



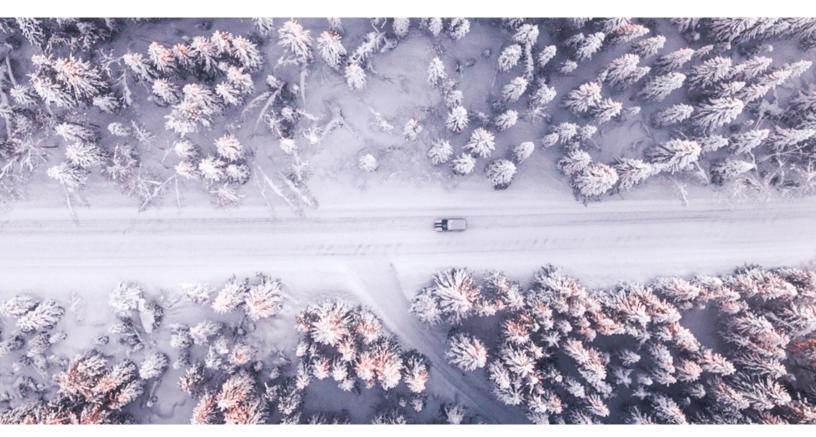
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A NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

The South Central Wisconsin Builders Association (SCWBA) is a not-for-profit professional trade organization, which **unites** people involved in the building industry in order to **encourage** high standards of professionalism and service, **promotes** attainable, quality housing and **improves** our community through active involvement.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



2023 SCWBA PRESIDENT

New Year's Greetings!

Wow.... 2023! Have you gotten the hang of typing it yet? I sure haven't. With a new year comes a lot of changes. Are you making big changes for the year? Personally/ Professionally/ Financially/ Emotionally??? I encourage each of you to try to make a change. SCWBA is making some changes and I can't wait to see how they take shape.

We are making changes and growing all of our committees. You are a member of SCWBA to promote your business to others in the construction industry. Our committees are here to help you. Whether you are a committee member or join us for an event that they plan- you will benefit. Call Heidi today or reach out to any board member to find out how you can join in the fun.

I hope each of you know that you matter to us at SCWBA. If you have a question or need answers to questions- please reach out to us. We are here for you. SCWBA has resources that are here to help you and your business.

We look forward to a fun & prosperous year for all of us! Bring on 2023!

Paula Carlson

SCWBA President

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2023 LEADERSHIP



Paula Carlson President



Tessa Dongarra President Elect



Kevin Fanning Vice President



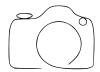
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Adam Perkins Builder Director



Eric Richards Builder Director



Joe Kruser Associate Director



Becky Carter Associate Director



Tom Naatz State Life Director



Andy Dongarra State Director



Norm Paulson State Director



Scott Engelberger State Life Director



Bob Sarow State Life Director



Doug Scott State Life Director

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If you have suggestions, concerns, or ideas that may help improve YOUR association, we encourage you to reach out to any of your Board Members to share your thoughts.

Even better, join a committee!

If we collaborate more, we can make SCWBA the best association possible.

To obtain email addresses for your Board Members you can access them at: https://www.scwba.com/about.html

Wembership Imbassadors

- Paula Carlson, Brabazon/Title Team
- Casandra Wagner, Wagner Construction
- Sara Reque, Blackhawk Bank
- Amanda McCulloch, Blackhawk Credit Union
- Becky Carter, Land Title & Closing Services
- Jackie Borgwardt, Johnson Financial Group
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- Sarah McLean, Realty Executives Premier

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

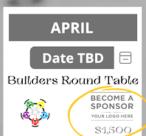


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SECURE YOUR TITLE SPONSORSHIP AND BE ON THE CALENDAR ALL YEAR.
EMAIL HEIDI AT OFFICE@SCWBA.COM



NEW MEMBERS & HONORS







Congratulations scwba awards recipients | 2022

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PHOTOGRAPHY DESIGN









MEMBERS MAKING MOVES

CLIFF WAKEFIELD BENEFICIAL INSULATION HAPPY RETURENT

Primary contact for Beneficial Insulation is now Logan Carlson. Congratulations Logan and enjoy your retirement, Cliff!

Logan@Beneficialinsulation.com BENEFICIAL INSULATION, LLC 2817 E. County Rd. O P.O. Box 566 Janesville. WI 53547-0566

APPLICATION PENDING

JUSTIN LANKFORD LANKFORD CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

If you have feedback regarding a New Member Applicant please forward information to Heidi at office@scwba.com



STUDENT BUILD UPDATES

2022-2023 STUDENT BUILD UPDATE

797 WAVELAND, JANESVILLE

NAATZ CONSTRUCTION



Education Committee

Co-Chair: Tom Naatz. Naatz

Construction

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Co-Chair: Paula Carlson, Brabazon/Title

Team

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- Joe Kruser, A+ Insulation
- Henry Londo, Century 21
- Kelly McPherson, Realty Executives Premier
- Christopher Maedke, School District of Janesville
- Ryan Naatz, Naatz Construction
- Adam Perkins, AP Designs





2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE IS OPEN! ACADEMIC OR DIRECT TO WORKFORCE



DOWNLOAD AT: https://www.scwba.com/student-build.html

SCWBA is extremely proud of our Student Build Program! In cooperation with the School District of Janesville, SCWBA provides an on-site classroom for students in the Advanced Construction Classes at Craig and Parker High Schools in Janesville. 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.

This year's Student Build Project is led by SCWBA Member, and General Contractor, Naatz Construction. Thank you to Ryan Naatz, Joe Kruser, and the entire Education Committee for all you do to support this program!







COMMUNITY EVENTS

Parade of Homes Committee

Co-Chair: Tessa Dongarra, Cabinet Country

tess@cabinetcountryltd.com

Co-Chair: Brian Kaiser, Kaiser Design/Build kaiserdb@charter.net

- Kevin Ferguson, Ferguson Custom Homes
- Tom Naatz, Naatz Consctruction
- Gary Oehlberg, Main Street Cabinet Co.
- Steve Lauber, Janesville Gazette
- Andrea Mroz, Johnson Bank
- Preston Laws, Johnson Bank
- Brenda Knighton Slatter, Realty Executives
- Janine Birkheimer, Realty Executives
- Pam Heineck, Knight Barry Title

The 2022 Parade of Homes was a great success. Thank you to our participating members. Virtual viewing access will run through July 2023.

Visit www.scwba.com/paradeofhomes and use promo code \$CWBA22POH.



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2022 PARTICIPANTS

















































COMMUNITY IMPACT

AFTON FIELD RESTORATION

PHASE 1 COMPLETE

Dugout Benches and Cubbies being finalized this fall.

PHASE 2 PROJECT <u>NEEDS</u> FALL 2022-SPRING 2023

- Sideline Fencing: 6' x 50' each x2
- Outfield Fencing: 6' x 314' x1
- Fencing Installation: Labor and Equipment
- Concrete Excavation: Labor and Equipment
- Scoreboard: Equipment and Labor to raise

PHASE 3 PROJECT NEEDS WILL BE POSTED IN 2023.



To donate time or materials, contact Heidi (608) 752-8075 office@scwba.com

UNITED WAY BLACKHAWK REGION - SCWBA CAMPAIGN

SCWBA has another Community Impact Opportunity for you. Participation is entirely optional. We are raising money for United Way Blackhawk Region. Each year UWBR launches corporate campaigns, offering companies and thier employees the opportunity to give back to their community through charitable giving. What is great about UWBR is your gift is methodically allocated to programs with the most need, vetted through a validation process, and oversight provided by rigorous reporting requirements. Your charitable gift can be made with the comfort of knowing that a long standing nonprofit is designating your gift thoughtfully and responsibly. Being a member of SCWBA, you can give to UWBR without hosting your own company wide campaign. Simply make your donation through SCWBA and let your SCWBA EO manage your corporate gift for you!

Contact Heidi to make a donation before February 1st.

"I have been part of the UWBR Campaign Cabinet for three years. I volunteer my time and endorsement to UWBR because I believe in their mission. In my previous roles with nonprofit organizations, I learned the value of United Way's impact on our community and developed an enormous amount of respect for our United Way team here in the Blackhawk Region." ~Heidi Van Kirk, SCWBA EO

"We're the problem solvers, the hand raisers, and the game changers. We go after our community's toughest challenges. We come up with new solutions to old problems. And we work with people from all walks of life to turn those solutions into action." ~UWBR

Learn more about UWBR at: https://liveunitedbr.org/

United Way Blackhawk Region



STATE NEWS

4 CEU REQUIREMENT NOW BEING PROVIDED BY WBA FOUNDATION





In partnership with On3 Field Learning, the Wisconsin Builders Foundation has launched a newly created 4-credit online course that will satisfy the new continuing education requirements for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers. Due to a recent law change, anyone renewing their DCQ credential will be required four of the 12 required credits in subject matter that includes construction laws and codes and contracts, liability, and risk management.

To register for the course, members or non-members can simply click the red "Register" button online in the link below. Members of record can access this course free of charge by entering the **promo code** provided online or in your email at checkout; note: WBA member login will be required to access this page. The course is available to non-members for \$55.00. Your DCQ number will also be required at the time of registration. Contact Alicia at WBA with questions or if you have any trouble.

Directions:

- 1. Click the Red Register Button
- 2. Complete the required information and payment on checkout page (reminder to members of record to enter the **promo code** for **free registration**)
- 3. You will receive a confirmation that you have been registered. At this time, please watch your inbox and spam folder for an email from On3. Note: it may take up to 48 hours if registering on the weekend.
- 4. Follow the instructions in the email and complete the online learning (from smart phone, tablet, web browser, etc.) with 30 days
- 5. After you have passed the course with a 70%, WBF will receive confirmation of your exam from On3 and will submit your credits to DSPS!
- https://mailchi.mp/wisbuild.org/new-4-credit-dcg-continuing-ed-course-now-available

Spotlight on State Membership Benefits

Member Hotline

The WBA provides complimentary access to legal, building code, and safety experts to answer any building-related issues you're facing.



https://www.wisbuild.org/member-hotline



NATIONAL NEWS

NAHB Files Comments, Joins Coalition Opposing Changes to Independent Contractor Test



The U.S. Department of Labor recently published a proposed rule updating the test for determining whether a worker is an employee under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) or an independent contractor. NAHB last week submitted formal comments opposing the proposed rule, which is intended to combat employee misclassification, and would alter the test for independent contractor status under the FLSA as last articulated by the prior Administration.

The executive summary of the proposed rule notes: "[Workers who] are in business for themselves ... play an important role in the economy and are commonly referred to by different names, including independent contractor, self-employed and freelancer. This proposed Rulemaking is not intended to disrupt the businesses of independent contractors who are, as a matter of economic reality, in business for themselves." However, NAHB, and many other groups, argue that the language of the new test introduces new, undefined, vague terminology, and would reclassify legitimate independent contractors – including those with their own businesses – into employees, and threatens to impact many industries that rely on the subcontractor business model, including residential construction.

The proposed rule attempts restore a "totality-of-the circumstances" analysis, setting forth six non-weighted factors to consider when determining whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor. The test's ultimate inquiry is whether, as a matter of economic reality, the worker is economically dependent on the employer (and thus an employee), or in business for themself (and thus an independent contractor).

Read More: https://www.nahb.org/blog/2022/12/independent-contractor-rule

Spotlight on National Membership Benefits

Flat Rate Discounts on Shipping with UPS

NAHB and UPS took the guesswork out and put the easy in. Members now have access to new and improved flat discount pricing with savings of:



- 30% on Ground Commercial / Residential and
- up to 50% on additional services

In addition, members can take advantage of UPS Smart Pickup® service for free.

Open a new account, or if you are already taking advantage of our UPS savings program, re-enroll and apply the new discounts to your existing account by visiting: www.savewithups.com/nahb or call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., ET.

https://www.1800member.com/nahb



ASSOCIATE

Member Spotlights



A+ Insulation
ABC Supply Company
Adams & Sons
Adams Publishing Group
Addie Water Systems
Affordable Outdoor Living (Polytek)
Alongi Santas Moss Insurance Agency
Associated Bank
Axley Attorneys



4BZ Carpenters Badger State Maintenance Badgerland Disposal Bank of Brodhead Bank of Milton Beneficial Insulation Beren Concrete & Design Big Radio **Blackhawk Bank Blackhawk Community Credit Union Bloyer Well and Pump Bob's Custom Windows & Siding** Brabazon/Title Team **Briggs Realty Group Budget Blinds Builders First Source**



MAKING THE LIST

RENEWED

MEMBERS

- A+ Insulation
- AP Designs
- Axley Attorneys
- Egge Construction
- First National Bank and Trust
- Janesville Brick and Tile
- Naatz Construction
- Sammy's Hilltop

UPCOMING

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

January

- Bank of Milton
- Beneficial Insulation
- Dale Walker Roofing
- Fanning Construction
- Lycon
- Northland Equipment
- Ray Lloyd Plastering
- Richards Electric
- Simmons Fence

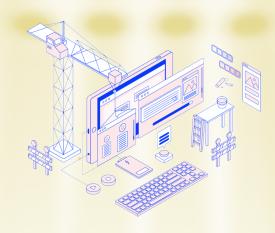
February

- Advantage Homes
- Henry Londo, C21
- Janesville Gazette
- Next Generation Homes
- Pella Windows & Doors
- Pipe Dreams Plumbing
- Post Builders
- S&S Enterprise of Janesville
- Schwartz & Shea Insurance
- Stone Edge Landscaping
- Summit Accounting Group
- Terrill Remodeling
- Tower Designs

SPOTLIGHT ON SCWBA MEMBERS

BUILDER

Member Spotlight





Advanced Construction Advantage Homes AP Designs



Barnes Building & Remodeling Blue Line Property Development



MEMBERSHIP VALUE

Membership Committee

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When you join SCWBA you gain access to benefits at three levels; local, state, and national. From discounts to education, and everything in between, we've got you covered. With opportunities to network and collaborate with professionals throughout the industry, we've got plenty of events and social gatherings to get you in front of your target audience. A SCWBA membership comes with many fun, rewarding, and prosperous incentives to help you make the most of your membership investment.



Cash in on your membership by taking advantage of membership value incentives, by joining a committee, by attending events, and by collaborating with member partners. Your membership has value beyond measure.

PHOTO GALLERY





2022 AWARDS & 2023 INSTALLATION

ROTARY GARDENS







































YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

"Why Do I need to become more involved? I'm already too busy!"

Today, it's not just about managing your already successful business or finding your next client. For many of our long time companies, your current partners are aging out and you will need to cultivate new relationships with new people and get connected with the next generation of collaborators. More importantly, consumers and partners need to begin to recognize YOU as the face of your company. It's also about making your days at work as productive as possible and making each interaction COUNT. For newer companies, there are even more reasons to dedicate yourself to becoming part of an association. Don't rest on the laurels or the sweat and hard work of those who have paved the way to success for your company. People give to, and work with, PEOPLE... not companies, and the same goes for loyalty. You now have to BECOME those PEOPLE they want to work with and are loyal to. Relationships are EVERYTHING! Associations bring like minded people within an industry TOGETHER. It's both smart and efficient business. - Heidi Van Kirk, SCWBA S C W B A
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SCWBA's Education
Committee works hard to
inspire the next
generation of young
professionals in our
industry.

In 2022 we sponsored an education table at the Forward Janesville Annual Dinner to illustrate to our rising professionals what it means to be part of building a better community.





What was the catalyst that led you to the building industry?

In 2015, I decided to leave my nursing career to help my husband keep up with the demands of the building industry. He needed me in the office to run things so he could be on the jobs more. As work got busier, we decided I needed to try my hand at carpentry. Now 8 years later, I love being on the job and in the industry.

What value have you found in your SCWBA membership?

The partnerships within SCWBA, WBA and NAHB have not only saved us time but also money. Some of which include, KwikTrip, legal advice and Free CEU credits.

What is one reason your peers should get more involved?

The ability to network and grow relationships with every business related to the building industry is priceless.

Tell us something about you that most members wouldn't already know?

I worked as a nurse in an OB/Gyn clinic for 7 years.

Packers or Bears?

Opening Day is in 79 days, lets go Red Sox!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As a member of SCWBA, you are automatically a member of WBA and NAHB. Both associations have awesome benefits available to help you grow your business and save money. Be sure to take advatage of your benefits and follow up on messages from WBA, NAHB and SCWBA.

Thank you for joining SCWBA. Your membership matters!

HEIDI VAN KIRK

SCWBA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Happy New Year SCWBA Members,



We are excited to start this year with the highest engagement we have seen in years. Let's keep up that momentum. Thank you to our Newsletter Sponsor, Axley Attorneys! If you'd like to be an additional newsletter sponsor please let me know.

We have our calendar for 2023 pretty well set. Please mark your calendars and budget for your 2023 SCWBA contributions in the form of membership dues and sponsorships. If you'd like to sponsor one of our events, please let me know as soon as possible. The sooner you commit the more return you will see on your investment. By committing to title sponsorship, you will have your logo on our event calendar for the year and have your company name in front of your target audience month after month. That is great marketing! Beyond title sponsorships, each event will offer additional opportunities to sponsor at other levels as each event grows near. This is how we make our events FREE or low cost to members and offers you more ways to stay on the radar of your partners when they are considering who to do business with. We do this for YOU and hope you can feel the impact of our efforts.

Our first event of 2023 will be a Members Happy Hour, hosted at Knight Barry Title Company. They are putting together a fun Mardi Gras theme with activities, prizes, refreshments, and networking opportunities. Mark your calendars for February 16th and plan to attend. It's going to be a great time! Also, our scholarship cycle is now open for academic and direct to workforce. Let students know they may visit our student build page online to download the application.

One last time I'd like to thank our outgoing 2022 Board of Directors and welcome our incoming 2023 Board. Your leadership dedicates their time to advocacy and decision making that helps each and every one of you.

If you'd like to get more involved, join a committee. Ask me how. As always, I'm here to support you, so reach out at any time. Feel free to call or text my cell (608) 346-2403 or email: office@scwba.com. Until next time, take care and remember to check your emails and visit our website and Facebook frequently. We keep everything updated just incase you miss our emails. After all, I am imperfect.

Check out our website:

https://www.scwba.com/

Follow us on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/SCWBA

Join our Members Only FB Page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/136476243259

I look forward to a great year with you all. Cheers to 2023!



MEMBERSHIP

WBA MEMBER BENEFITS

Contracts & Forms
(37 to choose from)
Member Hotline
Member Rebate Program
Coaching & Consulting
Business Insurance
Health Insurance
On-line Course Discounts
Travel Discounts
Digital Marketing Services
Financial Planning
WBA Affinity Programs

- 1. Go to www.wisbuild.org
- 2.In the bottom right corner, click the black button labeled Login/Request
- 3. When the popup box appears, click the white button labeled Request Login
- 4.Input the information requested and click continue
- 5.After you select continue, WBA will receive an email that you have created a login and will approve you within 24 hours so you can access all the information under the password-protected members only section of the website

WBA benefits are located by clicking "Members Only" on the WBA website, then choosing "Member Benefits" from the drop-down menu

GROWTH ZONE INFORMATION

GrowthZone (formerly MemberZone) is our member management software that we use in the Association. It is used to keep track of all member data and member invoices, More importantly, it is used to create our annual membership directory, so it is critical that you log in and check your information for accuracy.

Contact GrowthZone

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