

National Director's Report IBS...NAHB Winter Board 2010 Dwight Eich



Once again, the economy and housing were the dominate topics of the IBS Show. The lack of AD & C credit being a big threat on the recovery of our industry is a major priority for NAHB. To help on this issue, NAHB set up the Partnership Pavilion, a new initiative on the show floor to match builders with financing sources.

Another issue NAHB is addressing is appraisals and the use of foreclosures and other distress sales as comparables. Sandy Dunn has been holding meetings with groups of appraisers and urges members to report to the lender when comparables don't come in right. More information on this issue is available on www.nahb.org

Healthcare and the Merkley Provision in the Senate healthcare bill was discussed. That section specifically targets the construction industry by mandating that builders with five employees or more must pay for health insurance for employees. In all other industries, the threshold is fifty or more employees.

NAHB reported that the Residential Construction Performance Guidelines book is being updated and should be in print soon.

The Presidents Council meeting was very good with topics including membership recruitment and retention, public relations, governmental affairs, and non-dues revenue. Senior officers attended with a good discussion of issues.

In the State and Local Government Affairs Committee a main discussion was EPA's new storm water regulation.

The Board elected Robert Jones, a Michigan builder as the new Chairman, and Rick Judson from North Carolina joined the leadership as the new 2nd Vice Chairman.

Thank you for letting you serve as your National Director

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