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# The Cutting Edge



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Derek Fritsch, Green Hammer Construction LLC

Hello everyone,

March is fast approaching and that means we will be having our Spring SHOP TALK 2025 Event at the Altona in New Holstein. Our SHOP TALK 2025 will be with Kelly Endter from CESA 6 to go over youth apprenticeships. High school principals and representatives are invited to attend as well. Youth apprenticeships are a great opportunity to encourage high school students to look into the trades

and hopefully secure future employment with companies like our own. I strongly encourage your attendance, as you may light a spark in a student's future!

A quick note to any High School seniors; Get MSHBA's scholarship form filled out. MSHBA will be giving out a \$500 scholarship to anyone continuing their education in the construction industry. Information can be found at the guidance offices.

Looking forward to seeing you all at SHOP TALK 2025 in March!

Thank you,  
Derek Fritsch  
MSHBA President  
Owner, Green Hammer  
Construction LLC

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- March 11 BOD Meeting 5:30 pm at the Altona Supper Club
- March 11—SHOP TALK 2025 6:30 pm at the Altona Supper Club
- April 7 Badger Craftsman Award Application Deadline

## Attend SHOP TALK 2025

**Stay Informed.** Join us March 11 for **SHOP TALK 2025**.

**Stay Informed.** Join us on **March 11 for SHOP TALK 2025 at the Altona Supper Club.** More details to follow.

Get the latest information about Youth Apprenticeships in our area. In addition, find out about new products and launches, UDC updates and local trends from a line-up of local speakers.

**JOIN US FOR SHOP TALK 2025**

6:30 PM | MARCH 11  
ALTONA SUPPER CLUB  
TOPICS: YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS IN OUR AREA & THE LATEST TRENDS IN BUILDING MATERIALS

# MSHBA Membership



**2025 MSHBA OFFICERS**

**President: Derek Fritsch**  
*Green Hammer Construction LLC*  
 920-905-3513

**President-Elect: Kevin Schmitz**  
*K & J Construction and Design LLC*  
 920-849-8811

**Treasurer: Julie Schmitz**  
*K & J Construction and Design LLC*  
 920-849-8811

**Secretary: Open Position**

**Past-President: Matt Lefeber**  
*Wrightway Home Improvements*  
 920-923-0721

**2025 DIRECTORS**

**Jerry Mallmann**  
*Chilton Furniture*  
 920-849-9023

**Dave Amel**  
*Premier Properties Realty, LLC*  
 920-980-4477

**Nick Zurn**  
*Precision Floors & Decor*  
 920-400-1123

**Jennifer Schad**  
*Kraus Construction Inc.*  
 920-905-2853

**WBA Directors**  
**Derek Fritsch**

**NAHB Delegate**  
**Kevin Schmitz**

**NAHB Alternate Delegate**  
**Open Position**

## MEMBERSHIP... the Ultimate Building Resource

### THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Jannette Trucking & Excavating Inc.—Charter Member of 27 years!  
 Valley Cabinet Inc.—14 years  
 Vande Hey Brantmeier Automotive Group—10 years

### Mid-Shores HBA offers a 3-Pay Dues Payment Program...

MSHBA offers an option to pay your dues in three consecutive monthly payments of \$150.00. Your membership will take into effect on your final payment. A 3-Pay Dues payment contract will be included with your renewal statement.

## MARCH BOD MEETING

**March 11 at 6:30 am**

*Altona Supper Club, New Holstein*

## Mid-Shores HBA Scholarship Opportunity

Mid-Shores Home Builders Association, Inc. (MSHBA) would like to invite graduating students to apply for our annual MSHBA scholarship award. We will again be offering a \$500 scholarship to area high school students in the Calumet area continuing their education in the trades. Contact Tena or your high school guidance department for an application.

The deadline to apply is April 29.

## WBA Member Benefits...

- **Kwik Trip Rewards**
- **Contracts/Forms**
- **Member Hotline**
- **Insurance**
- **Rebate Form**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Coaching & Consulting**



**Even More Benefits are available at [www.wisbuild.org/member-benefits](http://www.wisbuild.org/member-benefits)**

## WBA Director

Newly elected WBA Director, Derek Fritsch, recently attended the WBA Member Meetings in River Falls. Congratulations Derek!



## Volunteer to Serve in a Leadership Position in 2025

**MSHBA Directors:** MSHBA's Board is looking for a member to fill open Secretary term starting in 2025. Terms are for 1 year. Specifically Let me know if you would be interested in this leadership opportunity. **WBA Directors:** We are looking for an Associate Member to represent MSHBA on WBA's Board of Directors. Director's will be expected to attend 3 annual meetings of which one is held virtually.

**Officers & Directors Advocate for MSHBA:** How do they advocate... **They save member's money. They fight for sensible regulations. In the end, MSHBA along with WBA & NAHB is one of the most effective business groups in the country.** Interested in representing MSHBA and your industry, let Matt or Tena know.



Executive Officer, Tena Hartwig, recently participated in strategic leadership training at WBA Member Meeting Day.



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# JOIN US FOR SHOP TALK 2025

## When

**March 11, 2025**  
**6:30 PM | Buffet Dinner**

## Where

**Altona Supper Club**  
**2306 Calumet Drive, New Holstein**



## TOPICS

- \* **YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS IN OUR AREA** Review curriculum and required skills for students entering the program with area principals. Help secure a pipeline of skilled employees for your business. —Featuring Kelly Endter, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator – Calumet Co. & Hortonville & Area Educators
- \* **BUILDING MATERIALS 2025** Find out what you can expect in 2025 and what Drexel Building Supply is doing to help builders. —Featuring Jason Vanderkin, Drexel Building Supply

## RSVP

**HARTWIGS1@CHARTER.NET**  
**TEXT OR CALL 920-539-9014**



# BADGER CRAFTSMAN AWARDS

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## Advocacy Digest | January 23, 2025

Brad Boycks, Executive Director



### 2025-2026 Legislative Session Begins

The 2025-2026 session of the Wisconsin Legislature officially began with its inauguration on Monday, January 6. This largely ceremonial day featured the swearing-in of all 99 members of the State Assembly to new two-year terms and the induction of newly elected members of the State Senate to four-year terms.

Leadership in both chambers remains unchanged from the conclusion of the previous session. Robin Vos returns as Assembly Speaker, with Representative Greta Neubauer continuing as Assembly Minority Leader. In the State Senate, Senator Devin LeMahieu retains his position as Majority Leader, while Senator Diane Hesselbein continues to serve as Minority Leader.

Notably, there are some new faces leading the housing committees. Senator Romain Quinn returns as the Senate Housing Chair, joined by freshman Senator Jamie Wahl of Green Bay, who has been named the ranking Democrat on the Senate Housing Committee. In the Assembly, housing committee leadership remains consistent, with Representative Rob Brooks serving as Chair and Representative Kalan Haywood as the ranking Democrat.

### Governor Evers' Budget Address Set for

#### February 18

As is tradition, the introduction of the governor's budget bill marks the primary focus at the start of a new legislative session. This year, Governor Tony Evers will deliver his budget address to a joint session of the Wisconsin Legislature on February 18, outlining his state budget priorities.

Once the budget is introduced, it will be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Finance, which is controlled by Republicans with a 12-4 majority. Historically, the GOP-led committee has opted to rewrite its own version of the budget, incorporating elements of the governor's proposal that align with their priorities.

To become law, the same version of the state budget must be approved by both legislative chambers before being sent to Governor Evers for review. Evers wields one of the most powerful line-item veto authorities in the country, a tool he has frequently used in past budget cycles.

The ultimate goal is for the governor to sign a new state budget before the start of the next fiscal year on July 1.

### NAHB Files Suit Against HUD Energy Codes Mandate

NAHB and 15 state attorneys general have filed a complaint in the Eastern District of Texas seeking to stop the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from adopting the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE 90.1-2019 as the minimum energy-efficiency standards for certain single-family and multifamily housing programs. The lawsuit seeks to show that granting HUD and USDA authority to insure mortgages for new single-family homes and apartments only if they are built to the 2021 IECC was done in an unconstitutional manner.

### Ordinance Reviews

As a free service, NAHB's Legal and Land Use staff assist members and HBAs by reviewing state and local ordinances and regulations relating to development and construction, including local zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, subdivision regulations, complete streets ordinances, impact fee ordinances and state legislation.

The Legal staff examines and analyzes ordinances based on constitutional, statutory and case law considerations. Generally, ordinances are reviewed for statutory compliance, procedural and substantive due process considerations, Fifth Amendment takings issues and other legal deficiencies.

NAHB's Land Use staff also provides rigorous critical review and comments on the land use policy and implementation aspects of proposed and revised ordinances. Staff members also provide on-site assistance and expert witness testimony as needed.

# Mid-Shores Home Builders Association Inc. Members

### *Appliances*

Silica For Your Home 920-929-0126

### *Automotive Dealership*

Vande Hey Brantmeier 920-849-9331

### *Builder/Contractor*

Atkins Development Group 920-288-1687  
 Best Exteriors LLC 920-659-1555  
 Birschbach Builders LLC 920-238-9253  
 Christel & Heiberger Builders, Inc. 920-898-2820  
 Green Hammer Construction LLC 920-905-3513  
 K & J Construction and Design LLC 920-849-8811  
 Kraus Construction, Inc. 920-894-7008  
 Schneider & Schneider Construction, LLC 920-898-1300

### *Building Supplies/Lumberyard*

Drexel Building Supply 920-894-2424  
 Potter Building Supply 920-853-3814

### *Cabinetry*

Interior Woodworking, LLC 920-230-6040  
 Valley Cabinet Inc. 920-347-1168

### *Concrete/Masonry*

Darboy Stone & Brick, Inc. 920-734-2882  
 Roffers Concrete Construction Inc. 920-864-7624

### *Excavating*

Jannette Trucking and Excavating, Inc. 920-853-3454

### *Exterior Home Improvement*

Wrightway Home Improvements 920-923-0721

### *Financial*

Great Midwest Bank 920-849-9382  
 Premier Financial Credit Union 920-898-4232  
 State Bank of Chilton 920-849-9371

### *Flooring*

Chilton Furniture, Inc. 920-849-9023  
 Precision Floors & Décor 920-400-1123

### *Gutters/Downspouts*

Nickols Gutters 920-841-1069  
 Pinnow Sheet Metal Inc. 920-231-8632

### *Heating/Air Conditioning*

Advanced Custom Geothermal LLC 920-894-3999  
 Manitowoc Heating & Refrigeration Services, Inc. 920-686-7378

### *Insulation*

Alpine Insulation Co., Inc. 920-458-8188  
 City Wide Insulation 920-336-2603

### *Plumbing*

Ditter Plumbing Co. 920-898-4192  
 Meggers Enterprise LLC 920-894-1110  
 Meyer Plumbing LLC 920-894-8444

### *Printing / Signs*

Zander Press Inc. 920-756-2222

### *Real Estate*

Premier Properties Realty, LLC 920-980-4477  
 Thiel Real Estate 920-849-2222

### *Windows*

Pella Windows & Doors of WI 920-435-3791



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