

NAHB - International Builders Show 2010
National Directors Report
By David Asbridge, Senior Life Director
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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.

The IBS Show attendance and exhibitor lease up was down from last year. The final numbers were not published yet but my hunch is that attendance was close to 60,000 and the lease up space for exhibitors was around 500,000 square feet. NAHB staff did one heck of a job getting these numbers in a severe down building economy. It was evident to me as I walked the aisle that the vendors had cut back on expenses to display their products.

The Area 10 Caucus was held in the afternoon on Wednesday the 20th of January. This meeting is our opportunity to network with our Area 10 States – North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and of course, South Dakota. Area 10 continues to be the strongest Caucus in the federation. There was only one candidate running for the office of Third Vice Chairman of the Board. His name is Rick Judson and he spoke to us during the Caucus meeting. The budget is the top issue for our association and we will have the opportunity to have a voice in the next several months. The Budget Committee will be having several webinars that we can sign up and participate in to share ideas and cost cutting suggestions to keep the future budgets balanced. As soon as the dates are announced the staff will get that information out to the membership.

A personal highlight for me was receiving my Senior Life Director designation. I am the first Life Director in the state of South Dakota to be honored with this designation. It has been an honor to serve you all for the past 20 years. I look forward to many more in the years ahead. It is hard for me to think back to the early years of my involvement in the association and so if you don't mind...I would much rather think to the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
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