



SCWBA NEWS

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“Innovation grows out of membership and a sure sense of responsibility people feel for their work and the organizations that employ them.”

Abraham Zaleznik

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

Axley Attorneys has years of experience in legal services directly impacting our industry. Did you know Axley Attorneys sponsors the FREE legal hotline available to our members? Axley Attorneys has been a valued member of SCWBA since 2016.

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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Join us for a fun night of laughs at our 3rd Annual Comedy Night on April 25th. Additional information will follow shortly so keep an eye on your inbox for details. General Membership Meetings are back! If you missed us this month, check the calendar for our scheduled meeting each quarter. Get updates on the latest going on within SCWBA and have the opportunity to ask questions and network. The 2024 Sponsorship Packet is available and is the perfect way to get your name and logo in front of our membership-contact Heidi with any questions. Reminder- We love to see what projects your business is working on. Email Heidi with any of your updates and we’ll share them on our socials!

Membership Co-Chair: Sara Reque

SCWBA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SCWBA Student Build Expansion

SCWBA has received a lot of press attention lately, thanks to our Education Committee's efforts to expand our esteemed Student Build Program to other school districts. The goal of the expansion plan is to inspire even more young people to consider careers in the home building industry and to remain the leader in these types of initiatives. Milton High School students are thrilled for this opportunity and have already begun working on site. Thank you General Contractor, Adam Perkins with AP Designs.

Media Blasts

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



March is Women's History Month

We celebrate ALL of our SCWBA Women who are shaping history for the next generations.

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

Section Sponsored by **ABC SUPPLY**
by **MACHESNEY PARK**

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!

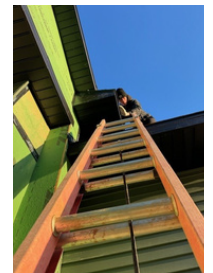
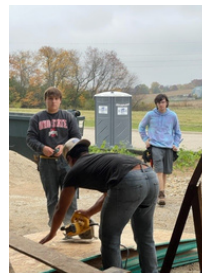
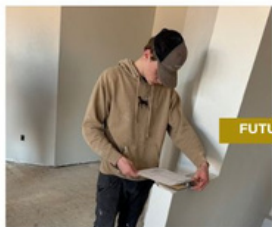
Thank you to our General Contractors, Instructors, and the entire Education Committee for all you do!

2023-2024 Student Build Janesville

1813 Arbor Ridge Way, Janesville
General Contractor: AP Designs



SCWBA SCHOLARSHIPS



2024 Student Build Milton

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



“A skilled worker, regardless of the job description, remains a treasure.”
Madeleine M. Kunin



Building Pathways Event Highlights

SCWBA EVENTS

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When was the last time you

LOL?

South Central Wisconsin
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**COMEDY
NIGHT**

APRIL 25TH

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FERMENTING CELLARS WINERY
2004 Manogue Rd - Janesville
Doors open at 6:00pm
Comedy starts at 7:00pm

HOST: GEOFF LEFLEUR
FEATURE: MARIO ROBINSON
HEADLINER: MIKE MARVELL

\$15 PER PERSON
\$100 TABLE OF 8

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
<http://www.scwba.com/members-only>

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 12th-15th
Parade of Homes

YOUR LOGO HERE
bids to come

October 17th
Casino Night

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\$2500

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

Acadia Homes

Loves Park, IL
jacadahomesllc@gmail.com

Jorge & Sons Landscaping

Beloit, WI
christianmontes38@gmail.com



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Heidi Van Kirk, SCWBA Executive Officer

It feels like spring, looks like spring, acts like spring...it must be SPRING. I am happy to have longer days, warmer weather, and more fun activities to choose from. I also know this means many of our members are going to be getting even busier than they already are. Remember when making referrals to your fellow members during the busy season that you can expedite that help by giving them as much information as possible up front to make the conversation more efficient for both the member and the customer.

We have one spring event coming up next month. Our Comedy Night is going to be great night filled with laughs and fun. As the golf courses begin to open up, I encourage you to get out and practice, because our golf outing is right around the corner on June 13th.

To those who made it to our first quarter General Membership Meeting, we hope you heard some valuable information. If you'd like the power point from our speaker, or her contact information, reach out to me and I will get that to you.

Happy March, all!

Heidi

Members Renewed

Members who have renewed recently

- A+ Insulatiton
- Combs & Associates
- Consigny Law Firm
- Fanning Construction
- First National Bank and Trust
- Henry Londo - C21
- Janesville Brick and Tile
- Johnson Financial Group
- Nelson Young Lumber Co
- Next Generation Homes
- Northland Equipment
- Powell Construction
- Ray Lloyd Plastering and Painting
- Richards Electric
- Sign-A-Rama
- Schwartz and Shea Insurance
- Sullivan Signs
- Summit Accounting Group
- Terrill Remodeling

Member Anniversaries

\$575 Membership Fee is Due

- Advia Credit Union
- Badger State Maintenance
- Bank of Brodhead
- Blue Line Property Development
- First Community Credit Union
- Focus on Energy
- Main Street Cabinet Company
- Malterer's Landscaping
- Realty Executives Premier
- Tigre USA
- Wausau Homes Beloit

To pay online or manage your member profile, log into your GrowthZone/MemberZone account.

For help accessing and logging in, contact GrowthZone.

1-800-825-9171

218-825-9200

info@growthzone.com

Badger Craftsman Award Submissions Being Accepted

Presented by the Wisconsin Builders Association, the Badger Craftsman Awards offer recognition to members of the association for excellence in new home development, construction, and remodeling, while also highlighting our associate members' accomplishments.

TAKE ME TO THE CONTEST

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS APRIL 10, 2024. VOTING OPEN APRIL 15 - MAY 15.



The Details

Only members of the Wisconsin Builders Association are eligible to enter.

Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Entries must be submitted online via this website.

Each entry must be a separate project. Multiple entries per company are allowed in any category; maximum of four categories entered per company.

Winning projects cannot be entered in back-to-back years.

Entry fee for each submission is \$75.00.

Deadline to submit is Wednesday, April 10.

Public voting on each category will open April Monday, April 15 and will close , May 15.

Award winners will be announced during the Celebration of Housing Event.

Exposure for winning companies include:

- The use and marketing privileges of the Badger Craftsman Awards winner logo
- Your company logo, a color photo of project, and link to your website featured for 12 months on the WBA website
- A statewide press release highlighting Badger Craftsman Award winners
- Notification of award to local HBA Executive Officer for possible inclusion in local HBA newsletter/emails
- Feature in fall issue of the Badger Builder magazine
- Feature in WBA's e-newsletter
- Photos of you with your award will be taken at the presentation and made available to you

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

Congress Averts Partial Government Shutdown, Approves \$70B for HUD

March 08, 2024

Congress has approved its Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies fiscal year 2024 funding bill, and the measure includes \$70.07 billion for HUD.

The T-HUD spending bill maintains critical support for HUD rental assistance programs, which assist nearly 5 million vulnerable households — more than half of whom are elderly or people with disabilities. This includes:

- \$32.39 billion for tenant-based Section 8 vouchers — which will maintain housing support for 2.4 million households.
- \$16.01 billion for the project-based rental assistance program to renew housing contracts serving 1.3 million households.

The T-HUD spending bill, which will fund the agency through Sept. 30, 2024, also includes several other provisions of interest to the housing community:

- \$1.25 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships program, which is \$250 million below the fiscal year 2023 enacted level.
- \$3.3 billion for the Community Development Block Grant program.
- Caps the Federal Housing Administration's guaranteed loans for the Mutual Mortgage Insurance program at \$400 billion and provides \$150 million to carry out the program.
- Provides \$35 billion limitation on guaranteed loans for the General and Special Risk Insurance Program.
- Sets a \$550 billion limitation on guaranteed loans for the Government National Mortgage Association and provides \$54 million to carry out the program.

Congress also approved fiscal year 2024 spending bills for several other government agencies, including Agriculture-FDA, Commerce-Justice and Science, Energy and Water Development, Interior, and Military Construction-VA.

NAHB is disappointed that a provision in the Senate Energy and Water spending bill that would have provided an additional \$1.2 billion to boost the production of sorely needed distribution transformers did not make it into the final package. NAHB is already looking ahead to the federal appropriations process for fiscal 2025 and will make this issue a priority.

Also looking forward in the near-term, Congress must enact the remaining six appropriations bills — Defense, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor-HHS, Legislative Branch, and State and Foreign Operations — prior to March 22.

NAHB continues to push lawmakers to approve the full \$1.7 billion in the Senate Labor-HHS spending bill for Job Corps, the nation's most successful career preparation program for disadvantaged youth. The House Labor-HHS budget proposal completely eliminated funding for Job Corps.

The Home Builders Institute (HBI), NAHB's workforce development partner, is Job Corps' largest skilled trades training provider. Between now and March 22 NAHB will work tirelessly with lawmakers to push for a final appropriations bill that includes full funding for Job Corps.

We will also work to ensure that authorization for the National Flood Insurance Program is extended through Sept. 30, 2024.

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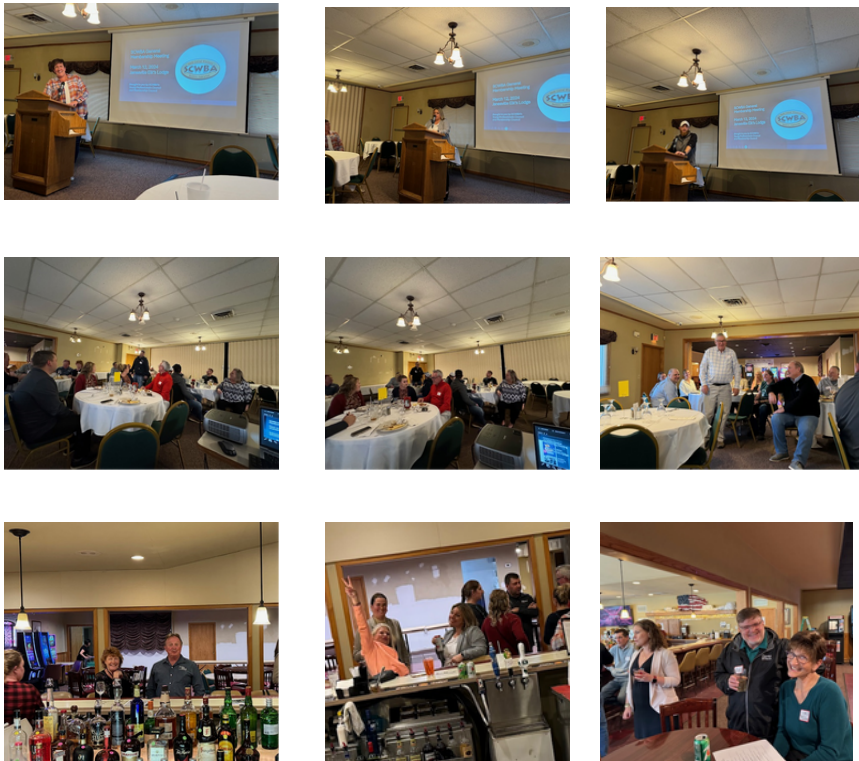
SCWBA Trivia Night

February 29, 2024
Sponsored by Bank of Milton



SCWBA General Membership Meeting

March 12, 2024
Speaker: Jane Tereba, Capital Valuation Group



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“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.”

Babe Ruth



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2024 SCWBA PRESIDENT

Tessa Dongarra
Cabinet Country



Happy March SCWBA members.

I'm loving these warmer temperatures we are having. Hope you can get outside and enjoy. Thank you, Bank of Milton, for being the sponsor of last month's Trivia Night. A great evening of networking and fun at Sammy's Hilltop. We hope to see more of you at our next event.

Get your tickets or reserve a table of 8 for Comedy Night on April 25th. Three different comedians are lined up to make you laugh your butts off, while enjoying some beverages at Fermenting Cellars. Thank you to Brabazon/Title Team for your generous sponsorship.

Our pilot Student Build program with Milton School District is underway. 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.

The Parade of Homes committee is already working hard on this year's main event. We are excited to share the details with you soon. Builder members, be on the lookout for your letters of intent. Participation is key to the success of this event!

Lastly, 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*