward as NAHB continues to move green building practices into the mainstream," said NAHB Chairman Joe Robson, a builder and developer in Tulsa, Okla.

"I congratulate Fleming, the Porter County Home Builders Association, the verifying firm of Energy Diagnostics and the home owners in Burns Harbor for leading the way," he said.

IBA President Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP, and NAHB 1st Vice Chairman Bob Jones were at the presentation.

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## Legislative (from page 5)

exceed green building standards did not pass out of committee in the second half of session and was not amended into any other legislation.

IBA is opposed to any green building mandates and would prefer an incentive-based approach.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=1620>.

### Lead-based paint program transfers agencies

SB 202, authored by Senator Beverly Gard, (R-Greenfield), transfers the lead-based paint activities program from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to the State Department of Health. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

The Department of Health has been administering the program under a memorandum of understanding and now will receive statutory authority to continue doing so.

IBA will be watching for any changes made to the current program.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=202>.

### Retention pond language did not move forward

SB 351, authored by Senator Richard Bray, (R-Martinsville), was to allow the Barrett

Law funding to finance various structures around retention ponds. The bill failed to receive a hearing in the second-half of session and was not amended into other legislation.

IBA initially raised concerns with including the term 'fence' in the legislation as an acceptable barrier and that language had been removed.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=351>.

### Deduction for installation of a solar powered roof vent or fan does not move forward

Language in the conference committee report on HB 1447, authored by Representative Peggy Welch, (R-Bloomington), contained an adjusted gross income deduction for a taxpayer that had a solar powered roof vent or fan installed.

The credit was equal to the lesser of 50 percent of the amount paid for labor and materials in the installation or \$1,000.

The conference committee report was adopted in the Senate but the House did not pass it before adjourning.

To view the language, see links under conference committee reports and visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=1447>.

### Theft of metal legislation passes

SB 21, authored by Senator Karen Tallian,

(D-Portage), strengthens theft of metal law. The bill, among other things, provides a definition of a valuable metal, requires a valuable metal dealer to photograph a person from whom the dealer purchases valuable metals, and raises theft and receiving stolen property to a Class C felony if the stolen property is a valuable metal taken from certain places.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=21>.

### Mortgage loan originators and principles to be licensed

House Bill 1646, authored by Representative Woody Burton, (R-Whiteland), changes the statute concerning the regulation of loan brokers to specify that the law applies to residential mortgage loans. The bill also requires mortgage loan originators and principal managers to be licensed, rather than registered, by the securities commissioner.

The legislation also sets forth a number of requirements for licensing which include: a written examination, submit fingerprints every three years for use in criminal history background checks, authorize the commissioner to obtain a consumer report, and annually renew the license.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=1646>.

### Foreclosure settlement counseling passes

SB 492, authored by Senator Travis Holdman, (R-Markle), among a variety of other items, creates a settlement conference procedure with lenders and the courts for homeowners going through a foreclosure in an attempt to encourage residential mortgage modifications. The conferences are funded through a \$50 court fee for mortgage foreclosure actions filed between June 30, 2009, and January 1, 2013.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2009&request=getBill&docno=492>.

### Energy Code for Class 1 structures passes

HB 1348, authored by Representative Ryan Dvorak, (D-South Bend), which originally included class 2 structures, passed the General Assembly and awaits the Governor's signature into law.

The bill requires the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt the most recent edition, including addenda, of the: (1) International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as published by the International Code Council for Class 1 structures; or (2) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 90.1 for Class 1 structures before July 1, 2010.

The commission may amend the code or standard as a condition of adoption under this subsection.

IBA worked with the author of the bill to exempt class 2 structures.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2009/HE/HE1348.1.html>.

### Bill licensing interior designers passes

HB 1573, authored by Representative

Peggy Welch, (D-Bloomington), requires the professional licensing agency to create an electronic registry for interior designers; establishes registration criteria for interior designers; sets fees, and provides that the professional licensing agency is not liable for misrepresentations, fraud, or omissions caused by an individual who is registered on the registry.

The article applies to a person who practices interior design after December 31, 2009. This article does not apply to a registered architect, a registered professional engineer, or an owner or employee of a manufacturing, wholesale, or retail establishment who provides consultation regarding interior decoration or furnishing on the premises of the establishment.

The legislation previously gave interior designers the authority to officially stamp design plans in which there are no structural or mechanical changes; however, only engineers and architects have stamping authority.

For details visit <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2009/HE/HE1573.1.html>.

### No movement on real estate transfer tax or tax on services

As legislators looked to craft a new two year budget over the last four months, a real estate transfer tax and tax on professional services continued to come up as a funding source to offset the loss of revenue due to the economy.

IBA and other trade associations continue to advocate against those new taxes and the potential negative ramifications on the real estate and housing industry if those new taxes were instituted.

IBA will be working with the Indiana General Assembly during the upcoming special session to craft a budget without any new tax on services or real estate transfer tax.

### IBA supported environmental bill passes

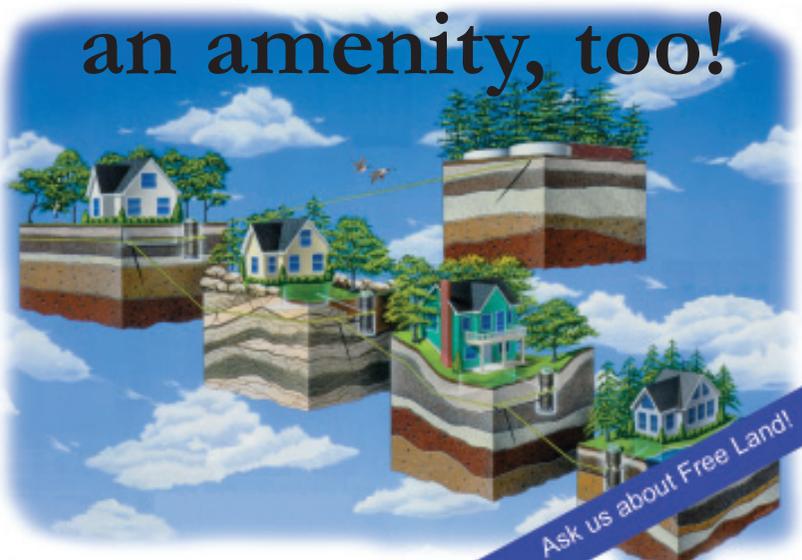
HB 1162, authored by Representative Dennis Tyler, (D-Muncie), passed the House and Senate in the waning hours of session after reaching a compromise on language of great interest to the IBA. HB 1162 contained, among other things, a provision dealing with antidegradation, which is a review process required by federal law to ensure surface waters are protected. The review is in addition to the underlying permit, which in IBA members' case is a Rule 5 permit for stormwater associated with construction activity.

IBA has been involved in the rulemaking for over ten years and the legislation will allow the agency to move forward on general permits (Rule 5 and others) as meeting the antidegradation review and provides guidance to IDEM on factors to be considered in a social and economic review of the permit.

IBA supported the legislation and is appreciative of the work of the authors and sponsor of the bill, including Representative Joe Pearson, (D-Hartford City), and Senator Beverly Gard, (R-Greenfield).

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**Legislative** (from page 10)

**Legislation of interest that died during the 2009 session**

**HB 1400, School impact fees**, authored by Representative Scott Reske, (D-Pendleton). Authorizes a school corporation to adopt a school impact fee resolution that imposes an impact fee on new residential development.

**HB 1441, Numerous changes to planning and zoning law**, authored by Representative Joe Pearson, (D-Hartford City). Eliminates

review of zoning decisions by certiorari and establishes a judicial review procedure. Provides procedures for vacation of a plat, including any recorded covenants. Prohibits, for two years after an unsuccessful vacation petition, a subsequent vacation proceeding regarding the same property and relief. Allows a plan commission to grant waivers from the subdivision control ordinance, and provides that a plan commission may allow or require a commitment to be made. Makes changes regarding: (1) qualifications of citizen members of plan

commissions and boards of zoning appeals; (2) appointment of alternate members to all plan commissions (current law allows only an area plan commission to appoint alternate members); (3) disqualification of plan commission and board of zoning appeals members due to financial interest or bias; (4) publication of the zoning ordinance; and (5) commitments and conditions. Makes other changes to the planning and zoning law. Repeals superseded statutes concerning vacation of plats, commitments, and writ of certiorari.

**SB 58, Property tax assessment of undeveloped land**, authored by Senator Greg Walker, (R-Columbus). Limits to one year the period during which undeveloped land in the inventory of a land developer is not subject to property tax reassessment.

**SB 220, Annexation**, authored by Senator Beverly Gard, (R-Greenfield). Provides, with certain exceptions, that when a municipality initiates an annexation, the municipality must file a petition with the court containing the signatures of: (1) at least 75 percent of the landowners in the territory proposed to be annexed; or (2) the owners of more than 75 percent in assessed valuation of the land in the annexed territory. Provides that, if the court finds that the petition has a sufficient number of signatures, a hearing will be conducted to review the annexation and fiscal plan. Eliminates a procedure that requires the court to order an annexation not to take place if certain circumstances are shown. Removes provisions allowing a municipality to obtain waivers of a landowner's right to remonstrate against an annexation. Provides that in all circumstances an annexation becomes effective when the ordinance or judgment is filed by the municipal clerk.

**SB 234, Public safety funding**, authored by Senator Jim Buck, (R-Kokomo). Eliminates the authority of a political subdivision to impose a property tax for public safety services.

**SB 284, International energy conservation code**, authored by Senator Sue Errington, (D-Muncie). Requires the fire and building safety commission to adopt the most recent edition of the International Energy Conservation Code before July 1, 2010. Requires the commission to adopt any subsequent editions of the code not later than 18 months after the effective date of the subsequent edition.

**SB 373, Mechanic's liens**, authored by Senator Dennis Kruse, (R-Auburn). Establishes a state construction registry program to create and maintain an electronic database for the filing of certain mechanic's liens that relate to the construction, alteration, or repair of Class 2 structures. Makes other changes and conforming amendments.

**SB 387, Recorder fees deposited in affordable housing fund**, authored by Senator Robert Deig, (D-Mount Vernon). Requires (in a county other than Marion County) a county that has authorized an additional recording fee to distribute the fees to each city and town within the county that has established an affordable housing fund and, if the county has established an affordable housing fund, to the county. (Current law provides that in these counties, 60 percent of the money is distributed to units that have established affordable housing funds and 40 percent of the money is transferred to the state for deposit in the affordable housing and community development fund.)

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# ANSI approves National Green Building Standard™



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"The approval signals a new era for the nation's builders, remodelers and developers and also provides an extra measure of reassurance for home buyers," said Joe Robson, a home builder in Tulsa, Okla., and Chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

"The National Green Building Standard is now the first and only green building rating system approved by ANSI, making it the benchmark for green homes," said Ron Jones, who chaired the consensus committee charged with developing the standard.

"The standard provides home builders and remodelers with a much more expansive

third-party rating system that they can use to achieve green certification under NAHBGreen and the National Green Building Certification Program," said Mike Luzier, CEO of the NAHB Research Center.

The Research Center provides certification for NAHBGreen projects, which until now have only included single-family homes. "Consumers are looking for authentic, verifiable green building practices, and now they'll find them with a true industry consensus standard for residential green building," Luzier said.

The standard defines what green practices can be incorporated into residential development and construction and how home owners can operate and maintain green homes.

But the National Green Building Standard also provides for flexibility - allowing home builders and home buyers to make green choices based on climate and geography as well as style preferences and budget.

As part of the stringent process required by ANSI, NAHB and the International Code Council gathered a fully inclusive and representative consensus committee composed of a broad spectrum of builders, architects, product manufacturers, regulators and environmental experts.

The work of the consensus committee was administered by the NAHB Research Center, an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer.

The consensus committee deliberated the content of the standard for more than a year, held four public hearings and evaluated over 3,000 public comments in the development of the standard.

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# Membership is your strongest tool for survival – use it!

**W**ikipedia (the online dictionary) describes “member, as a person who belongs to a group of people like an alliance or consortium”. I like the word alliance and the mental image created when we think about being a member of the Indiana Builders Association.

“Alliance” signals to me, a common vision, a mutual purpose, a planned purpose for membership, a common path to follow to meet the goal or outcome, association with like-minded individuals and strength in numbers.

Take a moment before you read on to think about the mental images conjured in the previous paragraph and the application each thought has as it relates to “YOU” maximizing your benefit of being a member of IBA and your local association.

At this very moment, it is easy to be side tracked by all the smoke and mirrors that we are exposed to on any given day in this HOUSING INDUSTRY. As members, we need to understand that IBA is the foundation of members building solid business platforms to move ahead.

We have a “common vision”: keep housing affordable.



*Indiana Builders Association*  
**Membership Movement**  
 Doug Miller,  
 GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS  
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*Builder Membership Chairman*

We have a “mutual purpose”: Be proactive in all our initiatives to keep housing affordable.

We have a “common path”: Membership.

We have an “association of like-minded individuals”: YOU!

We have a “common association: IBA.

Quite frankly, it’s hard not to get somewhat excited about the future of housing! IBA will serve as our platform for housing to rebound resiliently while providing members who understand the “value of membership” the vision, purpose, path and association needed to move forward.

Membership is your strongest tool for survival, use it!

Thank you for your membership in 2009!

## Indiana Builders Association moves offices

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### New Members As of March 31, 2009

Local HBA	Y-T-D New Members
Elkhart County	22
Porter County	15
St. Joseph Valley	14
Greater Terre Haute	13
Greater Lafayette	11
Greater Indianapolis	10
Southern Indiana	9
Kosciusko-Fulton Co.’s	8
Northwest Indiana	7
Southwestern Indiana	6
Southeastern Indiana	6
Howard County	5
Fort Wayne	4
North Central Indiana	4
Dubois County	2
Monroe County	2
Wayne County	2
Madison County	2
Gibson County	2
East Central Indiana	1
LaPorte County	1
Marshall County	1
Jasper County	1
River Valley	1
Grant County	1
Northeast Indiana	0
Dearborn County	0
Vincennes Area	0
Lawrence County	0
Jackson-Jennings	0
Henry County	0
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>150</b>

### Retention Rate As of March 31, 2009

Local HBA	Retention Rate
Jasper County	105.9%
Southeastern Indiana	100.0%
River Valley	100.0%
LaPorte County	98.7%
Monroe County	97.8%
Greater Terre Haute	97.7%
Lawrence County	97.4%
East Central Indiana	96.1%
Kosciusko-Fulton Co.’s	95.9%
Dubois County	95.7%
St. Joseph Valley	94.9%
Fort Wayne	94.4%
Greater Lafayette	94.1%
Northeast Indiana	93.7%
Southwestern Indiana	93.5%
Greater Indianapolis	93.4%
North Central Indiana	92.9%
Elkhart County	92.8%
Howard County	92.6%
Vincennes Area	92.6%
Madison County	91.3%
Marshall County	90.9%
Gibson County	89.5%
Southern Indiana	89.1%
Dearborn County	88.0%
Northwest Indiana	87.9%
Grant County	84.6%
Porter County	84.6%
Wayne County	84.3%
Henry County	84.2%
Jackson-Jennings	76.7%
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>92.9%</b>

### Membership Standings As of March 31, 2009

Local HBA	Total Members
Greater Indianapolis	939
Elkhart County	420
Fort Wayne	395
Southwestern Indiana	353
Northwest Indiana	341
Southern Indiana	287
Greater Terre Haute	265
St. Joseph Valley	239
Kosciusko-Fulton Co.’s	220
Porter County	218
Greater Lafayette	203
Dubois County	158
Monroe County	133
Howard County	131
Northeast Indiana	119
East Central Indiana	100
Dearborn County	81
LaPorte County	77
Vincennes Area	63
Wayne County	45
Marshall County	41
Lawrence County	38
Jasper County	37
Southeastern Indiana	28
Madison County	23
Jackson-Jennings	23
River Valley	21
Gibson County	19
North Central Indiana	17
Henry County	16
Grant County	12
At Large Members	1
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>5063</b>

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## Recruiters to receive prizes for calling in new members on May 19 - National Membership Day

**M**ark your calendar for National Membership Day, Tuesday May 19 and make sure your local association calls in your new members.

The National Association of Home Builders will award prizes to membership recruiters.

Record 2 Spike credits in May and receive a round contemporary desk clock.



Record 4 Spike credits in May and receive an insulated day pack picnic cooler complete with a pocket knife, bread knife and cutting board.

Record 6 Spike credits and receive a cookout apron kit with insulated beverage pocket, detachable bottle opener, padded oven mitt and towel.



In addition to these great prizes, Spike credits for all participating associations are doubled in March, April and May, depending on when your local HBA signed on to the national membership campaign.

Member recruiters are eligible for prizes **ONLY IF** their local HBA phones in their new member pledges on May 19 to 1-800-368-5242 x 8440 and submits their May reports by Friday, May 29.

Fantastic prizes such as a hotel stay in Vegas for IBS, iPod, and \$300 AMEX gift card will be awarded to callers throughout the afternoon.

Recruit and win big in May!

### Indiana Builders Association

**March 31, 2009**

**5,063 members**

**2009 Goal**

**5,800 members**

### Indianapolis welcomes new members at open house

BAGI President Pete Hils (right), Scott Homes, welcomes new member Steve Keyes, Shelter Distribution, to the New Member Open House.



The BA of Greater Indianapolis recently held a new member open house to welcome and educate nearly 30 building industry professionals. The event provided new members with an opportunity to network and visit with BAGI and IBA staff.

## Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!



# JOIN & \$AVE

The builders association knows it's tough out there and that we need each other now more than ever.

Members of the builders association work together for the benefit of each other and the industry.

The builders association is the resource for all housing industry professionals.

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Once a new member's membership is processed by a local builders association and submitted to the National Association of Home Builders and the Indiana Builders Association, the member's information will be forwarded to these companies. New members may call the number listed by each benefit for complete details. Must be redeemed by March 31, 2010 unless noted otherwise. Must be redeemed by new member or employee of new member company. Does not apply to renewed or reinstated members.

# Home building industry visits Capitol Hill



*Congressman Mike Pence (fourth from left) meets with the Indiana building delegation.*



*Congressman Peter Visclosky (third from left) spends time discussing housing issues with IBA's members.*



*Congressman Dan Burton (seated in rocking chair) greets Indiana's housing delegation. Nearly 1,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders visited their congressional delegates during the NAHB Legislative Conference held in Washington, DC. Agenda topics included the economy, housing tax incentives, the AD&C lending crisis, card check, and housing finance system reform.*



*IBA President Dennis Spidel, GMB, CGB, CGR, CGP, (left) talks with his Congressman Mark Souder.*



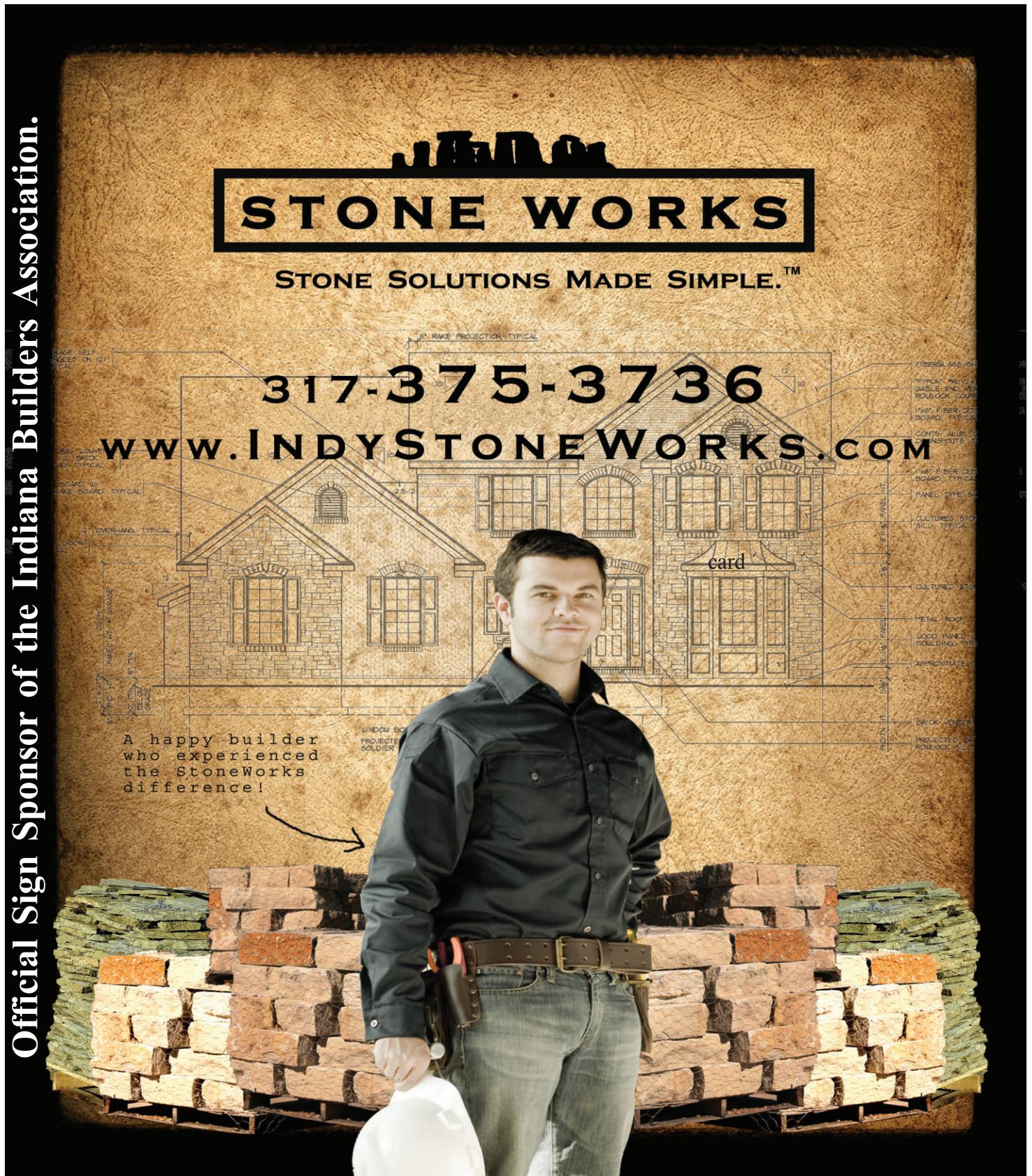
*Congressman Mike Pence (right) updates IBA members on federal housing issues.*

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