

**National Association of Home Builders
Fall Board of Directors Meeting
National Directors Report
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First and foremost I want to thank the membership for their support of the National Directors to attend the meetings throughout the year. I also want to thank my fellow Directors for their dedication to our association. As Directors we are your direct source to the National Association that you are a part of when you join the Black Hills HBA. We all stand ready to be of assistance to you.

I attended the Remodelers Council General session on Friday the 2nd and learned that there are a couple of things we should put on our radar screens.

1. OSHA will be enforcing the safety regulations with more of a heavy hand. In the past number of years there was a time when NAHB and OSHA had more of a Partnership attitude toward each other. We spent many years forming this relationship and it now appears that OSHA has every intention to stop being Mr. Nice Guy and start issuing citations and heavy fines for safety violations. It would be my suggestion to all members to make sure your Safety Plans are in order....your paperwork obligations are in place and by all means...make sure your jobsites are safe for all workers on that site.
2. In April of 2010 any contractor engaging in remodeling or renovation work and making modifications to homes that were built prior to 1978 will be required to have a Certified Professional do testing for lead contamination in the structure. This is also true for commercial and public buildings.
The process and educational component for getting certified is a little unclear at this time and as more details become available we will pass it along.

The Area 10 Caucus was held in the morning on Saturday Oct. 3rd. This meeting is our opportunity to network with our Area 10 States – North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and of course, South Dakota. There is one candidate running for the office of NAHB Third Vice Chairman, Rick Judson from North Carolina, who spoke to us during the Caucus meeting. We also heard from Bob Nielsen who is one of our Senior Officers and has oversight for our Region. Bob spent most of his time with us discussing the 2010 budget which is short of balancing by \$ 11.6 Million. The proposal is to use reserve money that has been set aside just for this reason. I am sure glad we were thinking ahead so we have the kind of reserves we do. The other highlight of the Area 10 Caucus meeting was that Wayne Foster from Wisconsin will be our next Area 10 Vice Chairman.

I am providing you with my email address. If you would like a copy of the agenda and last meetings minutes of the Area 10 Caucus for your information and review I would be happy to send it to you. asbridge@rushmore.com

The Board meeting on Saturday afternoon was business as usual. We passed a balanced budget and had a very light Resolution or Recommendation list. The one item on the Board agenda that is still puzzling me is a panel of so called “Global Warming Experts” that as far as I am concerned sat there and talked just to hear themselves talk. I think the key word here is ‘GLOBAL’. Until the rest of the world comes onboard with this issue, the USA is like a raindrop in the ocean as far as making a real difference in Global Warming. Sorry for the soap box talk.

The future sites for the Fall Board meetings are set through 2017. It was announced that we will be in Dallas, TX in 2016 and Miami, FL in 2017.