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A Message from NSCB's Chairman



Kevin Burke

Greetings and Happy New Year! As many of us have set out our own personal resolutions for the New Year, the same can be said of the Contractors Board. Below are some of the items we're currently focusing on and will continue to implement in the months ahead:

#1: Coordinating and implementing a series of community seminars throughout the state to educate seniors and their families about current scams and how they can protect themselves. This forum will expand upon the scams noticed in the construction industry to also include information about other scams, such as those seen by health, insurance, and law enforcement entities.

#2: Diversifying our outreach efforts relative to unlicensed contracting activities. Working more closely to strategize with and inform industry partners,

contractors in the field, and law enforcement agencies on how to report unlicensed activity in a streamlined manner will lead to an increase in the number of cases NSCB can investigate and refer for prosecution.

#3: Working with industry partners on outreach initiatives, such as meeting with HOAs, community groups, and getting industry-related consumer information regularly published in a variety of mediums throughout the state.

As we continue to pursue our goals to better serve the industry, consumers, and our partners, we encourage you to identify your own opportunities for 2012 and see them through. Each of our small efforts combined lead to extraordinary changes and improvements throughout the industry. Join us in making 2012 great!

NSCB Hosts NASCLA Resources Committee; Sets Framework for Two National Model Programs



Margi A. Grein

Exec. Officer, NSCB
Chair, NASCLA
Resources Comm.

As State Contractor Boards, it can be easy to overlook opportunities for enhanced outreach and engagement efforts, especially when faced with strained resources. To help guide the advancements of contractor boards across the nation, the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies' (NASCLA) Resources Committee was charged with identifying key issues facing the majority of contractor boards and developing model programs and best practice strategies to help boards take the initiative to address them.

Similar to NASCLA's mission, the Resources Committee is focused on promoting public protection by expanding resources and materials for regulatory agencies that provide value to NASCLA state members, enhancing their knowledge, performance, and productivity. To begin, the Resources Committee focused its efforts in late October on two prevalent issues: Senior abuse prevention and disaster response.

Discussions on the two programs were extensive, thoughtful, and resulted in the framework for two model programs that the Committee hopes to launch in 2012. Participating states included Alabama, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, and Oregon. For each topic that was discussed, the goals remained consistent:

- Define the Board's role;
- Establish best practices and outreach/informational resources that are currently available;
- Provide a framework that allows each state to customize a program relative to their individual needs; and
- Identify potential partners in each program and how the board can work effectively with them to achieve common goals.

The efforts discussed included proactive and reactive strategies for outreach and engagement, with the understanding that each program will be dynamic as time and reflection help to continually shape the strategies within each respective framework. The Senior Abuse Prevention Program will encompass a clearinghouse of resources and strategies being used by other states, as well as ideas for innovative opportunities. The Disaster Response Program is structured in a more procedural format, providing states guidance on steps to take both before and after a disaster occurs.

It is the Committee's intent that all information be made available on NASCLA's website, which will not only serve as a portal for obtaining resources, but also act as a forum for discussion between the states. Each state will be encouraged to put forward their resources, best practices, and lessons learned so that we may all have the opportunity to develop successful and efficient programs in our respective areas.

We hope this ongoing collaboration and future input from all states will help to unite all contractor boards in consistent messaging tactics, outreach strategies, and opportunities for community engagement.

*****SAVE TIME*****
Renew & update your license ONLINE

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REGISTER your license **TODAY!****



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2. Select New Registration at the bottom of the screen, and complete the *User Registration* form
3. Click on *Return* on the Temporary Password screen, then go to your e-mail to retrieve your temporary password
4. Re-do the first step (in bold) and enter your User ID (e-mail address) and temporary password
5. Reset your password in the Update Default Registration Information screen

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Federal Government Encourages Use of E-Verify Program

E-Verify is a program established by Congress in 1997 as part of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to verify eligibility of both U.S. citizens and noncitizens at no charge to employers. Learn more about the program by visiting

www.uscis.gov/everify

FROM OUR PRESS OFFICE...KEEPING YOU INFORMED



We've been hard at work to keep the public informed of industry-related news. Below are press releases that were sent out from NSCB's Public Information Office. Please feel free to click on the links to view the entire press releases.

October 19 - Board Awards 18 Home-owners \$183,543; Orders Blue Lagoon Pools to Pay \$138,363

NSCB held a Residential Recovery Fund hearing Oct. 19, where 18 homeowners were awarded a combined total of \$183,543. Each homeowner incurred damages from Blue Lagoon Pools, who at the time was licensed to perform the various pool construction projects.

November 9 – Governor Makes Four Appointments to Contractors Board

Governor Sandoval has announced the appointment of Margaret Cavin and the reappointments of Kevin Burke, Nathaniel Hodgson, and Guy Wells. The board is comprised of seven members, six licensed contractors and one representative of the public.

November 14 – Nov. 14-18 Proclaimed as Nevada Licensed Contractors Week by Governor Sandoval

In partnership with NSCB, Governor Brian Sandoval signed a proclamation declaring the week of November 14-18, 2011 as *Nevada Licensed Contractors Week*.

November 15 – Commission on Construction Education Awards \$27,900 in Grants

The Commission on Construction Education held its biannual meeting Nov. 16, where commissioners awarded four entities a total of \$27,900 in construction education grant funding. Established by the Nevada State Legislature, the commission is charged with reviewing programs of education that relate to building construction and distributing grants from the Construction Education Account for qualified programs.

November 15 – Three Contractors Recognized for Holding Longest Active Licenses in Light of Nevada Licensed Contractors Week

In honor of *Nevada Licensed Contractors Week*, NSCB would like to recognize three businesses that acquired their licenses in 1941, when NSCB was established by the Legislature. These companies are among the oldest in Nevada.

November 21 – Contractors Board Warns Reno Fire Victims of Unlicensed Contractors Frequenting Neighborhoods

In response to the Caughlin Fire that destroyed dozens of homes and caused damage to many more, NSCB is warning affected homeowners to be cautious of unlicensed contractors who will likely begin frequenting neighborhoods soliciting repair/rebuild work. Any person who comes into contact with an unlicensed contractor is encouraged to obtain as much information on the individual as possible and contact the Reno Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at (775) 850-7838.

Nonstructural Components and Contractor Obligations

*By Theodore L. Droessler,
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The built environment is what architects, engineers and builders produce to make life efficient, productive and enjoyable. What is generally seen in completed construction projects are the finishes supported by nonstructural components. Significant environmental events, such as an earthquake have dislodged nonstructural components contributing to injury and loss of building operations. It is very important to have an understanding of what a nonstructural component is and what the building code requires for improved performance.

The 2009 International Building Code (IBC) is the source used herein to define what portions of a structure are considered nonstructural components. IBC Chapter 16, Section 1613 *Earthquake Loads*, indicates that “Every structure, and portion thereof, including nonstructural components that are permanently attached to structures and their supports and attachments, shall be designed and constructed to resist the effects of earthquake motions in accordance with (American Society of Civil Engineers 7) ASCE 7.”

ASCE 7 *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures* is the reference standard noted in the IBC. Chapter 13 of this document contains the seismic design requirements for nonstructural components, listing the requirements for what is to be contained in the construction documents. In this case, ASCE 7 specifies in Section 13.2.7, “Where design of nonstructural components or their supports and attachments is required by Table 13.2-1, such design shall be shown in construction documents prepared by a registered design professional for use by the owner, building officials, contractors, and inspectors.”

Nonstructural components include architectural features and electrical and mechanical equipment. The architectural features include interior nonstructural walls and partitions, veneer, ceilings, cabinets, curtain walls, signs, parapets and other cantilevered elements. The electrical and mechanical components include the electrical service, HVAC, ductwork, piping systems and generators as the major elements. Chapter 13 does allow for some exemptions from the specific design provision contained therein. While an exemption may exist,

the code intends these features and systems to have an attachment to maintain their proper position and integrity.

The exemptions and requirements are keyed to the type of component and Seismic Design Category (SDC) assigned to the structure. The SDC can be found in the general structural notes for new construction. SDC categories C and D are the most likely designations to be encountered in the Las Vegas Valley. Most components are exempt from the design provisions in ASCE 7 when the SDC is A or B. Some components are exempt at a SDC designation of C. It is best to review this section closely where the SDC is D, E or F as the exemptions are very limited.

So why does the contractor need to know the SDC, given that a design professional is required, when an exemption is not applicable? This is primarily due to the fact that many nonstructural components are deferred submittals and sometimes are left to the bid process. At times, neither the structural engineer nor the architect will design or specify attachments for suspended ceiling systems. Note, the code does allow specification of some recognized industry standards for suspended ceilings and fire sprinkler systems. Another example is HVAC equipment being a contractor supplied element. A final design is not possible until the equipment is selected. Additionally, the code requires seismic qualification of equipment under some conditions. Lastly, anchor selection for equipment and systems is also tied to the seismic design category and is limited when connection to concrete or masonry is required.

It is essential that contractors be able to determine the correct seismic design category on projects when deferred submittals or contractor selected equipment is involved. This knowledge will help identify equipment and systems, which are subject to the improved performance features specified in the IBC for attachments to the building or structure. This will greatly enhance the contractor’s communication with design professionals, who can provide the design and detailing to meet construction schedules.

Please contact Theodore L. Droessler, Manager of Engineering, Clark County Department of Development Services, with questions or comments on nonstructural components at: (702) 455-8093 or tld@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Contractors' Sales and Use Tax Issues

By Paulina Oliver, Nevada Department of Transportation



Pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax regulation NAC 372.190, a construction contractor is a person who acts solely in a professional capacity to construct, alter, repair, add to, remodel or otherwise improve any real property. The term includes subcontractor, interior decorators and specialty contractors but does not include licensed architects, licensed engineers or manufacturers of factory built homes or units.

A construction contract is defined in the regulation as a contract to erect, construct, affix a structure to real property, and remodeling, altering, adding, or repairing an improvement to real property. A contract may be formal or informal and includes advertised, negotiated, cost reimbursable, lump-sum and time and material contracts. When a contractor is purchasing material in the performance of a construction contract, he or she should not use a re-sale certificate. They must pay tax directly to their vendors. If purchasing material from an out-of-state vendor who does not charge Nevada sales tax, the contractor is responsible for reporting and paying use tax, which is at the same rate as sales tax. There is a special "Consumer Use Tax Return" provided by the Department of Taxation to report this use tax.

Unlike retailers that must charge sales tax on the full retail price, including any mark-up of the tangible personal property that is sold to a customer who is the end user, a contractor who enters into a construction contract for improvement of real property is considered the end user and must pay sales tax on the cost of all materials he or she purchases. Frequently, contractors make retail sales, which may or may not be in conjunction with a construction contract. The tax treatment of those retail sales of tangible personal property is different than the tax treatment of the improvement to real property. A retailer sells the materials but

does not install or affix the material to the real property themselves. Contractors who are also retailers must use the regular "Sales and Use Tax Return" to report both types of transactions. Some of the most common sales tax errors made by contractors include:

- Adding sales tax or any wording about sales tax on their construction contracts, invoices or receipts. When sales tax is charged on an invoice or receipt, the transaction is deemed to be a sale. By including the words "sales tax," a contractor may unknowingly change the nature of the tax liability of the transaction from a use tax on materials cost to sales tax on the full retail price. When this occurs, the contractor is no longer eligible to pay the tax on their purchase price. All sales tax charged to customers must be remitted to the Department.
- Not paying sales tax on materials involving contracts with exempt organizations, such as schools and churches. It is the contractor who is the end user, not the exempt organization, so their exempt status does not transfer to the contractor.
- Using a re-sale certificate when purchasing construction materials they will use themselves either as part of a contract or for tools and supplies, which are used in the trade.
- Including material that does not become part of the real property and is sold separately, such as furniture, equipment and display racks as part of their construction contract. The sale of these items is considered a retail sale.
- Not taxing fabrication labor in a retail sale where no installation to real property is involved.

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Highlights from NSCB's Quarterly Report

LICENSING

Oct to Dec 2011	
Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	17,424
New Licenses Issued	224
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered /Revoked	(918)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	545
Licenses (End of Quarter)	17,275
# of Licenses on Jul 1st, 2011	17,547
# of Licenses on Dec 31st, 2011	17,275
Net YTD (Fiscal Year)	
Licenses Gained / Lost	(272)
Renewal Revenue Gained / Lost	(\$163,200)
*Does not include suspended licenses	

- As of December 31, 2011, there were 15,624 active licenses in Nevada
- Approximately 10% of all licensees have registered with Online Renewal services (see page 4 for details on how you can register)
- AB 32 took effect Oct. 1 - Requires a licensee to submit an application for a single project limit increase at least five working days prior to the bid date; application must be approved prior to bidding the project.
- The Insulation Advisory Committee held its first meeting Nov. 3. Five members were selected to serve on the Committee by the Board.
- Updated contractor ID cards are being developed and will be made available to licensees in the coming months.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

Residential Recovery Fund assessments reduced by 15%
Effective January 1, 2012

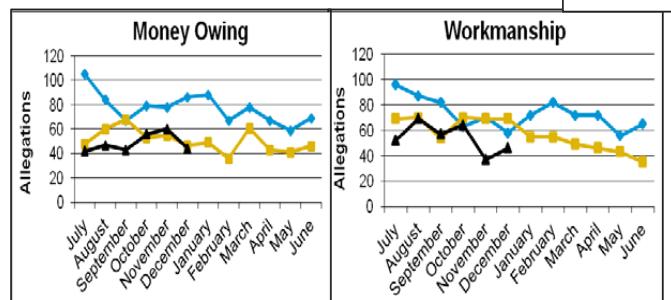
ENFORCEMENT

Licensed Contractors

Compliance Investigations

- 564 cases opened; 306 cases closed as invalid/no violation by licensed contractor
- 77 cases referred for Disciplinary Hearing - 44 cases heard; 37 licenses revoked
- 65 Administrative Citations issued totalling \$77,800 in fines and \$25,600 in investigative costs.
- TRENDS: Workmanship complaints decreased 17%; Money owing complaints increased 16%

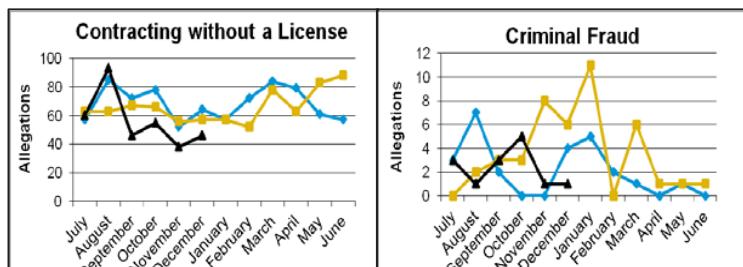
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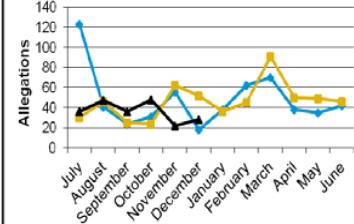
Unlicensed Contractors

Criminal Investigations

- 238 cases opened; 107 cases closed as invalid/no violation by licensed contractor
- 101 criminal charges filed with District Attorney
- 78 convictions recorded
- 83 criminal citations issued



Unlawful Advertising



— FY 11-12
— FY 10-11
— FY 09-10

INDUSTRY CONSTRUCTION SNAPSHOT

2010 Construction Trends

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
RENO													
New Residential	31	16	50	15	37	43	31	39	22	23	26	24	357
Residential Addition/Remodel	199	172	246	194	203	262	234	247	249	231	210	271	2718
New Commercial	2	2	5	4	10	11	4	6	11	5	3	6	69
Commercial Addition/Remodel	115	116	160	168	170	216	220	191	152	186	138	173	2005
CARSON CITY													
New Residential	0	2	1	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	11
Residential Add/Alt/Repair	6	11	6	9	4	8	5	10	5	4	1	5	74
New Commercial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Add/Alt/Repair Non Resident	4	9	9	10	5	9	6	7	10	4	8	8	89
CLARK COUNTY													
New Commercial	16	2	5	7	9	4	6	13	13	7	6	20	108
Commercial Additions & Rem.	237	189	373	232	241	262	228	214	251	227	238	246	2938
New Residential	188	228	316	246	181	180	156	128	123	119	70	135	2070
Residential Additions & Rem.	75	88	118	189	167	177	132	148	127	105	145	113	1584
LYON COUNTY													
New Residential	7	0	7	0	3	1	1	8	4	2	2	9	44
Residential Remodel/Addition	7	16	17	16	7	14	11	19	27	18	12	8	165
New Commercial	0	1	2	4	2	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	18
Commercial Add/Misc.	1	1	2	3	0	2	4	2	6	2	0	1	24
WASHOE COUNTY													
New Residential	1	2	2	2	0	3	2	9	5	2	2	2	32
Residential Addition/Remodel	39	50	60	141	115	107	72	90	106	99	80	57	1016
New Commercial	4	2	3	3	1	1	3	0	1	5	2	0	25
Commercial Additions	3	2	6	12	11	30	14	15	12	19	7	12	143

2011 Construction Trends

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
RENO													
New Residential	35	16	43	30	25	29	30	27	22	19	35	16	327
Residential Addition/Remodel	194	190	291	375	267	248	249	285	276	214	200	207	2996
New Commercial	3	8	4	10	10	9	16	9	6	5	4	6	90
Commercial Addition/Remodel	154	135	215	167	152	206	189	217	190	196	127	209	2157
CARSON CITY													
New Residential	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	9
Residential Add/Alt/Repair	3	4	8	6	5	4	8	9	4	6	7	4	68
New Commercial	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Add/Alt/Repair Non Resident	2	5	7	8	8	7	5	6	3	4	9	10	74
CLARK COUNTY													
New Commercial	2	1	10	6	10	37	18	2	8	7	4	2	107
Commercial Additions/Remodel	216	165	221	226	243	245	197	248	220	228	169	210	2588
New Residential	132	113	172	128	160	205	121	141	107	71	103	194	1647
Residential Additions/Remodel	88	99	155	171	151	157	119	133	109	105	115	83	1485
LYON COUNTY													
New Residential	5	6	5	1	2	6	5	2	6	1	3	4	46
Residential Additions/Remodel	11	9	14	10	13	11	9	9	18	9	8	8	129
Commercial New	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	8
Commercial Addition/Remodel	0	0	2	0	1	5	3	4	0	1	12	0	28
WASHOE COUNTY													
New Residential	6	1	5	6	5	10	7	4	8	6	7	8	32
Residential Addition/Remodel	49	44	63	134	116	89	130	137	97	130	72	78	1016
New Commercial	1	3	1	2	0	2	10	3	1	1	5	4	25
Commercial Additions	15	9	7	15	14	12	20	42	25	12	52	13	143

Southern Nevada Home Builders Association



Greg Oberling

Incoming Pres.

Effective Jan. 1, Greg Oberling of Warmington Residential Nevada, is president of the 300-member trade group; Rocky Cochran of Pardee Homes is 1st vice president; and Robert V. McGibney of KB Home is 2nd vice president.

Oberling is division president at Warmington, which he joined 16 years ago. He has worked in the real estate industry for 25 years, three years as a lender and 22 years in home building. He started attending SNHBA events in 1989 when he was vice president of development at Falcon Development, becoming an active member in 1996. He has served as 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, chairman of the association's Legislative Committee and the Community Planning and Development Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee. A native of Quincy, Ill., he moved to Carson City at age 16 where he graduated from Carson High School and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Diana Bossard of B2 Development Services continues as the association's treasurer; and Tony Stipanov of Southwest Gas Corp., continues as secretary in 2012. The builder members on the board of directors are: Mark Bivins, Inspiration Homes; Don Boettcher, Dunhill Homes; Clinton M. Cox, Meritage Homes; James Gomez, Richmond American Homes; David S. Jennings, D R Horton; Brandon Laughter, Pulte Homes; Robert V. McGibney, KB Home; Frank Pankratz, EHB Cos.; Jeremy Parness, Lennar; Brian Plaster, Signature Homes; and Tom Warden, The Howard Hughes Corp.

The associate members on the board are: Barbara Baird, B2 Development Services; Scott Donnelly, Cooper Roofing Co.; Jim Fitch, Cox Las Vegas; Sherrie Hermann, Cal/Pac Painting; Ed Lubbers, The Lubbers Law Group; Ken Williams, CAMCO; and

The Southern Nevada Home Builders Association installed its 2012 slate of officers and directors during the Installation and Awards Luncheon on Dec. 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel. CAMCO and Southwest Gas Corp. were co-sponsors of the event.

Darren Wilson, Sierra Air Conditioning.

These elected board members, along with the officers, the senior directors and past presidents, constitute the board of directors. Also, Irene E. Porter, the association's director for 35 years, announced during the luncheon event that she will retire in mid-2012.

During the event, SNHBA's outgoing 2011 President Frank Wyatt of Pinnacle Homes presented several awards. The Builder Member of the Year Award went to Rocky Cochran of Pardee Homes, and the Associate Member of the Year Award went to Jerry Helton of Development Consultants, for "outstanding service to the association and the industry."

President's Special Awards for outstanding contributions to the community and/or industry went to Nevada State Senator Michael A. Schneider; Gale Wm. Fraser II, the general manager and chief engineer at the Clark County Regional Flood Control District; former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman; Irene Vogel, the chief executive officer of the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors; Steve Holloway, executive director of the Associated General Contractors-Las Vegas chapter; and member Southwest Gas Corp.

The 2011 Builder Spike Award for membership recruitment went to Dan Wright of Distinctive Homes as the builder member who recruited the most new members this year; the Associate Spike Award went to David Fortner of American Pavement Preservation as the associate member who recruited the most new members in 2011.

Founded in 1953 by 12 local home builders and incorporated with the state of Nevada in 1954, the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association ranks as the oldest and largest local trade organization representing the residential construction industry. Its members work in all facets of the home building industry.



Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association of Southern Nevada

SMACNA of Southern Nevada held its annual membership meeting in late November and elected new members to the Board of Directors. The new Board will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

The new Officers and Directors consist of –

- President – William “Bill” Blazvick of Royal Sheet Metal Works
- Vice President – John Jacobs of Big Town Mechanical
- Secretary-Treasurer – Randy Lamb of Hansen Mechanical
- Immediate Past President – Steve Kimmel of MMC Contractors West, Inc.
- Director – Michael DeJohn of Lloyd’s Refrigeration
- Director - Angelo Iannucci of Bombard Mechanical
- Director – Doug Lea of Quality Mechanical
- Director – Jackson Pyper of MMC Contractors West, Inc.

The Association leadership recognizes that the construction industry of Southern Nevada continues to face difficult conditions that impact the stability and growth of its contractor membership. The resolve of the leadership and staff of SMACNA of Southern Nevada is to provide services and programming that offer a positive influence on the growth and profitability of member contractor's businesses and their operation. In doing so the SMACNA leadership will encourage and seek the participation and input of the membership regarding association activities. The real value of membership in any organization is achieved

not only by attendance, participation in programming and utilization of provided services, but it is enhanced by the member's active involvement in the planning and administrative phases.

SMACNA's leadership, members and staff are cognizant of the fact that either as individual citizens or businessmen we do not live and function in a vacuum. We recognize community and that our success both in terms of our personal and business deportment is inexorably tied to commitment and involvement. Therefore, in its task of administering Association activities, the SMACNA Board of Directors will also be looking for opportunities to partner with other construction, public, governmental, educational and professional organizations.

The economic circumstances today are not exclusive, but rather extend to the entire community and industry; and we believe that solidarity, collective intelligence and unity of purpose are required to address the issues and enhance survival.



National Association of Women in Construction

"So, what is NAWIC?" That is generally the first question I am asked when introduced as the President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. The short answer is that we are here to educate the construction industry, which is then followed by the inevitable "Oh, so you educate the construction industry about women." Well, not exactly.

While our core purpose is to "enhance the success of women in the construction industry," everything really begins when we first reach out to the community through our educational programs. In 1973, NAWIC created the Educational Foundation as a non-profit organization that would implement these programs. Block Kids, a competition for grade school children involving interlocking blocks, and the CAD/Drafting/Design Competition (CADD), a contest for high school students who are presented with a "design problem" created by a licensed architect or engineer that challenges the student to prepare an architectural drawing that successfully solves this problem in a creative and skillful way, are two of the most popular and are intended to encourage kids to consider pursuing careers in the construction industry.

For the Block Kids program in Las Vegas, we partner with the local Boys and Girls Club who pick 70 to 75 elementary school children to participate. We are about a month away from this year's competition and our committee chair, Donna Kestler, has been extremely busy finalizing the details. Each child is given 100 interlocking blocks, a length of string, a sheet of tin foil and a rock and is asked to build a structure and then tell the story behind it. Most of the stories revolve around dream houses and parental work places, but last year's winner told a tale that was both wonderful and heartbreakng. His older brother had recently joined the military and it was easy to see that this young boy missed him terribly. So our little contestant built the training facility where his brother attended boot camp and then fashioned a road that lead to the base, which he also built, where the brother would be stationed in Afghanistan. He then used some of the blocks to act as flags and to denote the ranks of various officers his brother had encountered. Even the toughest judge was left a little choked up. Generally things do not get quite so emotional, but it's always a wonder to listen to these kids and be amazed by their thoughts and imaginations.

Cheri Hickman, our CADD committee chair, is also preparing for the final phase of this event, too. It's always exciting to see the students' designs and it was

an honor that the national CADD winner and top award for 2010-2011 was taken by one of Las Vegas' own from the Advanced Technologies Academy. At the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year, students at various Clark County schools were presented with the same design problem as thousands of other students across the country. This time the challenge was to design a transitional home for teenagers to keep them out of the foster care system; not only must it be ADA compliant to accommodate several special needs residents, but it must also adhere to strict historical guidelines for the surrounding neighborhood. The problems are never simple nor are they "dumbed down" just because the participants are in high school.

But our support for education doesn't end just because of graduation. Like many chapters, Las Vegas offers several college scholarships. Our Construction Management Scholarship is specifically for a female University of Nevada Las Vegas student entering her junior year majoring in a construction related field, and it was a pleasure to announce the creation of a similar Construction Management Scholarship for a female student attending the College of Southern Nevada. But we also offer an Open Major Scholarship, which is awarded to either a female or male student that is a dependent of a Clark County resident who has been recently employed in the construction industry and will be attending any nationally accredited institution of higher learning. There are also national scholarships available from NEF as well as professional certification programs administered by Clemson University in South Carolina for those already working in the industry and a partnership with Lorman Education Services provides discounts on obtaining Continuing Education Units (CEU).

NAWIC strives to strengthen our community and the industry by increasing the knowledge and understanding between the two. It offers the framework to build support networks based on the respect that forms during the learning process. So, does NAWIC educate the construction industry about women? Yes, but it also educates women, children and men about the construction industry.

For more information, please visit www.nawic.org, www.nawiclasvegas.org, or contact our Las Vegas Exec. Dir. Linda Gibson at 702-796-9986. Our general meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Las Vegas Elks Lodge at 4100 E. Charleston and are open to non-members.

Western Nevada College Playing a Valuable Role

As Nevada's key industries and services retool and strengthen following the Great Recession, Nevada schools and colleges are helping to power the engine that will jumpstart the Silver State's economy. At Western Nevada College (WNC), headquartered in Carson City with rural campuses in Fallon and Minden, a longtime partnership with the construction industry positions WNC to readily assist individual workers, as well as companies as they begin to ramp up services and production.

There's a growing realization statewide that partnerships are critical to success in helping workers gain and expand skills and in helping companies improve processes and enhance profits. WNC's Economic Development and Continuing Education division works in partnership with business, industry, government and non-profit agencies to provide training solutions throughout its seven-county service area. Using a personalized approach, WNC helps dozens of individual businesses each year become more efficient, while enhancing the skills and commitment of their employees.

Assessment, instruction and evaluation are essential components of WNC's programs. Training can be customized to meet the specific needs of both employers and employees. The development of new programs is often the result of customized training. Education and training for academic credit, certifications or non-credit skills can be delivered on-site at businesses, at WNC campuses or at college instructional centers in Fernley or Yerington.

Adaptability and flexibility are keys to successful partnerships. Customized instruction can be offered at anytime during the year at the convenience of the organization. WNC offers two-and four-year academic degrees in the field of construction. The four-year Bachelor of Technology degree in Construction Management is the only one in Northern Nevada. It provides associate degree students,

new students and skilled workers an educational route toward a career as a construction manager or supervisor. The 128-unit program combines knowledge in construction methods, planning and project management with business management and supervisory skills. It allows those already working in the construction field to enroll in an applicable baccalaureate degree program to expand career advancement possibilities.

The two-year Construction Project Management degree provides management training that addresses topics of critical importance to subcontractors, general contractors, superintendents and project managers. Students study contract administration, coordination, negotiation, quality control and the management of labor resources, equipment and materials. In addition, a licensing program is offered to fulfill the minimum course requirements needed to work as a certified inspector of residential structures.

Partnerships with the construction industry have allowed WNC and high school students to receive scholarships and grants that have helped them prepare for careers in the construction or related industries. Leaders from the industry also participate in curriculum advisory committees that help with development of academic programs, updating of curriculum and creation of certifications that can help workers become better skilled and hence, more valuable in the workplace.

In today's world, these partnerships are keys to success. They enhance communication and collaboration so that individuals become more knowledgeable about the far-reaching and diverse, positive impacts that the construction and related industries play in the Silver State.

For more information, contact: David Steiger, Director of Economic Development and Continuing Education at: (775) 445-4427.

2011 Industry Contractor Recognition Awards

P.I.P.E. - NV Mechanical Contractors Association

For the past 19 years, Richard W. Lisle, Executive Director for the Mechanical Contractors Association of Southern Nevada has been a key leader within the Southern Nevada construction industry. Serving for over 30 years as an Association Executive, Richard has decided to retire effective July 1, 2012.

He was recently honored at a conference sponsored by the Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors National Association of Union Affiliated Contractors on May 18, 2011 in Chicago. Richard was recognized for his leadership and dedication to the piping industry for the past 30 years throughout North America. In his honor, a "This is Your Life Richard" video was shown at the conference, which chronicled Richard's lifetime from a small child to an adult as an industry advocate. At the conclusion of the video, Richard received a standing ovation from PHCC members, family and friends in attendance.

So. Nevada International Code Council

Industry Person of the Year
– Nick Moriarty with JBA Consulting Engineers: Nick served on both the Membership Services and Public Outreach Committees, and was intimately involved in the SNICC High School Internship Program. He also served as mentor and coordinator for the JBA Engineers for Fire Protection Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical/Plumbing Engineering, Technical Services (Auto Cad) and Information Technology areas.

Government Person of the Year

– Kevin McKosker with Clark County

County: Kevin served on the Public Outreach Committee and was heavily involved with Building Safety Month and the Public Speakers Bureau. He also volunteered at the ICC Pool & Spa EXPO booth, never hesitating to fulfill the tasks asked of him.

Presidents Award – Sailini King:

An Industry Associate member and Secretary for the Public Outreach Committee (POC), Sailini has been the senior building permit specialist for Clark County Development Services since 1998. Since serving on the POC in 2011, she has provided behind the scenes administrative and secretarial support for the Internship Program, the Scholarship Program, the EduCode event, Building Safety Month, was a volunteer in the Touro University Health Fair and various other projects and events the committee was involved in.

Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe

Public Works Project of the Year

Truckee Bridge Street Improvements
Aspen Developers Corp.

Sustainable Building Methods Project of the Year

Dry Creek Court Residence
In House Builders

Commercial Project of the Year

Truckee River Winery
Ward-Young Architecture and Planning

Residential Remodel Project of the Year

Basque Lane Residence
Griggs Custom Homes, Inc.

Residential Project of the Year

Valhalla Drive Residence
J. Corda Construction and Ward-Young Architecture and Planning

New Member of the Year

John Walterscheid
Royal Wholesale Electric

Volunteer of the Year

Paul Griggs
Griggs Custom Homes, Inc.

Professional of the Year

Julie Johnson-Holland
Interior Design by Julie Johnson-Holland

Supplier/Vendor of the Year

Marcio Decker
Home Concepts Design Resource Center

Sub-Contractor of the Year

Paul Johansen
Johansen Masonry, Inc.

Builder of the Year

Barry Lease
Incline Builders, Inc.

Nevada Landscape Association

2011 Presidents Award

Century Landscapes - US Army / Mustang 22

Water Feature Award

1st Place: All Season Lawn & Landscaping - Hillen Residence

Residential Installation above \$50,000

1st Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Hillen Residence

2nd Place: Signature Landscapes - Rowe Residence

Industry Contractor Recognition Awards

Nevada Landscape Association (cont.)

Residential Installation

\$25,000 - \$50,000

1st Place: Signature Landscapes - Serratt Residence

Large Residential Maintenance

1st Place: Reno Lawn & Landscape - Miller Residence

2nd Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Mitchell Residence

Small Residential Maintenance

1st Place: Century Landscapes - McEwen Residence

2nd Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Grulli Residence

3rd Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Reid Residence

Small Commercial Installation

1st Place: Century Landscapes - US Army / Mustang 22

2nd Place: Signature Landscapes - River Senior Apartments

Commercial Renovation

1st Place: Signature Landscapes - Riverbend HOA

Large Commercial Maintenance

1st Place: Century Landscapes - Montreux Commons

2nd Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Casitas on the Green HOA

3rd Place: Signature Landscapes - Woodland Village HOA

Medium Commercial Maintenance

1st Place: Century Landscapes - Creekside Manor HOA

Small Commercial Maintenance

1st Place: All Seasons Lawn & Landscaping - Eaglesnest HOA

AGC - Nevada Chapter

PINNACLE AWARDS

Specialty Contractor Awards

Excellence in Client Service

Under \$500,000

Martin Iron Works

VA Correct Outpatient Mental Health Deficiencies

Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job Over \$500,000

JW McClenahan Co.

South Lake Tahoe H.S. Boiler Replacement

General Contractor Awards

Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job Over \$5 Million

Granite Construction

Truckee River Canyon

Sensitivity to Environment/ History/Culture Under \$5 Million

Q & D Construction

Interstate 80 between Painted Rock and East Fernley

Excellence in Client Services

Under \$5 Million

Q & D Construction

Saint Mary's Cardiovascular Suite

MERIT AWARD

Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job Over \$5 Million

Q & D Construction

Idaho Street Reconstruction

PARTNERING AWARDS

Granite Construction

US-395 Widening Moana to I-80

Q & D Construction

Interstate 80 Painted Rock to East Fernley

AGC - Las Vegas Chapter

Contractor of the Year

Boyd Martin Construction

Specialty Contractor of the Year

Terra Contracting

J.A. Tiberti Pioneer Spirit Award

Burke Construction

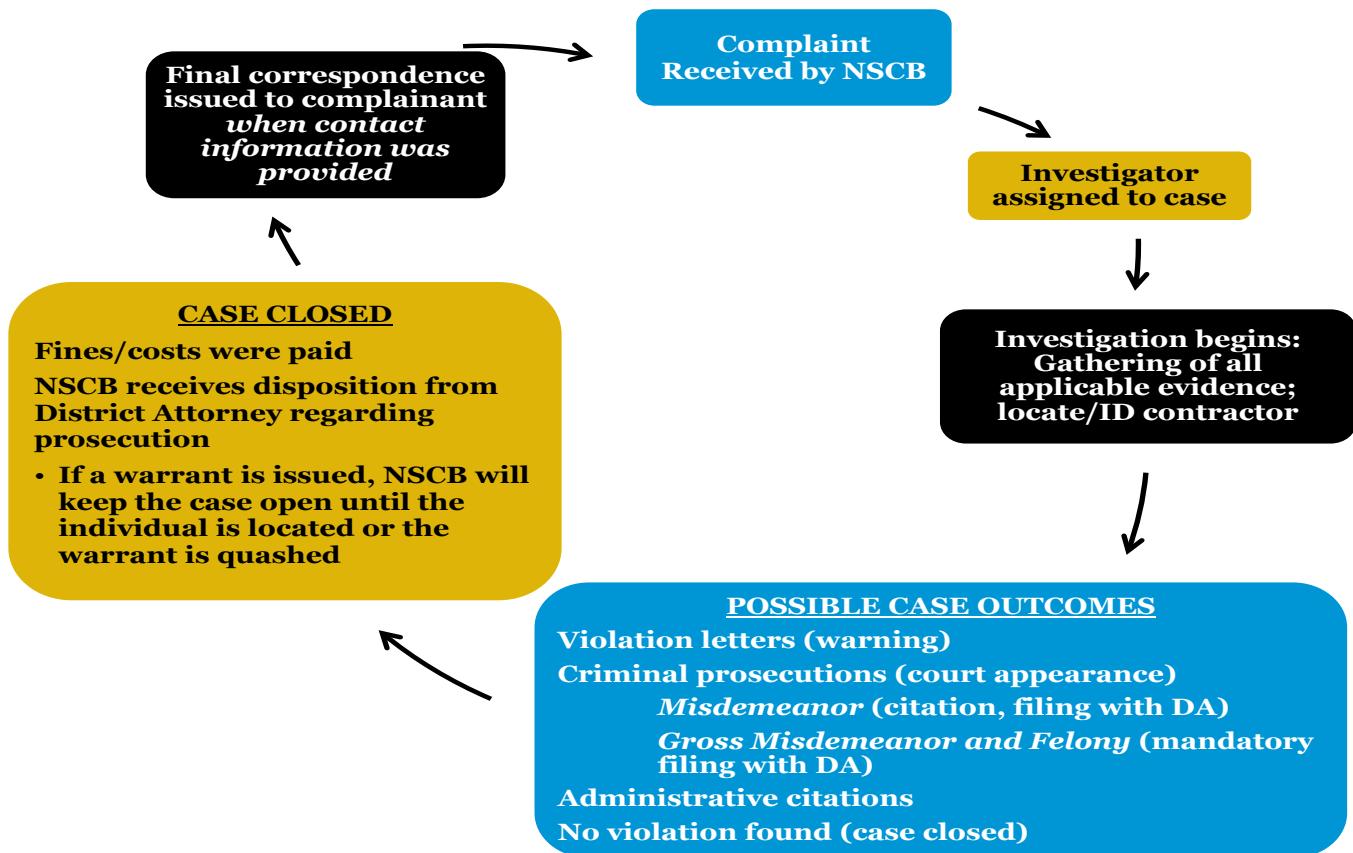
Corporate Citizen Award

Commercial Roofers

Cornerstone Award

Irene Porter, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association

Addressing Unlicensed Contracting: An Overview of NSCB Efforts



Understanding the Role of Each Agency

- NSCB is responsible for investigating each complaint/lead and gathering evidence relative to the case. Upon review of the evidence, the complaint is found valid or invalid. If warranted, the case may be submitted for prosecution to the District Attorney. If valid, the unlicensed contractor may be prosecuted and required to pay fines and/or investigative costs.
- The **District Attorney** has final authority on whether the case prepared and submitted by NSCB is to be prosecuted. If charges are filed by the DA, the investigator will be subpoenaed to court to testify on his findings. The final outcome of each case rests in the hands of the court.

Current Efforts by NSCB to Identify & Stop Unlicensed Activity

- Every complaint and/or lead provided to NSCB is assigned to an investigator and a case is immediately opened for further gathering of evidence
- Daily search of Craigslist and other print advertising
- Weekly proactive sweeps by investigators locating and citing unlicensed activity
- Messaging to consumers on how to report unlicensed activities
- Collaborating with industry associations on reporting unlicensed activity

Challenges with Investigating & Prosecuting Unlicensed Contractors

- Lack of information – unable to track down individual
- Phone number only point of contact – Unable to secure a physical meeting
- Caseload of partnering agencies may delay prosecution timeframe
- Lack of cooperation from homeowners hiring unlicensed individuals
- Lack of tangible evidence (proposal, contract/invoice, bid, record of payment) necessary for the case file

HELP STOP UNLICENCED CONTRACTING

Unlicensed Contractor Awareness Campaign

This program was developed by NSCB to help licensed contractors take-a-stand against unlicensed contractors. By participating in the campaign, licensed contractors distribute and display NSCB brochures, along with a laminated poster, in their business to help educate homeowners about the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors.

Many licensed contractors statewide have requested these informational packets, which include samples of brochures, an Unlicensed Contractor Hotline card to report unlicensed contractors, handouts and a laminated “Unlicensed Contractor Awareness” poster.

To request an informational packet, send your name, company's name, license number, address and phone number via e-mail to:

Ranya Botros
Public Information Assist.
rbotros@nscb.state.nv.us



Volunteer Your Home As a Sting House

NSCB is always looking for members of the industry and/or community to volunteer their homes for a one-day use by NSCB investigators. Efforts such as this help the Board locate and cite unlicensed contractors on-the-spot, which leads to criminal convictions as can be seen on page 16.

Sting houses typically show evidence that work needs to be done, such as fire damaged homes, landscaping issues, painting/flooring, etc. If you have a house that you would like to volunteer for a sting operation, please contact:

Southern Nevada
Julio Sabates
(702) 486-1137
jsabates@nscb.state.nv.us

Northern Nevada
Fred Schoenfeldt
(775) 850-7884
fschoenf@nscb.state.nv.us

Reporting Unlicensed Contracting Activity

When reporting unlicensed contracting activities, the more information you can provide the Board, the more efficient the investigation process will be for Board investigators. Below is a checklist of informational items to prepare when submitting a complaint and/or tip to the Board:

Advertising Complaints:

- Individual's and/or business name
- Copy of and/or link to advertisement - ***ad must show unlawful scope of work***
- All contact information available for individual
- Any additional details regarding your interaction with unlicensed individual
- Your name and contact information

Working w/o a License Complaints:

- Exact location where work is being performed
- Description of work being performed
- Any evidence that individual is unlicensed (pictures, documentation, etc.)
- Individual's and/or business name
- All contact information available
- Your name and contact

Criminal Convictions of Unlicensed Contractors

(October 1 - December 30, 2011)

By State law, NSCB has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts. The **Unlicensed Contractor Hotline** continues to be an instrumental source for NSCB to identify and prosecute unlicensed contractors. All licensed contractors and members of the public are encouraged to contact NSCB with any concern of an unlicensed contractor performing work.

**CS = Community Service IC = Investigative Costs
F = Fine R = Restitution PB = Plea Bargain**

Southern Nevada Criminal Convictions October 1, 2011 - December 30, 2011

Addelia, Joseph E.	Conviction; IC	Akbari, Jacob Ali	Conviction; IC
Beauregard, Richard	Conviction; IC	Barcelona Shade & Ironworks	\$8,250 R; PB; IC
Csaba, Tamas Miklos	PB; IC	Beck, Brett Sung	PB; IC
Femino, Gianpaolo	\$650 R; PB; IC	Cabinetry By Design	PB
Gonzales, Mark	PB	Campos, Jesus Correa	Conviction; IC
Gonzalez, Cervando Alatorre	PB; IC	Castillo Cabinetry	Conviction; IC
Hackett, Brian S.	\$4,400 R; PB; IC	Cosby, Janet P.	Conviction
Heeter, Michael K.	Conviction; IC	Dercole, Matthew Gerald	Conviction; IC
Jimenez, Jesus Gerado	Conviction; IC	Dominguez, Joseph Edward	Conviction; IC
Lester, Charles Edward	\$4,409 R; CS; Conviction; IC; PB	Dust Busters Cleaning Services	Conviction; IC
Loisi, Mike, dba Mike's Handyman	PB; IC	Fajardo, Hector Roman	PB; IC
Mariscal, Miguel Montes	Conviction; IC	Flores, Alajandra	\$1,500 R; Conviction; IC
Mike's Nu Home Service	Conviction; IC	Glushchenko, Peter	\$500 R; PB; IC
Nevada Handyman	Conviction; IC	Hadden, Tim	PB; IC
Newcomb, Robert	\$250 F; Conviction; IC	Hernandez, Orbein Camara	Conviction; PB; IC
Orion Air Cooling & Heating	\$925 R; PB; IC	Kelley, Anthony, dba Kelley's Painting	Conviction; IC
Pisciuneri, Vincent	PB	Lamb, Michael Edward	PB; IC
Roberts, Kelly	PB; IC	Lange Construction	Conviction
Tony Sign Co.	Conviction; IC	Misko, Ernest, Jr.	PB; IC
Top Notch Heating & Air Conditioning	PB; IC	Ultimate Garage	PB; IC
Vega, Jose DeJesus	PB; IC	Urias, Richard Joseph	Conviction; IC
Wang, Yanfeng Rocky	PB; IC	Verrell, Johnny	PB; IC
Warweg, Greg Scott	Conviction	Zamora-Morales, Joaquin	PB; IC

Northern Nevada Criminal Convictions October 1, 2011 - December 30, 2011

Benton, Clifton Lee	CS; Conviction; IC	Alanis, Adrian Rios	\$352 F; Conviction; IC
Butolph, Kirk Edward	\$4,318.40 R; \$1,050 F; 6 Months Jail (On Weekends); Conviction	Alvarado, Marco Antonio	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Cisneros, Edgardo William	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Atkinson, Steven E.	\$192 F; Conviction; IC
Clark, Randall Milton	Jail (In Lieu of Fines); Conviction; IC	Bihakta, Bhulabhai	Conviction
Croney, Abram Cade	\$632 F; Conviction	Davis, Roger Allen, Jr.	\$3,295 R; \$640 F; Conviction
Dyer, Timothy Patrick	\$135 F; Conviction	Gonzales, Robert Anthony	\$250 F; Conviction; IC
Key, Robert Brent	\$47 F; Conviction; IC	Hallvik, Christopher Jon	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Kizer, Delaney, Jr.	Conviction; IC	Jackson, Gary Wayne	\$637 F; Conviction
Knoll, Richard David	\$253 F; Conviction; IC	Madson, Barry Leigh	Conviction; IC
Lacey, Timothy James	Jail (In Lieu of Fines & IC); Conviction	Medina, Jose C.	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Mckenna, Joseph Paul	\$135 F; Conviction	Pannell, Keith George	\$203 F; Conviction; IC
Mendivil, Adan Arturo	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Parker, Rory Lee	\$100 F; Conviction; IC
Mohler, Lawrence William	\$637 F; \$156.38 R; Conviction	Passons, Jessie Lamar	Conviction; IC
Moore, Samantha Jo	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Stickley, Aaron Bumper	\$100 F; Conviction; IC
Orcutt, Timothy Lee	\$640 F; Conviction; IC		

Upcoming NSCB Hearings, Meetings, & More



February 20

Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day

February 22

8:30 a.m. – Henderson Disciplinary Hearings

February 23

8:30 a.m. – Board Meeting

March 7

8:30 a.m. – Reno Disciplinary Hearings

March 21

8:30 a.m. – Henderson Disciplinary Hearings

1:00 p.m. – Residential Recovery Fund Hearings

March 22

8:30 a.m. – Board Meeting

Interested in Additional Training or Continuing Education Courses?

We've researched and compiled a list of courses available throughout the State and have made them available on our website.

You can find the list under "2012 Newsletters" at:

[http://www.nsbc.nv.gov/
newsroom.html](http://www.nsbc.nv.gov/newsroom.html)

Don't Forget...to read the article on page 13 to see how Western Nevada College is partnering with the construction industry to help customize skills and training courses specific to your business needs!

NOTE: If you would like to receive notices via e-mail regarding agendas for Public Meetings, please sign-up at: www.nsbc.nv.gov.

NSCB hearings, meetings and workshops are held at 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074 and 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, NV 89521. All hearing dates are tentative and subject to change, until a meeting agenda has been officially posted.

Meet NSCB's Board Members



KEVIN E. BURKE, Chairman

President and Chief Executive Officer of Burke Construction Group Inc., appointed to the Board by the Governor in Nov. 2008. He is a licensed general engineering and general building contractor with 20+ years experience, responsible for overseeing all company construction activities at Burke Construction Group Inc. He is a board member of the Associated General Contractors and board member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees.



MARGARET CAVIN, Treasurer

Margaret Cavin was first appointed to the Board in January of 2000 where she served three terms and was elected the first woman to serve as Chair. She is the co-founder of J & J Mechanical Inc. with 30 years of experience in the construction industry, and served as President of the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors. Cavin is also the President of Friends of ACE High School, a tuition-free charter school in Reno that infuses construction- and engineering-career applicable methods into core high school curriculum.



THOMAS "JIM" ALEXANDER

President of Renaissance Pools & Spas Inc., appointed to the Board by the Governor in Nov. 2010. He is a licensed commercial and residential pool contractor with 39+ years experience and has been licensed in Nevada since 1991. Alexander is an active member of the Associated General Contractors, a retired police officer, a Master Mason and Shriner, and a licensed pilot.



DONALD L. DRAKE

A resident of Sparks, NV, appointed to the Board by the Governor in Jan. 2010. He serves as the public member of the Board. Drake was owner and general manager of Baker & Drake, Inc., a Reno taxicab company. He is past president and a 25-year member of the board of directors of the Nevada Association of Employers and a member of the RTC 2040 Committee and the Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee.



NATHANIEL "NAT" W. HODGSON, III

Member and Qualified Individual of Green Serenity LLC, appointed to the Board by the Governor in Nov. 2008. He is the past president of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association.



STEPHEN P. QUINN

President of Precision Construction Inc., appointed to the Board by the Governor in Nov. 2009. He has been a licensed general building contractor for 27 years with 42 years experience in the trade. He is chairman of the City of Las Vegas Building and Safety Enterprise Fund Advisory Committee and served as vice chairman of the City of Las Vegas Planning Commission.



GUY M. WELLS

President and chief executive officer of Wells Cargo Inc., appointed to the Board by the Governor in May 2010. Wells is a licensed general engineering and general building contractor with more than 30 years of construction experience. He is an active member and officer of the Nevada Contractors Association.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE BOARD

Our Mission

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada.

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL ALERTS ONLINE

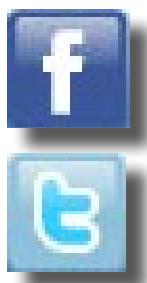
Go to www.nscb.nv.gov to register for any of the following:

News Releases

Industry Bulletins

Board/Hearing materials

Contractor Newsletter



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Our social media sites are updated frequently with NSCB headlines, Board meeting and hearing information, and any other industry news we can help share.

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!!

We want you to keep us informed on how we can continue to meet your needs.

Please fill out our short survey and let us know how we can improve!

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