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## Indiana General Assembly supports housing initiatives

he Indiana Senate and House of Representatives adjourned sine die on April 29th, marking the end of the 117th Indiana General Assembly. Lawmakers now return to their districts for the summer, but may return for an official session day in June to discuss any technical corrections needed. Legislators will also begin discussing issues for the 2012 session during summer study committees. IBA will be engaged in those issues that are of interest to the home building industry.

The Indiana Builders Association had a successful session with the passage of several bills, including legislation to soften the tax blow many builders face with their inventory of completed homes. Please see below information on bills passed during this session as well as some of the issues that did not make it through the General Assembly. Additional issues are covered on page 5.

## Tax break for new home inventory

HEA 1046 (Rep. Crouch R-Evansville,



Indiana Builders Association 101 W. Ohio St., Ste. 1111 Indianapolis, IN 46204



Sen. Hershman R-Buck Creek) provides a 50 percent property tax deduction to a residential builder for a single family residence, townhouse, or condominium that is classified as a residence in inventory (spec home). The bill allows for the deduction to be claimed on up to three homes for the first three years the spec home is fully assessed. This legislation will complement (not replace) the existing model home statute. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/ PDF/EH/EH1046.1.pdf

### Lawmakers tout balanced budget

HEA 1001 (Rep. Espich R-Uniondale, Sen. Kenley R-Noblesville) spends \$28 billion that included \$150 million in additional spending for K-12 education and leaves a \$1.1 billion surplus at the end of fiscal year 2013. Lawmakers tout that the bill does not include any tax increases and is structurally balanced in both years of the biennium. Also included is a provision that directs 50 percent of state reserve balances above 10 percent of appropriations to an automatic taxpayer refund and the other 50 percent to the Pension Stabilization Fund to reduce the unfunded liability of the pre-1996 TRF account. Additionally, the bill creates an Interim Study Committee to study laws concerning mandatory union membership and project labor agreements. http:// www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/PDF/ HE/HE1001.1.pdf

#### State immigration bill passes

SEA 590 (Sen. Delph R-Carmel, Rep. Koch R-Bedford) passed the Indiana Senate and House on the last day of session. The bill was substantially amended throughout from the initial "Arizona-style" legislation that was introduced. The bill among other provisions requires all state agencies and local units of government to use the federal E-Verify system to confirm the citizenship or legal employability of all new hires after June 30, 2011. The legislation also bans state and local governments from entering into or renewing contracts unless the contractor verifies they do not employ illegal immigrants through the E-Verify system. SEA 590 establishes penalties for someone who knowingly or intentionally transports, conceals, harbors or shields from detection an illegal immigrant for commercial or private financial gain and includes penalties for business owners in Indiana who knowingly hire illegal immigrants by no longer allowing them to de-

**Assembly** (see page 10)

Miller,

President Doug

CGB, CGP, CAPS.

"This program

continues to pro-

GMB,

## **IBA Home Energy Conservation** Program weatherizes 5,000th home

arlier this month, the Indiana Builders Association provided home energy conservation measures to its 5000th client. "I personally want to thank all of the auditors and contractors who are participating in IBA's Home Energy Conservation Program," comments IBA





IBA Home Energy

Conservation Program vide a great service to Hoosiers inneed while putting contractors back to work."

The program is administered by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority through federal ARRA stimulus

Scheduled to run through the end of the year, IBA's goal is to weatherize a total of nearly 6,200 homes throughout Indiana.

IBA contracts with over 200 auditing and contracting firms throughout the state to provide home energy conservation measures. For more information, visit www.IBAEnergy.org

## Lt. Gov. Skillman to speak to IBA Board June 20th

-IBA seminar to teach OSHA's new fall protection directive -

t. Governor Becky Skillman will be the special guest speaker at the Indiana Builders Association Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Hilton Indianapolis

North. The Board meeting begins at 3:15 pm.

A native of southern Indiana, she is committed to revitalizing Indiana's economy for the benefit of all Hoosiers. She understands the importance of bringing economic develop-



Lt. Governor Becky Skillman

ment to all regions of the state. She will update the IBA Board on affairs of the state as they relate to the housing industry.

Directors and committee members from throughout Indiana will convene to discuss housing and association policy during committee and the Board meetings.

IBA is also hosting an OSHA Fall Protection seminar, sponsored by MBAH Insurance, for members to learn about the new OSHA Fall Protection directive. The seminar, being offered free of charge, will be held from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Reservations are necessary.

All meetings will be held at the Hilton Indianapolis North, 8181 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250. A limited number of overnight accommodations are available at a discounted rate of \$89 plus tax. Reservations may be made on-line at: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/INDINHF-BUILD-20110619/ index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG or by calling 1-800-HILTONS and identify that you are with the Indiana Builders Association.

See page 8 for complete meeting details.



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## One day at a time - one step at a time - one client at a time

o my friends and colleagues at the Indiana Builders Association, many events have occurred that will continue to impact our lives, our businesses, our families and our faith.

The worldwide war on terror took a positive turn with the death of Osama bin Laden. Time will tell if our nation is a safer place in which to pursue dreams and if those traveling outside the borders of the US will be exposed to fewer threats. Congratulations to our military special "ops" team who made this happen. Will this event bolster confidence of the American public? If so, will housing lurch forward? We will know soon enough.

Gas prices topped \$4 per gallon. Good or bad, if as Americans we want to move independently, then we must pay the price. Obviously, close monitoring of our travel and having a point to our "coming and going" will make this time bearable. Undeniably, this event alone will impact the housing industry, our cost of doing business and ultimately the market price of new construction

Ironically, it doesn't really help us market "green" building and the corresponding savings. And yet, perhaps it does. It paves the way for housing professionals to prove to the market, we as the industry build cost conscious, environmentally friendly, sustainable housing.

The stock market continues to rally much to my amazement. So many external negative influences and yet continued growth. The national debt is simply "out of control" by any standards. This a concern to most citizens, still the market moves forward. The market and the debt; two divergent entities intertwined in the core of the economy, generating a rising market. This recovery is wonderful: it means a return of equity in savings and IRA's, investment growth and recovery which in turn provides the cash and savings for the purchase of a home - "the American dream". Good news for housing!

The Federal Reserve has pledged to keep interest rates low; a plus for housing. Great news for borrowers!

Have you contacted your representative and asked that the "mortgage interest deduction" remain intact? I encourage every



IBA President Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS, (right), welcomes Elliott Eisenberg, NAHB Senior Economist, to the northern part of Indiana. Elliott presented his economic impact findings to IBA members during his speech in northern Indiana.



## President's Message

By Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS D.L. Miller Construction, Elkhart

President, Indiana Builders Association

member to do this; to take this away from the average homeowner will be devastating to them and ultimately our industry. Be proactive on this!

Reality surfaced! Chief economist of NAHB David Crowe and several counterparts from large investment houses acknowledged they read the housing market incorrectly as 2011 began. The pace of new construction began slower than originally anticipated and drug along creating sparks through March. The new forecast is continued momentum through the end of 2011 and accelerated growth in 2012. To my fellow members in the trenches, we knew this. But we continue to persevere. Continue to do your job and make housing happen!

Congratulations to Rick and Gretchen. With the uniqueness of this legislative session, the walk-out of the democrats not-withstanding, our (IBA's) advocacy team fought the good fight and hit a home run for affordable housing. The direct result of their efforts is our industry is intact, healthier and poised to move families into homes.

In no specific order a few highlights are listed from this session:

- 1. The immigration issue will not unfairly penalize Hoosier employers.
- 2. Builders and developers will be able to claim a 50 percent property tax break on up to three speculative homes for three tax cycles.
- 3. Builders are not responsible for storm water runoff on building sites as long as they abide by the terms of their permit, due to extenuating circumstances.
- 4. No moratorium on newly constructed private-pay nursing home beds.
- 5. Local health departments will not enforce the EPA Lead Renovation Repair and Painting Program (RRP).
- 6. Habitat for Humanity can continue to provide zero interest rate loans to qualified buyers.
- 7. Private transfer fee covenants are prohibited.

If you have followed the legislative report, you will recognize these items. If you do not receive the document, log onto BuildIndiana.org and sign up for voterVoice. It's a great way to stay in sync with housing and IBA. It's worth the time and the read.

Indiana has a balanced budget! The message is fiscal responsibility; this is a positive message for businesses and for families considering a move to Indiana. It is a positive step that encourages investment in this state and as a result, the creation of jobs. This will support housing.

I am immensely proud and humbled to be part of this industry and this federation at this moment in history. I hope you are as well! We continue to work through unprecedented times, in historical global and national weather events, mired in a fiscal "bog", without clear vision of national leadership and we continue to move forward. One day at a time. One step at a time. One client at a time. We are, in the strictest sense of the word, "prospering".

Why? Because IBA continues to remain true to its mission statement: working diligently and prudently to maintain affordable housing for Hoosiers.

To add clarity; by participating and administering weatherization, the path IBA has taken to achieve its mission statement looks different than the traditional course IBA has followed. The net result yields the same success. My thanks to those who made the decision to involve IBA with this, and a "job well done" to IBA staff for their continuing efforts to make this program successful for Hoosiers!

A reminder, on June 20th, IBA's second board meeting for 2011 will take place in Indianapolis. This will be a one day format, jam packed with work. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The continued success of IBA is dependent upon your attendance and input at these meetings, as well as IBA's ability as a federation to act with one voice.

IBA will soon be hosting a golf event to raise funds for NAHB Build-PAC. I am aware we are all on tight budgets. This event historically is our largest event for PAC. Commit with me to participate this year. This is always a great day of camaraderie and networking. We want to see you there!

Finally; to those local builders associations that I have had the privilege of visiting thus far in 2011, thank you for your hospitality and your generosity in fielding my comments. To those I am scheduled to visit, I am looking forward to meeting your members.

As 2011 moves forward, be patient, vigilant, prayerful and diligent. God will provide.

My best to you!

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## IBA to embark on action plan for 2012 and 2013

he Indiana Builders Association leadership will soon begin the process of laying out an action plan for the direction our association will head over the next two years. This action plan will replace the more traditional strategic planning process that would set the goals for the association for a 3-5 year period.

Leaders of the past, present, and future discussed this preferred method on a recent conference call and it always amazes me the depth of knowledge and expertise our association has at its disposal. With our industry changing by the day, your leadership team thought it would be more prudent to look 1-2 years out instead of long-term.

The good, the bad, and the ugly....

The good news is that your state association has fared better then many other construction-related associations over the last five years. Your senior officers acted swiftly as the downturn hit our industry and IBA began cutting at the beginning of the downturn instead of waiting to see how long it lasted. The staff was reduced, some programs were eliminated and others were suspended until further notice. IBA tightened its belt, just as every one of your businesses has over the last five years.

However, IBA continued to offer its core services of legislative and regulatory representation at the Statehouse and we expanded our offerings to engage in the Home Energy Conservation Program administered by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority through federal

## NAHB offers free resources for remodelers to promote national remodeling month in May

ay is National Home Remodeling Month, and with remodeling activity starting to pick back up, the timing is perfect for members and local builders associations and remodelers councils to promote the benefits of remodeling and highlight professionalism in the industry.

To help in this endeavor, NAHB Remodelers has created a members-only toolkit that includes resources such as: Press releases; column service articles; fact sheets (including ones on aging in place and green remodeling); public service announcements; a remodeling month proclamation, and "May is National Home Remodeling Month" logos.

Also included are guidelines for conducting marketing campaigns that promote the benefits of remodeling, emphasize the advantages of hiring a professional remodeler, increase awareness about remodeling and attract prospective customers.

Members will also find tips to get them started, including ideas for public events as well as how to use social media effectively **Remodeler** (see page 5)

Inside the
Issue
By Rick Wajda
Chief Executive Officer
Indiana Builders
Association

ARRA stimulus awards. This new venture allowed IBA to provide a great service to Hoosiers in-need while putting contractors back to work. This program is slated to run through the end of the year.

The bad news is that it does not appear likely that the federal government will continue to provide the same amount of funding going forward for energy conservation measures across the state. IBA is looking into additional opportunities to engage in conservation measures now that we have a network of qualified contractors and auditors across the state that have been trained by the State of Indiana to provide these services.

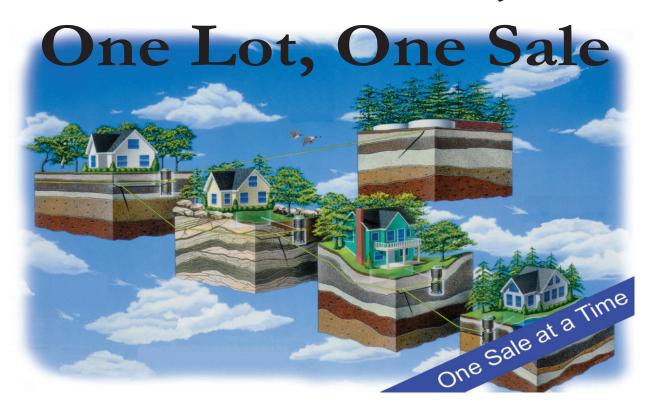
This new cottage industry of energy conservation contractors and auditors provide an excellent source of information and expertise on measures that can be taken to improve the efficiency of a structure across the state. I firmly believe that whether government, utilities, or the private sector funds these activities, our contractor network will have a leg-up on the competition due to their work in the program.

The ugly is the continued soft recovery

of the housing market. Most folks in the "know" on the housing industry believe we are at the bottom, but how long it takes to get back to a new "normal" is anyone's guess. Rising energy prices won't help allay consumer fears out there either. However, I am an eternal optimist and I think the worst is behind us and the end of 2011 and 2012 will give us reason to believe.

Thank you for your continued support of this great industry and great association. If you have any thoughts, comments, concerns, suggestions on the direction of your state association, please do not hesitate to call me at 800-377-6334 ext. 204 or email at rick@buildindiana.org. This is your organization and we can only plan for the future accurately if we know which direction you want us to head. Thanks.

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## Indiana General Assembly session ends on a positive note for housing

awmakers raced through an abbreviated schedule for the second half of the session and in the end were still able to adjourn before their deadline. Legislators rose to the challenge by approving new district maps, a structurally balanced budget, education reform, a phase-in approach to lowering the corporate income



Proactive
Politics

By Gretchen White,
Government Affairs
Director,
Indiana Builders Association

tax, and many other pieces of legislation that will impact Hoosiers across the state. IBA members should be very grateful legislators took into consideration their needs and concerns. While a complete session wrap-up began on page 1, here are a couple of highlights

#### **Spec Home Deduction**

HEA 1046 provides a 50 percent deduction on the structure of up to three speculative homes across the state for up to three full assessment cycles. This deduction does not replace the Model Home Act so a builder may now take the deduction on up to six properties statewide. This is a huge win for builders who have been paying inventory taxes on the structures and will help with future inventory. IBA will circulate additional details as the Department of Local Government Finance develops the rules and applications.

### **Lead-Based Paint**

Versions of Senate Enrolled Act 366 during the first-half of session included language to transfer the administration and enforcement of EPA's lead-based paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program to the State Department of Health. Thankfully the language was not included in the final version of the bill as it would have easily be-

come an unfunded mandate on those operating under the program. Indiana small businesses have paid more than \$500,000 to EPA in firm certification fees and that money would not be returned to the state if Indiana transferred the program. Without those fees and absent an appropriation in the budget, it was unclear how the state would pay for the new program. For those operating in homes built prior to 1978 please remember the regulations are still in place and EPA has the ability to fine up to \$37,500 per violation, per day.

#### **Private Transfer Fees**

In response to actions being taken by other states, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation prohibiting the use of private transfer fees. These fees typically run with the deed and each time the property is sold for a set number of years a percentage of the sale is transferred to a trust fund either set-up by a builder or third-party who in exchange provides upfront financing. While it is not believed to be used very often in Indiana, builders should be wary of any solicitations from companies selling this idea. The legislation does provide an exemption for homeowners associations, condo associations, etc. and clarified that property management companies may continue to charge their fees.

#### **New District Maps**

Utilizing population increases, shifts and demographics from Census2010, legislators crafted new State and Congressional maps which define districts for the next 10 years. There are several areas of the state where two incumbents were placed in the same district and a handful of new seats were created. It is important to make sure you check to see if your legislators have changed. Candidates will campaign using the updated maps beginning next year.

To learn how your legislators voted on any piece of legislation impacting the industry, please contact Gretchen White (800) 377-6334 ext. 205 or by e-mail at Gretchen@BuildIndiana.org.

## Remodeler (from page 3)

and promote aging-in-place and green remodeling.

"This is a great opportunity for our members to promote the professionalism of remodeler members with NAHB," said NAHB Remodelers Chairman Bob Peterson, CGR, CAPS, CGP, and president of Associates in Building & Design, Ltd. in Ft. Collins, Colo. "Also, we are starting to see a small light at the end of the tunnel for the industry. With everyone's support in promoting not only the benefits of remodeling in May, but year round, we can help give remodeling the extra kick it needs to get back on a strong footing."

The materials in the kit can be downloaded and customized with information on remodeling from local areas. Download "May Is National Home Remodeling



Month" materials by visiting www.nahb.org/remodelingmonth.

For more information, email Kelly Mack at NAHB, or call her at 800-368-5242 x8451.



### **Contact Elected Officials**

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voterVoice will select your elected officials from your business and home address information. In addition to personally contacting your officials, you will receive alerts from IBA so your voice can be heard on industry issues.

Stay up-to-date. Make your voice heard and join today. All IBA members are eligible to sign up as a FREE member service.

### **Who Should Register?**

SHOULD REGISTER! It is likely you have employees residing and voting in areas you do business, and keeping them up-to-date and informed about candidates and issues in their communities creates a stronger voting block for the industry. After you sign up, encourage your employees to register also!

## **Easy 3-Step Registration**

1. Visit IBA's website:

http://
www.BuildIndiana.org/
VoterVoice.htm - Click on the
voterVoice logo.

2. Click on 'New users click here'. Returning users can log in here, as well.



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## Participate in National Membership Day - May 24

nationwide membership drive is planned for May 24 to help all participating associations call attention to and bolster membership. Whether your campaign is large or small, formal or informal, using the month of May to recruit and report a tally of new members allows you to contribute to and benefit from the power of being a part of a large and farreaching federation.

The National Association of Home Builders will award prizes to membership recruit-

Recruit one new Builder or Associate member or two new Council or Affiliate members and receive 2 Spike credits and



a Flip Calculator Clock Frame. The Flip Calculator Clock Frame is a calculator with an LCD display on one side, clock and photo

Recruit two new Builder or Associate members or four new Council or Affiliate

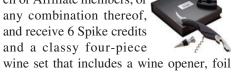


members, or any combination thereof, and receive 4 Spike credits and a neoprene laptop sleeve that holds a laptop with up to a 15.4" dis-

play. The front zipper pocket holds the power adapter, computer mouse and USB cord.

Recruit three new Builder or Associate

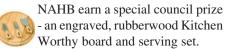
members or six new Council or Affiliate members, or any combination thereof, and receive 6 Spike credits and a classy four-piece



cutter, wine stopper and vintage guide with ratings on various wines dating from 1990.

Members who recruit four or more new

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That's right, in addition to these great prizes, Spike credits for recruiters of all participating associations are doubled in May.

Member recruiters are eligible for prizes and double Spike credits ONLY IF their local builders association has opted in, calls the National Membership Drive Hotline at 800-899-6242 on May 24 between 12 noon and 5:00 pm, and submits the membership report

and payment to NAHB no later than May 31.

Local associations need to opt-in today by contacting Brenda Gentry of NAHB at 800-368-5242 x8347 or via e-mail at bgentry@nahb.org. Members need to make sure they turn in all new member information to their local associations in time to be counted in the May drive.



12/31/2010

## **TOP Member Recruiters for 2011**

(as of March 31, 2011)

Ben Houser, Valparaiso, 14 Andy Place, Jr., South Bend, 5

Grant Giese, CGP, CGB, Lafayette, 3 Geoff Horen, CAPS, Indianapolis, 3 Trent Hunt, New Albany, 3

Jay Shipley, Fort Wayne, 3

Dan Study, Spencerville, 3

Terry Day, Farmersburg, 2

Tim Eckert, Lebanon, 2

Skip Egolf, Valparaiso, 2

Steve Fest, Newburgh, 2

Rich Kauffman, Goshen, 2

Hal Kemmerer, South Bend, 2 Jeff Loucks, CGB, CAPS, CGP, Goshen, 2

Sean Miller, Evansville, 2

Dave Poe, Floyds Knobs, 2

Curtis Rector, Indianapolis, 2

Teri Tillery, Indianapolis, 2

**Base Date:** 

Kevin Yoder, CGP, Elkhart, 2

## IBA new members who receive a \$100 Sears commercial credit...

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## Membership Summary by State for Indiana for 03/31/2011

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1504	34		Madison County Chapter	9	16	0	25	25	0	0.0%	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	74.1%	0	2
1508	22		Monroe County Building Association	37	76	0	113	113	0	0.0%	3	4	4	0	0	0	1	85.3%	2	3
1511	23		BA of Dubois County	54	92	0	146	148	-2	-1.4%	1	0	5	0	0	1	2	93.3%	0	1
1512	24		BA of Elkhart Co	76	251	0	327	331	-4	-1.2%	10	4	15	0	0	0	0	81.5%	3	11
1522	87		Dearborn Co HBA	12	32	0	44	48	-4	-8.3%	10	1	7	0	0	0	1	74.5%	0	2
1524	414		Southwestern Indiana Builders	84	202	0	286	287	-1	-0.3%	3	10	20	0	0	2	5	76.0%	4	14
1528	183		HBA of Fort Wayne	71	231	0	302	298	4	1.3%	6	7	19	0	0	5	13	83.8%	1	10
1530	512		Gibson Co Chapter	4	7	0	11	11	0	0.0%	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	76.9%	0	1
1532	184		HBA of Howard County Inc	20	63	0	83	85	-2	-2.4%	5	3	5	0	0	1	3	75.5%	0	0
1534	131		BA of Laporte County	25	47	0	72	70	2	2.9%	7	0	4	0	0	0	2	83.3%	3	4
1535	185		Lawrence County Chapter	7	18	0	25	26	-1	-3.8%	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	67.6%	1	1
1536	132		Southeastern Indiana chapter	6	4	0	10	10	0	0.0%	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	35.7%	0	2
1540	133	I	BIA of NW Indiana	0	0	0	0	144	-144	-100.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5.5%	0	0
1541	25		BA of Kosciusko-Fulton Counties	36	110	0	146	154	-8	-5.2%	16	4	11	0	0	1	2	79.3%	0	1
1544	134		BA of Greater Indianapolis	210	338	0	548	539	9	1.7%	30	19	83	0	0	6	77	71.4%	1	15
1548	26		BA of Greater Lafayette	37	110	0	147	149	-2	-1.3%	6	2	11	0	0	1	3	70.8%	1	6
1550	298		Jasper County HBA	5	7	0	12	15	-3	-20.0%	1	1	6	0	0	0	2	36.0%	0	1
1554	676		Marshall Co Chapter	11	19	0	30	31	-1	-3.2%	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	76.5%	1	2
1556	332		East Central Indiana Builders Association Inc	9	37	0	46	54	-8	-14.8%	12	3	10	0	0	0	1	53.9%	1	1
1563	457		Vincennes Area Chapter	13	30	0	43	47	-4	-8.5%	1	1	10	0	0	5	5	78.8%	1	1
1564	733		Home Builders Association of Northwest	57	255	3	315	184	131	71.2%	26	28	59	0	0	7	23	57.5%	10	23
			Indiana						_			_			_	_			_	_
1566	187		HBA of Southern Indiana	47	142	0	189	196	-7	-3.6%	10	5	16	0	0	0	4	68.7%	0	5
1570	483		Wayne County BA	6	16		22	21	1	4.8%	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	55.6%	0	0
1572	27		BA of Northeast IN	22	48	0	70	67	3	4.5%	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	77.2%	1	3
1574	549		Jackson-Jennings Builders Association	5	11	0	16	17	-1	-5.9%	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	78.9%	0	0
1576	539275		River Valley Chapter of NAHB	5	8	0	13	11	2	18.2%	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	63.2%	0	0
1578	188		HBA of St Joseph Valley	45	128	21	194	191	3	1.6%	8	5	10	0	0	0	1	81.7%	5	12
1582	189		HBA of Gtr Terre Haute	52	136		188	177	11	6.2%	9	1	12	0	0	6	14	76.9%	3	9
1598	550		Henry County Chapter	1	3	0	4	5	-1	-20.0%	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	20.0%	0	2
Indiana			Totals:	966	2,437	24	3,427	3,454	-27	-0.8%	184	110	324	0	0	35	165	73.8	38	132

## News from Around the State



IBA leaders talk housing with members of the Indiana Senate at an event in Indianapolis. Pictured are (left to right): Senator Doug Eckerty; IBA Vice President Will Wright; IBA President Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS, and Senator Ron Grooms.



Andy Place, Sr., CGP, CGB, IBA's 2010 President, gets a picture next to his father's plaque in the National Housing Hall of Fame in Washington, DC. Place was in DC for the NAHB Legislative Conference. Andrew S. Place was one of the founding fathers of the Indiana Builders Association and served as its first President in 1952-53.



Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS, (right), IBA President, discusses the housing market and code issues with Jim Gerstbauer of the Monroe County Building Department. Gerstbauer is a past President of the Indiana Association of Build-



Members of the Monroe County Building Association welcome IBA President Doug Miller, GMB, CGB, CGP, CAPS, (center) and IBA CEO Rick Wajda (fourth from left), to a recent monthly membership meeting in Bloomington.

## Governor Daniels appoints Shoopman to Inspector Board

overnor Mitch Daniels recently appointed central Indiana homebuilder Paul Shoopman to the Indiana Home Inspector Licensing Board.

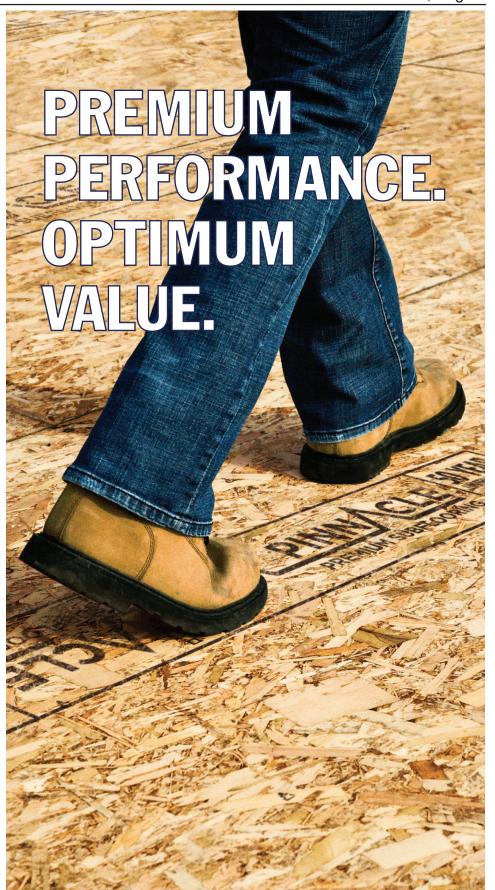
Shoopman, Shoopman Home Building Group, will serve on the seven member board at the Governor's pleasure.

The Home Inspector Licensing Board was created in 2003 and the Indiana **Builders Association** was instrumental in securing a home builder spot on the Board



during the legislative process. The Board's primary responsibilities are for the standards for the competent performance of home inspections and a code of ethics for licensed home inspectors.

Shoopman, a long-time supporter of the industry, is Indiana's all-time leader in membership recruitment, having earned over 770 Spike credits from the National Association of Home Builders. He has personally earned a number of impressive national and regional accolades, including being named the national winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year award from Ernst & Young in 2003, and has also received the John C. Hart Sr. Presidential Award from the Indiana Builders Association.



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## IBA's top 10 list

## - Legislative and regulatory accomplishments -

- 1. Passed Model Home Act gives builders 50 percent property tax break on up to three structures for up three full assessment dates.
- 2. Passed Vested Property Rights Statute - law prohibits local unit of government from changing use of land for period of time.
- 3. Defeated Carbon Monoxide Detectors Mandate in all new homes.
- 4. Passed Property Tax Caps caps are based on the assessed value - property taxes may not exceed 1 percent for homes; 2 percent for rentals or

- other residential property and farmland; and 3 percent for businesses.
- 5. Defeated Employee Classification - bill which could have forced independent contractors to become employees of the general contractor.
- 6. Passed Developers Discount Statute - allows builder/developer to sell lots without triggering new assessment until permit is pulled or structure begins on lot.
- 7. Defeated School Impact Fees for New Construction Legislation.
  - 8. Defeated Property Tax Esti-

mates for Builders Legislation - Bill would have forced builders to provide estimate of property taxes in writing before signing contract.

- 9. Defeated Fire Sprinklers from being inserted into the Indiana Residential Code and Defeated Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters from being inserted into the Indiana Residential Code and defeated Green Building Mandate for buildings being inserted
- 10. Helped Pass Legislation adopting Daylight Saving Time and Major Moves.

## IBA's top 10 list for Remodelers

## - Legislative and regulatory accomplishments -

- 1. Defeated Carbon Monoxide Detectors Mandate - proposed legislation would have required a hard wired carbon monoxide detector be installed when any remodeling was done.
- 2. Defeated Green Building Mandate for buildings - proposed legislation would have required a remodel or retrofit of public buildings to meet LEED Silver standards for entire building.
- 3. Defeated Employee Classification - bill which could have forced independent contractors to become employees of the general contractor.
- 4. Passed Home Improvement Fraud Law - law increases penalties on home repair scam artists across the state.
- 5. Passed Home Improvement Contract Law Change - law provides that a home improvement contract between a supplier and a consumer is subject to certain conditions and requirements if the contract is entered into as a result of damage, loss or expense: (1) that is covered, in whole or in part, by the proceeds of an insurance policy.; or (2) for which a third party is liable.
- 6. Defeated onerous provisions in lead-based paint legislation which would have mandated inspections on rental properties built before 1978 performed by a licensed inspector and considered the presence of lead-based paint to be a property defect and subject to the Responsibility Property Transfer Law.
- 7. Passed resolution to work with state government to implement incentives for increasing energy efficiency in existing homes.
- 8. Defeated legislation creating standards for toxic mold exposure lim-
- 9. Defeated Fire Sprinklers from being inserted into the Indiana Residential Code
- 10. Defeated Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters from being inserted into the Indiana Residential Code.



## INDIANA BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Monday, June 20, 2011

## HILTON INDIANAPOLIS NORTH, INDIANAPOLIS, IN



## Lt. Governor Becky Skillman TO ADDRESS IBA BOARD



Lt. Governor Becky Skillman

The Indiana Builders Association's Board of Directors will convene for a Board and committee session on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Hilton Indianapolis North on the northeast side of Indianapolis. The Board meeting will begin at 3:15 pm with Lt. Governor Becky Skillman addressing the Board.

A native of southern Indiana, she is committed to revitalizing Indiana's economy for the benefit of all Hoosiers. She understands the importance of bringing economic development to all regions of the state. She will update the IBA Board on affairs of the state as they relate to the housing industry.

## OSHA FALL PROTECTION SEMINAR

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

- Sponsored by MBAH Insurance -

Approved for 1.5 continuing ed credits for NAHB's Professional Designations.

Find out how to comply with the new OSHA Residential Fall Protection directive by attending IBA's OSHA Fall Protection Seminar. Instructed by Chad Dumbis, Risk & Loss Management Specialist for MBAH Insurance, attendees will learn about the changes required to comply with OSHA's new directive. There is no fee to attend, however, reservations are required as space is limited. RSVP by e-mailing Heather@BuildIndiana.org or by phone at 1-800-377-6334 ext. 207.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are invited to attend the committee meetings of their choice.

## MEETING LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hilton Indianapolis North, 8181 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 849-6668

All meetings will be held at the Hilton Indianapolis North, located at the intersection of I-69 and 82<sup>nd</sup> Street on the northeast side of Indianapolis. A limited number of overnight rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$89 single/double. Reservations may be made on-line at: http://www.hilton.com/ en/hi/groups/personalized/I/INDINHF-BUILD-20110619/ index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG or by calling 1-800-HILTONS and identify that you are with the Indiana Builders Association.

## SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:30 am

**Executive Committee Mtg.** 

9:30 - 10:30 am

Local Presidents' Council & AVP's Rural On-site Wastewater Sub. **Codes Committee** 

10:30 - 12:00 noon

OSHA Fall Protection Seminar **Speaker: Chad Dumbris** 

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lunch on your own with colleagues

1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Housing Protection Fund Board** Remodelers' **Membership & Associates** 

2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Land Use Committee Green Committee Local Executive Officers' Council** 



3:00 - 3:15 pm

**Executive Committee** 

3:15 - 4:45 pm

**Board of Directors' Meeting** 

## **RSVP & Costs**

In order to minimize costs for attendees and IBA leaders this Board session is being held all in the same day and there are no meal functions.

There is no cost to attend any of the events. Reservations are encouraged and may be made through e-mail at Heather @BuildIndiana.org or by phone at 1-800-377-6334 ext. 207.

Please identify if you will be attending the OSHA Seminar, committee meetings, and/ or Board meeting.

# Still no changes to residential energy code requirements

o comply with the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Indiana began updating its energy codes for commercial and residential construction in 2010. The only changes to the energy code that are effective are for commercial construction. Currently, there are no changes to the energy code requirements for residential construction.

Regarding the energy code for commercial construction, the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code, 2010 edition (based on ASHRAE 90.1-2007 with Indiana Amendments) became effective May 6, 2010.

To download a copy of ASHRAE 90.1-2007, visit http://www.ashrae.org/. To download the amendments, visit http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20100505-IR-675090388FRA.xml.pdf.

Newport Ventures was selected by the State of Indiana to provide training on the new energy code for both commercial and residential construction. For training information visit http://www.newportventures.net/inenergycode.html or contact Marguerite Carroll at mcarroll@newportpartnersllc.com or at (317)



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**Codes** 

605-1552

Regarding the energy code for residential construction, the Indiana Residential Code, 2005 edition (based on 2003 International Residential Code with Indiana Amendments) will be amended to include Ch. 11, as amended, of the 2009 International Residential Code.

A draft of proposed rule and its fiscal impact analysis are at the State Budget Agency. It will be several months before the increased energy efficiency requirements for residential construction are effective. For a draft of the proposed rule, contact Carlie at (800) 377-6334 x206 or at Carlie@BuildIndiana.org.



## IBA to host OSHA fall protection training on June 20 in Indianapolis

he Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) new residential fall protection directive is effective June 16 and becomes enforceable in Indiana on July 1, 2011.

Since 1985, the OSHA has required residential construction workers who are working six feet or more above a lower level to be protected by conventional fall protection, i.e. guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems.

The use of alternative methods (i.e. slide guards, safety monitoring systems, and warning line systems) is allowed, but as of June 16<sup>th</sup> the employer has the burden to demonstrate conventional methods are infeasible or create a greater hazard before using alternative methods.

Further, if using alternative methods, a site specific fall protection plan must be written in accordance with OSHA's fall protection regulation (29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart M).

NAHB's summarization of the differences between the requirements of the Interim Guidelines and Subpart M are identified in the table below.

According to IN Review, the Indiana Department of Labor's annual comprehensive study of Hoosier occupational injuries and illnesses, fall protection ranks #6 on its list of top 10 most violated standards with 108 citations and \$123,400 in initial penalties in 2010

IBA Safety Committee Chairman Mike Bell, GMB, CGB, CGR, CAPS, CGP, said "Members can avoid citations and costly penalties by educating themselves on the new residential fall protection directive."

IBA will offer a FREE fall protection training seminar on June  $20^{\text{th}}$  from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Hilton Indianapolis North.

Register Today

## OSHA Fall Protection Seminar

Monday, June 20, 2011 10:30 am - 12:00 noon Hilton Indianapolis North, 8181 N. Shadeland Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46250

Cost: Free Reservations: Required

Contact: (800) 377-6334 ext. 207 or Heather@BuildIndiana.org

Attendees will learn how to:

- 1) develop a written fall protection plan;
- 2) recognize common fall hazards;
- 3) use safe work practices to reduce the risk of injuries; and
- 4) comply with OSHA fall protection regulations for residential construction.

Speaker Chad Dumbris, Risk and Loss Management Specialist, MBAH Insurance, has eleven years of experience helping clients find solutions to fire, safety, health, security and liability problems. The one and a half hour seminar, sponsored by MBAH Insurance, is for builders, trade contractors, supervisors and workers and is approved for 1.5 hours of continuing education for NAHB professional designations.

The seminar is free, but registration is required as seating is limited.

Please register by contacting Heather Sturgeon at (800) 377-6334 ext. 207 or at Heather@BuildIndiana.org.

Table Requirements of Interim Fall Protection Guidelines and Subpart M

	Interim Fall Protection Guidelines (Dec. 8, 1995 - June 15, 2011)	Fall Protection Requirements of Subpart M (June 16, 2011 and beyond)
General Requirements		
Use of Conventional Methods (guardrails, safety nets, or personal fall arrest systems) for fall exposures over 6 feet	or creates greater hazard	Required, unless infeasible or creates greater hazard
Use of Alternative Methods (slide guards, safety monitoring systems, warning line, etc.)	Allowed, for prequalified tasks identified by OSHA as meeting a greater hazard and other tasks where infeasibility or greater hazard could be demonstrated	Allowed, but employer has the burden to demonstrate conventional methods are infeasible or creates greater hazard before using
Site Specific Fall Protection Plan (only if using Alternative Methods)	Required, but does not have to be written	Required, must be written
Training	Employees must be trained to understand and follow the Fall Protection Plan	Employees must be trained to understand and follow the Fall Protection Plan
Roofing-Specific Requirements		
Low Slope Roofs (4:12 pitch or less)	Use of warning lines and safety monitoring systems allowed	Use of warning lines and safety monitoring systems allowed
Slope Roofs (over 4:12 up to and including 8:12)	Use of slide guard allowed	Guardrails or personal fall arrest system required
Steep Slope Roofs (over 8:12)	Guardrails or personal fall arrest system required	Guardrails or personal fall arrest system required

## Assembly (from page 1)

duct expenses associated with that employee in the calculation of their state income taxes. http://www.in.gov/legislative/ bills/2011/PDF/HCCP/CC059003.001.pdf

#### Habitat bill signed by Governor

HEA 1180 (Rep. Clere R-New Albany, Sen. Head R-Logansport) was signed by the Governor on April 6, 2011. The bill allows Habitat for Humanity to continue providing zero interest mortgages across the state. Many of the local affiliates were in jeopardy of losing their ability to provide these mortgages due to recent federal legislation. The Indiana Builders Association supported this piece of legislation in the House and Senate. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/ 2011/HE/HE1180.1.html

### Unemployment insurance tax relief

HEA 1450 (Rep. Leonard R-Huntington, Sen. Hershman R-Buck Creek) was signed by the Governor earlier this session and lowers the tax rate schedule for employers through 2020. Among other provisions it establishes the weekly unemployment insurance benefit amount as 47 percent of the individual's prior average weekly wage and establishes the maximum weekly benefit amount at \$390. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/HE/HE1450.1.html

#### Stormwater management bill passes

HEA 1291 (Rep. M. Smith R-Columbus, Sen. Gard R-Greenfield) provides that a governmental entity that issues a building permit is not liable for damage caused by water runoff from the structure for which the building permit was issued and grants authority to the drainage board to receive complaints concerning, investigate, and order the removal of certain storm water related nuisances caused by artificial conveyances directed at or near the property line

among other provisions. The bill includes language offered by IBA that exempts builders and developers from provisions in the bill if they follow the terms of their permit. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/ 2011/EH/EH1291.1.html

#### Planning and zoning bill includes extension of vested rights

HEA 1311 (Rep. Truitt R-West Lafayette, Sen. Wyss R-Fort Wayne) makes numerous changes to the planning and zoning law including a procedure for vacation of a plat, including any recorded covenants. Allows a plan commission (or plat committee acting in its behalf) to: (1) grant waivers from the subdivision control ordinance; and (2) allow or require a commitment to be made as a condition of granting a waiver. IBA worked to include language to extend the time period a builder has to substantially complete construction through use of an

improvement location permit from 7 years to 10 years. http://www.in.gov/legislative/ bills/2011/HE/HE1311.1.html

## State to reduce corporate income tax

HEA 1004 (Rep. Turner R-Cicero, Sen. Hershman R-Buck Creek) includes a provision to decrease the corporate income tax rate from 8.5 percent to 6.5 percent over four years. The schedule detailing the decrease is: Before July 1, 2012 = 8.5 percent; After June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013 = 8.0 percent; After June 30, 2013 and before July 1, 2014 = 7.5 percent; After June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015 = 7.0 percent; and after June 30, 2015 = 6.5 percent. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/ HE/HE1004.1.html

#### HOA's can foreclose lien earlier

SEA 155 (Sen. Steele R-Bedford, Rep. Foley R-Martinsville) included language **Assembly** (see page 11)

Indiana Single Family Building Permits									
(U.S. Census	Bureau)								
		% Change Year/Year							
2011	1682	-83%							
2010	9,947	1%							
2009	9,853	-17%							
2008	11,831	-39%							
2007	19,374	-19%							
2006	23,949	-25%							
2005	32,116	0%							
2004	32,172	1%							
2003	31,891	4%							
2002	30,794	-5%							
2001	32,376	6%							
2000	30,417	-9%							
1999	33,408								

Indiana 1	Indiana Building Permits												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
2011	350	483	849										1682
2010	547	667	1125	1063	966	1016	893	856	847	794	699	474	9947
2009	306	478	763	952	910	1034	1035	1037	885	1027	775	651	9853
2008	736	782	989	1436	1294	1256	1289	1108	975	929	635	459	11888
2007	1288	1060	1924	2016	2122	2114	1860	1923	1344	1566	1294	754	19265
2006	1658	1875	2619	2315	2405	2512	1983	2211	1739	1857	1400	1269	23843
2005	1511	1765	2903	3118	3161	3082	2662	3200	2839	2987	2499	1715	31442
2004	1718	1918	3000	3135	2962	3336	2970	2912	2757	2742	2704	2056	32210
2003	1650	1667	2582	3201	3249	3138	3230	3098	3107	3202	2173	1988	32285
2002	1929	1891	2546	3120	3303	2893	2821	2903	2662	3090	2520	1848	31526
2001	1697	2028	3132	3167	3632	3389	2950	3020	2269	2652	2310	1736	31982
2000	1586	1845	3136	2933	3118	3084	2570	3096	2486	2714	2130	1491	30189

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#### RESOLUTION TOM WOODS, Candidate for NAHB Third Vice Chairman

WHEREAS, Tom Woods has been a member of NAHB for thirty-seven (37) years having joined the HBA of Greater Kansas City in 1974 and having diligently served the home building industry

WHEREAS. Tom Woods during his business career has founded and successfully operated several businesses including entities which have developed land for and built numerous singlefamily, multi-family and commercial projects throughout Greater Kansas City. Woods founded T.E. Woods Construction in 1974, a multi-generation family business that has provided over 1,000 families the fulfillment of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods was first elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 1983, is serving on the Executive Committee for his fifteenth consecutive year, and is serving his sixth year as a Senior Life Director; and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods has chaired some of NAHB's most important and influential committees, subcommittees and task forces, including Federal Government Affairs (2008), State & Local Government Affairs (2007), Education (2004), Home Builders Institute (2000, 1998), and BUILD-PAC (2010, 1994); and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods served as president of the Home Builders Association of Missouri (HBA-M) in 1989 having completed the state leadership ladder, and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods served as president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City in 1991 completing the local association leadership ladder, served thirty-one years on the Board of Directors, and chaired numerous committees including Membership and Parade of Homes at the local level: and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods served his local community as the mayor of Blue Springs, Missouri. (1978-81) and a member of the Blue Springs City Council (1975-78); and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods has been bestowed with many honors, including HBA Builder Hall of Fame Inductee (1995), Builder of the Year Achievement Award by *Professional Builder* (1999) and Riverside Community Businesses of the Year (2005); and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods served as a Presidential Appointment to the Federal Home Loan Bank, Des Moines (2002-2004); and

WHEREAS, Tom Woods is ready, willing and able to serve as an NAHB Senior Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Indiana Builders Assoc. endorses **TOM WOODS** for election to the office of Third Vice Chairman of the National Association of Home Builders to be elected in 2012, and pledges its full support to his campaign.

ADOPTED on the 15 day of March 2011.

Allill Attested: Kik Wajen

## Assembly (from page 10)

changing the time a homeowners association must wait before enforcing a lien. Currently, a homeowners association cannot file a notice to foreclose a lien during the first year after it is recorded. SEA 155 says the homeowners association may not be filed earlier than 90 days after recording, unless a person files a notice to foreclose the lien, or another person files an action to foreclose the property that is subject of the lien. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/ SE/SE0155.1.html

#### Attorney general authorized to bring action against HOA's

HEA 1058 (Rep. Cheatham D-North Vernon, Sen. Bray R-Martinsville) allows the Attorney Generals office to bring action against the board of directors of a homeowners association or individual members of a homeowners association if the office finds: 1) the association's funds have been knowingly or intentionally misappropriated or diverted by a board member; or a board member has knowingly or intentionally used their position to commit fraud or a criminal act against the association or association's members. A court action can require the board member to issue an injunction, order the board member to make restitution to the HOA or a member; order a board member to be removed from the board; and/or order a board member to reimburse the state for the investigation and prosecution of the violation. http:// www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/HE/ HE1058.1.html

## Legislation provides 10 year exemption for property owners with new septic sys-

HEA 1197 Regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts (Rep. Lehe R-Brookston, Sen. Gard R-Greenfield) provides that certain property owners who install new septic tank soil absorption systems are exempt from connecting to a regional sewage or solid waste district's sewer system for 10 years beginning on the date the septic tank system is installed. Specifies the connection fee a property owner who received an exemption must pay when the property owner connects to the district's sewer system. Provides that if a district uses eminent domain to acquire an easement or right-of-way for that easement, it may not exceed 50 feet in width. Provides procedures for territory to be added to a district and changing the district's rates. Since much of Indiana is rural requiring the installation of septic systems in new home construction, IBA monitored the bill and supported the increase in the exemption from 5 to 10 years for property owners with

**OSHA Fall Protection** Seminar June 20

See page 8 for details.

new systems to connect to the district's sewer system. http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2011/HE/HE1197.1.html

### Legislation that died in this session of the **General Assembly:**

- \* Transfer of lead program from feds to state department of health;
- \* Moratorium on new private pay nursing home facilities:
- \* Elimination of annexation remonstrance waivers:
- \* Creation of Hoosier commission for communities for a lifetime;
- \* Barrett law funding for retention pond
- \* Property tax deduction for new homes;
- \* Mandatory installation of carbon monoxide detectors in new homes;
- \* Licensure of heating and cooling indus-
- \* Energy efficiency financing program;
- \* Impact fees for public safety funding;
- \* Impact fee for schools;
- \* Right to work;
- \* Landlord-tenant issues;
- \* Disclosure of treated wood in construc-
- \* Soil and septic research permit fee.

## Help get Home Builders Institute (HBI) certification & textbooks added in Indiana

■ he Home Builders Institute's (HBI) educational materials for high schools and two-year programs are designed to bring increased professionalism, competency and effectiveness to those entering the residential construction workforce. "Certification" is the current buzz word and is a must to receive various types of funding in many secondary, community college and technical training pro-

In many schools, the goal of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs is to provide students with credentials and certifications which are recognized and valued by industry partners. However, in districts across the country, the HBI/NAHB certification is not on their approved list of certifications. Local builders associations and NAHB members are crucial in helping to address this problem and strengthen the industry's future workforce through schools in their communities.

Involvement in CTE programs by industry professionals should be happening nationwide. HBI has industry certification available for students using the Residential Construction Academy (RCA) series of textbooks. Based on national skill standards set by NAHB industry professionals and educators, they have launched student certification for high schools, post-secondary institutions and adult training centers. The online assessments are available for Basic Principles for Construction, Carpentry, Facilities Maintenance, House Wiring and HVAC. Certification testing is offered at three proficiency levels, entry, semiskilled and skilled. The student certification assessments reinforce HBI's commitment to assist the industry in preparing a knowledgeable and productive workforce.

Please contact Deanna Lewis at 202-266-8927 or dlewis@hbi.org for further guidance on how to work with your local school district to have HBI/NAHB certification added in Indiana.



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