



# SCWBA NEWS

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*“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team”*

Phil Jackson

## SPONSOR MESSAGE

Thank you to our sponsors, **Axley Attorneys** and **Builders First Source** for supporting our association, our members, and our industry.

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## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Our 3rd Annual Comedy Night, sponsored by Brabazon/Title Team on April 25th is sold out. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to carpool so we can get everyone in that requested reservations. If you missed our first one, our General Membership Meetings are back! The next one will take place in July. Watch our calendar in the newsletter and on the members only page of our website so you can get updates on the latest going on within SCWBA and have the opportunity to ask questions and network. Our next major event is our Golf Outing on June 13th. Download your packet via our website. We have a fun “Caddy Shack” theme experience planned for the day. Sure to be a great time! We love to see what projects your business is working on. Email Heidi your updates and she’ll share them on our socials!

Membership Co-Chair: Sara Reque

# SCWBA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Record Breaking Scholarship Year

SCWBA's Education Committee and Board of Directors recently voted to approve scholarships and grant match submissions totaling a record breaking \$13,000 in academic and direct to workforce scholarships. Recipients from Janesville Parker, Janesville Craig, and Milton High School were mailed their award letters and grant forms. SCWBA will award official certificates at each school's respective scholarship night next month.

## Media Blasts

We love to share what our members are up to. Email Heidi your project updates and she will share on our socials!



**South Central Wisconsin SCWBA Builders Association**

## SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

**ACADEMIC AWARDS: \$1000 each**

- Antoine Jarrett (Parker)
- Tavyne Schnuck (Parker)
- Keegan Skrzypchak (Parker)
- Carter Smalley (Parker)
- Mason Volkey (Milton)

**GRANT MATCH QUALIFIED AWARDS**  
Grant match up to award amount

- Antoine Jarrett (Parker)
- Dylan McLean (Milton)
- Tavyne Schnuck (Parker)
- Keegan Skrzypchak (Parker)
- Carter Smalley (Parker)
- Mason Volkey (Milton)

**SPECIAL THANKS!**

- SCWBA Education Committee
- Committee Chair, Tom Naatz
- SCWBA Board of Directors
- Student Build Instructors Joe Kruser & Terry Schindler
- School Districts of Janesville and Milton
- SCWBA Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship Lead Volunteer, Kelly McPherson
- Realty Executives Premier
- Briggs Realty Group
- George Mark Memorial Fund

**DIRECT TO WORKFORCE AWARDS: \$500 each**

- Karson Combs (Parker)
- Connor Dammen (Craig)
- Aidan Gatrell (Parker)
- Andrew Jeffson (Milton)
- Dylan McLean (Milton)

**STUDENT BUILD PARTICIPANT RECIPIENTS**

- Karson Combs (Janesville)
- Connor Dammen (Janesville)
- Aidan Gatrell (Janesville)
- Antoine Jarrett (Janesville)
- Andrew Jeffson (Milton)
- Tavyne Schnuck (Janesville)
- Keegan Skrzypchak (Janesville)
- Carter Smalley (Janesville)

## 2023 Award Recipients

### Emerging Associate Leaders

Sarah Landherr  
Stephanie Mawhinney  
Kelly McPherson  
Shannon Storlie

### EO Outstanding Associate Award

Becky Carter

### 2023 Leadership Award

Tessa Dongarra

### 2023 Builder of the Year

Doug Scott

### 2023 President's Award

Cassandra Wagner

### Emerging Builder Leaders

Lucas Comstock  
Ryan Naatz  
Brian Post

### EO Outstanding Builder Award

Tom Naatz

### 2023 Education Award

ABC Supply Company

### 2023 Associate of the Year

Sara Reque

*Congratulations to all 2023  
nominees and award recipients!*



# SCWBA COMMITTEES

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Closed Meetings*

President: Tessa Dongarra  
President Elect: Kevin Fanning  
Vice President : Chris Engstrom  
Treasurer/Secretary: Eric Scherdell  
Executive Officer: Heidi Van Kirk

*PICTURED*

## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

*Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 4pm at Sammy's Hilltop*

Builder Chair: Casandra Wagner  
Associate Chair: Sara Reque  
Member : Jackie Borgwardt  
Member: Stephanie Mawhinney  
Member: Chris Engstrom  
Member: Shannon Storlie  
Member: Amanda McCulloch  
Member: Krista Shortreed

## MARKETING COUNCIL

*Seats of council at quarterly membership meetings*

Builder: Zach Knutson  
Affiliate: Stacy Todd

## PARADE OF HOMES COMMITTEE

*Meets: 2nd Wednesday at 1pm at SCWBA*

Builder Chair: Kevin Ferguson  
Associate Chair: Tessa Dongarra  
Member : Andrea Mroz  
Member: Shannon Storlie  
Member: Sarah Landherr  
Member: Alexis Boston  
Member: Ashlyn Ellefson  
Member: Preston Laws  
Member: Gary Oehlberg  
Member: Al Herbst  
Member: Brian Kaiser  
Member:: Steve Lauber  
Member: Ben Childers  
Member: Randall Kinzelman

## CASINO NIGHT COMMITTEE

*Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 3:30pm at Sammy's Hilltop*

Builder Chair: Casandra Wagner  
Member : Chris Collins  
Member: Carrie Benton  
Member: Stephanie Mawhinney  
Member: Amanda Benway

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Closed Meetings*

Executive Committee PLUS  
Builder Director: Adam Perkins  
Builder Director: Lucas Comstock  
Associate Director: Joe Kruser  
Associate Director: Jackie Borgwardt  
State Director: Norm Paulson  
State Director: Andy Dongarra  
State Life Director: Doug Scott  
State Life Director: Tom Naatz  
State Life Director: Bob Sarow  
State Life Director: Scott Engelberger

*PICTURED*

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL

*Meets: 2nd Wednesday at 2pm at SCWBA*

Builder Chair: Lucas Comstock  
Associate Chair: Alexis Boston  
Member : Kaleb Shafer  
Member: Lane Shickles  
Member: Sarah Landherr  
Member: Ashlyn Ellefson

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Meets: 2nd Wednesday at 12pm at SCWBA*

Builder Chair: Tom Naatz  
Associate Chair: Joe Kruser  
Member : Henry Londo  
Member: Lucas Comstock  
Member: Sarah Landherr  
Member: Kelly McPherson  
Member: Gary Oehlberg  
Member: Adam Perkins  
Member: Brian Post  
Member: Katie Alshouse  
SDJ Rep: Christopher Maedke  
SDB Rep: Jeffrey Stenroos

## GOLF COMMITTEE

*Meets 3rd Thursday at 8am at SCWBA*

Builder Chair: Casandra Wagner  
Associate Chair: Amanda Benway  
Member : Chris Collins  
Member: Carrie Benton  
Member: Rhonda Scholl  
Member: Kim Hendrikson



# SCWBA EDUCATION

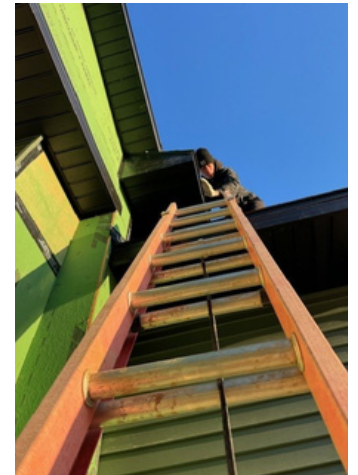
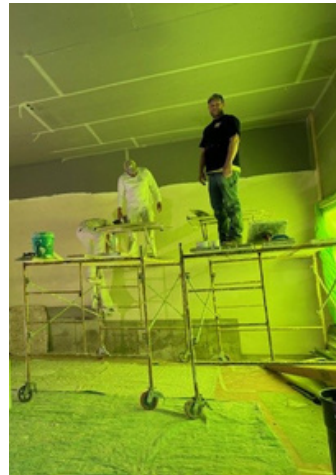
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SCWBA is extremely proud of our Student Build Program! In cooperation with local school districts, SCWBA provides an on-site classroom for students in advanced construction classes. From its humble beginning in 1992 until today, this program has been providing a hands-on classroom experience, exposing area students to the skilled trades. And since 2007, the program has provided numerous scholarships to participants that are looking to make the construction industry their chosen profession. SCWBA is proud to be a part of training future builders in our local home building industry. Thanks to the efforts of many partners, our Student Build is now 100% self supporting!

**Thank you to our General Contractors, Instructors, and the entire Education Committee for all you do!**

## 2023-2024 Student Build Janesville

1813 Arbor Ridge Way, Janesville  
General Contractor: AP Designs



## 2024 Student Build Milton

Lamar Park, Milton Youth Football Facility  
General Contractor: AP Designs



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“There’s no satisfaction like seeing a house stand tall because of your own hands.”

Samantha “The Carpenter” Chapman



# SCWBA EVENTS

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When was the last time you

**LOL** ?

South Central Wisconsin  
**SCWBA**  
Builders Association

**COMEDY  
NIGHT**

**SORRY  
SOLD OUT**

**APRIL  
25TH**

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**FERMENTING CELLARS WINERY**  
2004 Manogue Rd - Janesville

*You're Invited!*

**STUDENT BUILD  
OPEN HOUSE**

**WHEN:** Wednesday May 29, 2024

**TIME:** 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** 1813 Arbor Ridge Way in Janesville's Arbor Ridge Subdivision

**WHO:** Students & Families, District Faculty, SCWBA Members

**PLUS:** Education Appreciation Social for all Volunteers and Subcontractors involved, immediately following the Open House at Sammy's Hilltop.

**QUESTIONS:** office@scwba.com

**UPDATES:** <http://www.scwba.com/education.html>

## 2024 Calendar & Sponsors

February 29th  
Trivia Night



March 12th  
General Membership Dinner Meeting

SPEAKER TOPIC:  
TRANSITIONS & EXIT STRATEGIES

April 25th  
Comedy Night



June 13th  
Golf Outing



July 9th  
General Membership Dinner Meeting

SPEAKER TOPIC:  
TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL MEDIA

September 19th-22nd  
Parade of Homes



October 17th  
Casino Night



November 12th  
General Membership Dinner Meeting

SPEAKER TOPIC:  
MONEY & METRICS

December 9th  
Annual Awards & Installation Dinner



# SCWBA MEMBERSHIP

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## Welcome New Members

### **Air Control Heating & Cooling**

Janesville, WI

aircontrolwi@gmail.com

### **Cusick Enterprises**

Janesville, WI

tcenterprisescusickllc@gmail.com

### **Ritter Lawn**

Janesville, WI

ritterlawn@sbcglobal.net

## Members Renewed

*Members who have renewed recently*

- Badger State Maintenance
- Builders First Source
- Consigny Law
- Egge Construction
- Finco Concrete
- Janesville Gazette
- Johnson Bank
- Land Title & Closing Services
- Paulson Kimball Construction
- Powell Construction
- Richards Electric
- Sign-A-Rama
- Sullivan Signs



### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE**

Heidi Van Kirk, SCWBA Executive Officer

Hello SCWBA Members,

We are through the first quarter and SCWBA has had some amazing progress in all of our Association activities. We are adding more engagement, more outreach, more education, and more value all the time. Thank you to our many committees and volunteers who serve, SCWBA is stronger than ever. Thank you!

As we move into quarter two, remember to do your business with fellow members. Refer your partners if they aren't members already. Give a new member a chance to get to know you and potentially earn your collaboration from time to time.

Remember to check your emails, visit our SCWBA Members Only page of our website, follow our Members Only Facebook, and if ever in doubt... reach out. I am here to help you in any way which I can.

Enjoy the changing weather, get outside sometimes when you aren't working, and keep SCWBA events and other activities on you calendar.

*Heidi*

## Member Anniversaries

*\$575 Membership Fee is Due*

- Associated Bank
- Big Radio
- Blackhawk Bank (Now Mid-State)
- Country Doors
- Dot Design House
- First Community Bank
- Harris Ace
- Janesville WinSupply
- Patriot Building Contractors
- RJ Hirsch
- School District of Janesville
- Wagner Construction

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*info@growthzone.com*



## Wisconsin Builders Association Applauds Signing of Legislation



March 21, 2024 – The Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA) applauded Governor Evers on signing three pieces of legislation that will directly benefit the home building industry and Wisconsin residents.

“It has been well documented and discussed that Wisconsin is facing a critical shortage of housing for the workforce across the state,” said WBA President Jim Doering. “The commitment shown by WBA, other statewide associations and legislators, and Governor Evers is imperative to helping solve this workforce housing crisis.”

- Senate Bill 413 establishes a clear framework for developers in facilitating placement of improvements in highway setback, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (WI DOT) authority to approve subdivision plats, and has the potential to ease the burden to build more needed housing. Lead authors: Senator Cory Tomczk (R-Mosinee) and Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville)
- Senate Bill 580 adds construction to an existing program in which recipients will now have the ability to use funds for the enhancement or improvement of a technical education facility or equipment relating to construction; grant was previously solely for manufacturing. Lead authors: Senator Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) and Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View)
- Senate Bill 585 will create a small business tax credit for those who invest in workforce housing and/or invest in a childcare program for eligible employees. Lead authors: Senator Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac) and Representative Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake)

## SCWBA State Directors

*To have your voice heard at the state level,  
contact one of your state representatives.*

*Their emails can be found in the “about”  
section of our website.*



Builder Representative:  
Norm Paulson  
Paulson Kimball Construction



Associate Representative:  
Andy Dongarra  
Johnson Financial Group

## NAHB's Latest Advocacy Wins, and What's Next

NAHB advocates for its members year-round on various issues that will affect residential construction.

And now, members can hear directly from NAHB's advocacy leaders on key issues the Federation is working towards on Capitol Hill via short-form videos that are downloadable on NAHB's website.

Among recent wins, NAHB played a major role in restoring \$1.76 billion in Job Corps funding despite Congress' threat to eliminate the program entirely. Chief Lobbyist Lake Coulson detailed how funding was secured, and what's next.

Last month, the house approved NAHB-supported legislation that includes several amendments to the Clean Water Act permitting process. Evan Loukadakis, federal legislative manager, gave an update on three key changes the bill would provide.

JP Delmore, assistant vice president of government affairs, explained the three provisions in The American Families and Workers Act that may help your business. The bill is currently pending before Congress.

Stay up to date on what NAHB's lobbyists are working on and how movement on Capitol Hill will impact the home building industry by bookmarking NAHB's Advocacy Videos page, as new videos are continually being added.



# PHOTO GALLERY

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## SCWBA Building Pathways Event

March 14, 2024

Thank you Richards Electric, AE Heating & Air Conditioning, Post Builders, JC Builders, City of Janesville, Home Depot, and Milton Schools.



## SCWBA General Membership Meeting

March 12, 2024

Speaker: Jane Tereba, Capital Valuation Group



“Ultimately it’s a sense of camaraderie and friendship with local people that is core to my journeys.”  
Tim Cope



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## 2024 SCWBA PRESIDENT

Tessa Dongarra  
Cabinet Country



*Happy April SCWBA members.*

*I Hope you have been getting outside to enjoy some of our warmer and sunnier days recently. Thank you, Brabazon/Title Team, for being the sponsor of next week's Comedy Night! A great evening of networking and laughs at Fermenting Cellars awaits you. Remember to carpool if you can, as parking is limited. We are giving away prizes to lucky winners who choose to help us out by participating in the carpool pledge....including CASH.*

*Our pilot Student Build program with Milton School District is making progress. We appreciate all efforts being made by the Education Committee, participating SCWBA member volunteers and Adam Perkins, AP Designs. We hope this is the beginning of a long partnership to further our very successful Student Build program. Our Janesville Build Open House is May 29th! Save that date and come out to 1813 Arbor Ridge Way to show the students and leadership your support.*

*The Parade of Homes committee is shaping up as well. Thank you to our corporate sponsor, Johnson Financial Group for your support again this year! We are excited to share more of our marketing plans and features with you all very soon. Builder members, your rules and regulations packets, including contract, were sent to you recently. Remember to fill those out and return to Heidi to reserve your commitment and space in the Parade. We have 17 intentions so I hope to see all of your commit via contract. Participation is key to the success of this event!*

*Lastly, and as always, I'd like to remind everyone to get more involved. Join a committee, come to an event, become a sponsor, and invite new members to join. Our association is only as strong as its members.*

*All my best,  
Tessa Dongarra  
2024 SCWBA President*