

North Central News

The Newsletter of the North Central WV Home Builders Association



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Next Generation of Home Builders Competes at IBS

NAHB's 2020 Student Competition highlighted the next generation of home builders as 60 collegiate and high school teams competed during the 2020 International Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

This year's competition included 39 four-year programs, 14 associate programs and seven secondary programs.

[The winners](#) were announced in a high-energy awards event sponsored by Beazer Homes, Clayton Properties Group, Consort Homes, DR Horton, K. Hovnanian and Toll Brothers.

Four-Year Programs

First Place: Michigan State University
Second Place: Brigham Young University
Third Place: University of Wisconsin – Stout
Fourth Place: Texas A&M University
Fifth Place: Tarleton State University
Rookie of the Year: Tuskegee University

Associate Programs

First Place: Kirkwood Community College
Second Place: Brigham Young University – Idaho, Team 2
Third Place: Pennsylvania College of Technology, Team 1
Rookie of the Year: Collin College

Secondary Programs (High School)

The student competition for secondary programs is broken into two categories: architecture and construction management.

Architecture

First Place: Shadow Ridge High School
Rookie of the Year: Charles J. Colgan, Sr. High School

Construction Management

First Place: Dowell J. Howard Center
Rookie of the Year: Dowell J. Howard Center

EPA Announces Water Rule at IBS

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced a final “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule during the International Builders’ Show in Las Vegas.

“The Navigable Waters Protection Rule is a big win for states, municipalities, builders and developers, landowners and the American public,” Wheeler said in remarks to NAHB’s Leadership Council. “It will make it easier to understand where the Clean Water Act applies and, as importantly, where it does not.”

The EPA administrator noted the [new water rule](#) is good for the economy and the environment.

NAHB Unveils All-New Website

To better serve the needs of its members, industry partners and other key stakeholders, NAHB recently unveiled an [all-new nahb.org](#) website.

The site not only features a much more modern look, but also greatly improved search performance, enhanced content functionality and improved navigation for a better user experience.

DOL Announces Joint Employer Rule

In a win for NAHB, the Labor Department in January announced a final rule to provide a clearer method for determining [joint employer status](#).

The rule will provide clarity and certainty regarding employers' responsibility to pay federal minimum wage and overtime for all hours worked over 40 in a week.

The new rule will take effect March 16. It includes a set of joint employment examples to further assist in clarifying joint employer status.

President Trump Signs USMCA Trade Pact

In a positive development for the housing industry, President Trump on Jan. 29 signed the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

The U.S. residential construction and remodeling industries rely on tens of billions of dollars in building materials sourced from Mexico and Canada each year. By modernizing and strengthening free trade with our largest trade partners, [the USMCA will boost](#) U.S. economic growth and help keep the price of homes and home improvements low.

New App Offers Accessibility Guidance

NAHB unveiled the "Pocket Guide to the Fair Housing Act," a free app to help home builders, contractors and designers meet the [accessibility requirements](#) of the act, during the Builders' Show in Las Vegas.

“HUD welcomes the efforts of this important housing industry partner in working to meet the needs of persons with disabilities,” HUD Secretary Ben Carson told NAHB's Leadership Council.



NAHB Elects 2020 Leadership Team at Builders' Show

NAHB members elected the association's [leadership team](#) during IBS in Las Vegas.

Taking the helm as NAHB's Chairman of the Board this year is Dean Mon, a New Jersey-based builder and developer with more than 30 years of experience in the home building industry. The first Hispanic chairman of NAHB, Mon is president of the D.R. Mon Group, Inc.

Also moving up on the NAHB's leadership ladder is John "Chuck" Fowke, founder and president of Homes by John C. Fowke, Inc. in Tampa, Fla. He was elected First Vice Chairman of the Board.

Jerry Konter, founder and president of Konter Quality Homes in Savannah, Ga., was elected Second Vice Chairman of the Board.

Alicia Huey joined NAHB's leadership team with her election as Third Vice Chairman of the Board. She is president of AGH Homes, Inc. in Birmingham, Ala.

2019 NAHB Chairman Greg Ugalde, from Torrington, Conn., remains on NAHB's leadership team as Immediate Past Chairman.



Major Funding for Skills Training

HBI announced recently that [The Home Depot Foundation](#) will commit up to \$500,000 to fund student training in home construction careers in high schools across the country. Additionally, the National Housing Endowment (NHE), NAHB's philanthropic arm, has pledged \$200,000 in support of the effort.

This combined \$700,000 will provide training to thousands of students in construction trades skills.

The funds will allow HBI to provide a hands-on curriculum for high school students, along with instructor training and materials. Upon completion, students will earn a pre-apprenticeship certification endorsed by NAHB and recognized by the Department of Labor.



IBS Showcases Industry Optimism

Nearly 65,000 home building professionals from around the world filled the exhibit halls of the Las Vegas Convention Center as NAHB hosted one of the largest turnouts in recent years at the [NAHB® International Builders' Show](#) (IBS) Jan. 21-23.

IBS and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) again combined to create Design & Construction Week® (DCW), which drew a total of roughly 90,000 attendees.

"The strong attendance at this year's show reflects the positive outlook for the home building industry and the enthusiasm that our attendees have for the future," said Geoff Cassidy, NAHB senior vice president of exhibitions and meetings.

Exhibit space for IBS totaled approximately 600,000 square feet.



NCWVHBA Christmas Toy Fund

A need.....

An idea.....

A vision.....

Christmas 2000, Mr. Tom Board (a long standing member of the NCWVHBA) and his wife Carol were reflecting on the underprivileged children in their area and they had an idea that they thought would benefit these children. In January 2001, Mr. Board proposed to the NCWVHBA Board of Directors that for the upcoming Christmas party, instead of the attendees bringing in a gift for exchange with each other (which had been the process of past), that attendees of the party bring in an unwrapped children's gift. These gifts could be distributed to needy children for the Christmas season. That first year approximately \$450-\$500 worth of toys and funds were donated. Mr. Board coordinated that these toys were taken to Hope Inc. and the Soup Opera in Marion County and the Clarksburg Mission in Harrison County. The start of a vision.....

In 2002, Mr. Board asked the Board of Directors if he could take over the Board's 50/50 drawing and use the funds generated by the drawing to go towards buying Christmas toys for children. The Board agreed and hence the beginning of our Children's Toy Fund!

The Children's Toy fund has grown over the years:
\$600-\$700 was raised in 2002 and toys were delivered to the Shack in Monongalia county, Soup Opera in Marion county, and the Clarksburg Mission in Harrison county.

Approximately \$952 was raised in 2003; toys were distributed to the Shack in Monongalia

county, Soup Opera in Marion county, the Clarksburg Mission in Harrison county, the Salvation Army in Kingwood Preston county, and to Ruby Memorial Children's Hospital.

Another request to the Board of Directors was made in 2004 to distribute toys to ALL the counties that NCWVHBA was responsible for under our charter from the National Association. That year we purchased over \$1515 in toys.

Mr. Board's vision has grown each year since then. In 2018, NCWVHBA purchased over \$14,697 worth of Christmas toys for the children! Toys, bicycles, and tricycles were distributed to Preston, Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Taylor, Doddridge, Lewis, Upshur, and Randolph counties and the Ruby Memorial Children's Hospital.



Last year, 2019, our toy fund was able to purchase roughly \$15,000 in toys and bicycles! We're challenging our members to start the 'new roaring '20's' out with a BANG!! Some members are already doing great things in support of the Toy Fund - please read ahead.....

A Challenge from Advanced Heating and Cooling - Mr. Danny Adams Jr.

Three years ago I challenged our employees to help me with the NCWVHBA Toy Fund. I was told by an employee that when he was a young kid his father had a bit of a drinking problem. His ONLY escape was his bicycle. There was a personal want from some of my guys to participate, and to make a difference in some young persons life. I put a jar of candy out. When the employees grabbed candy I asked that they put some change in the TOY jar. Some of the employees actually did larger donations like a \$100.00 bill. Others gave \$20.00 or \$5.00 depending on if they had any extra on them. We do a company wide meeting the first Friday of every month. The jar is passed at these meetings as well. Dave Seman the owner of Advanced Heating & Cooling told the group he would match

whatever we collect! This year the employees gave \$800.00, and Dave of course



matched to allow us to present a check for \$1600.00 at our annual Christmas party! I would like to challenge other companies to help our efforts to continue to provide these amazing gifts to kids in our community. Along with the other communities that need our help.

Woodchucks General Contractors, Inc have made some substantial one-time donates in support of the Toy Fund! Thank you!

Fairmont Federal Credit Union - Mr. Thomas Board

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Fairmont Federal Credit Union's employees throughout the years, we have been able to help many who are less fortunate. Fairmont Federal Credit Union began introducing Employee Jean Day Donation Program in 2010 in which every month is designated to a specific charitable cause. For a minimal donation of \$3 per Friday, every employee may wear jeans and the funds collected for that month are then distributed to that specific months cause. Fairmont Federal Credit Union has chosen the month of November since 2010 to be used to help support the NCWVHBA's Annual Toy Distribution. As an associate member of the NCWVHBA, Fairmont Federal Credit Union continues to live the mission of People Helping People and by doing so the generosity & support that our employees consistently display for our communities we live, work & worship in truly reflect the benefits of this worthy cause. We applaud the NCWVHBA with their efforts in collecting monetary donations all year long for the purchase of toys that will ultimately help make a child's Christmas that much more meaningful and special!! Thank you for all that you do in keeping this such a worthy cause!

NCWVHBA Membership Report

Our renewing members are the backbone of our Association... It is for that reason we would like to thank the following members for renewing:

ABC Supply Company	First Exchange Bank	Pest Management Services, Inc
Crites Electric Inc	Koval Building Supply	WV Housing Development Fund

We would also like to welcome our newest members:

Preferred Surfaces, LLC	Luttner Financial Group	Archer Distribution
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

DATE: February 20, 2020

COST: Sponsored by Luttner
Financial Group

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner

PLACE: Fairmont Field Club
Brickside on the Green Restaurant
Fairmont, WV

MENU: Seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast
Baked Ziti
Mixed Greens Tossed Salad
Garlic & Herb Roasted Potatoes

Rolls/Butter
Vegetable Tray
Coffee/Soft Drinks
Dessert

PROGRAM: Zebulon Lewis will make a presentation on new health insurance products offered through State HBA.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

RESERVATIONS FOR THE DINNER MEETING ARE REQUESTED BY PHONE, FAX, E-MAIL OR BY USING THE FORM BELOW.
PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

_____, YES I will be attending the dinner meeting.
_____, Number of persons attending.

Member/Company Name: _____

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Calendar of Events

20 Feb 2020: General
Membership Meeting - Fairmont
Field Club, sponsored by **Luttner
Financial Group.**

19 Mar 2020: TBD

13-15 Mar 2020: NCWVHBA Home
Show. Hazel and J.W. Ruby
Community Center at Mylan Park,
Morgantown

17-18 Apr 2020: HBAWV Spring
Board meeting at the Lakeview
Resort.

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