



### Aberdeen Home Builders Association's Mission Statement

"The Aberdeen Home Builders Association is an organization of individual members, working together in a responsible and professional manner, promoting the building and remodeling industry within our community. As members, we are committed to promoting, educating and selling our cause within the community with integrity and the best conduct possible."

### July 2014



### Board Meeting

Thursday July 10, 2014

(NOTE THE DAY CHANGE)

12:00 PM

The Pizza Ranch

Come join us and see what's happening  
with your local AHBA.

Plan on attending  
the SDHBA state  
meeting at the  
Ramada in Aber-  
deen on July 17 &  
18!

### Calendar of Events 2014 July

10 Board Meeting-- Noon  
at the Pizza Ranch

17 & 18 State Board Mtg-  
Aberdeen Ramada

### August

7 Board Meeting-- Noon at  
the Pizza Ranch

## 11th Annual AHBA Golf Outing Fundraiser

August 5, 2014 at 4:00pm

It is a 4 person scramble

At

Rolling Hills

It includes 9 holes of golf, meal afterwards, pin  
prizes, and the hammer hit

It is \$200/per team

With a 16 team maximum so sign up early!

Call Jennifer at 225-2055,

Jon Smith at 225-7172

Or

Email: [ahba@midconetwork.com](mailto:ahba@midconetwork.com)

## Aberdeen Home Builders Committees

*Check out what's happening with your AHBA!!*

**Annual Banquet** — Chairperson Dale Urlacher

**Home Show** — Chairperson Laura Staebner, Jon Smith, Ranee Jarvis, Cassie Monson, Erv Malsam, Corey Sauerwein, & Larew Goehring

**Parade of Homes** — Chairperson— Kevin Foss

**Spring Auction** — Chairperson Stuart Campbell

**Golf Outing** — Chairperson— Jon Smith

**Government Affairs Committee**— Mike Jung, Ed Hunstad, & Dale Urlacher, Pat Tollefson

**Care Day Project** — Chairperson Shane Jung

**Scholarship** — Chairperson Cassie Monson Co-Chair Ed Hunstad

**Membership Committee** — **Need Chairperson**

**Membership Directory** — Chairperson Donna Hurley

**Appreciation Picnic** — Chairperson—Brenda Waage Co-chair Connie Kusler and Cathy Papke

### Aberdeen Building

#### Permits 2013

January Permits 66  
February Permits 31  
March Permits 61  
April Permits 141  
May Permits 248  
June Permits 225  
July Permits 205  
August Permits 185  
September Permits 181  
October Permits 144  
November Permits 98  
December Permits 52

### 2014 PERMITS

#### COMPARE A YEAR AGO

January Permits 37  
February Permits 36  
March Permits 72  
April Permits 167  
May Permits 250  
June Permits  
July Permits  
August Permits  
September Permits  
October Permits  
November Permits  
December Permits

### WEBSITE

Our new website is about ready to launch. It is going to include some excellent opportunities for advertising so please email Jennifer at [ahba@midconetwork.com](mailto:ahba@midconetwork.com) or call the office @ **225-2055** for more information. Also please let us know if we need to add your contact info to our website!

AHBA members, there has been an office change. Jennifer Hieb is the new EO and will be in the office M-Th from 8:30-1:30 or can always be reached by cell 605.228.6311 and can't wait to help grow and promote the AHBA!



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# **SDHBA Resolution to ask the EPA to withdraw their new rule to re-define “waters of the United States”**

A resolution to call on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act.

Whereas, the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act establishes the fundamental scope of federal authority to regulate activities in U.S. waters and wetlands. The U.S. Supreme Court has found on multiple occasions that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) have exceeded their authority in defining these waters beyond the intended scope of federal regulation; and

Whereas, in response to the Supreme Court decisions, the EPA and Army Corps have recently proposed an amended definition to clarify federal jurisdiction. Unfortunately, the EPA and Army Corps have once again missed the mark and continue to ignore the limits on their authority, usurping powers reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, the Proposed rule would create greater uncertainty for businesses and homeowners rather than providing clarity. The proposed rule will add new definitions for key technical terms that introduce ambiguities and vagaries into federal regulation. Confusion will inevitably lead to further litigation, tying up our courts, delaying economic development, and wasting taxpayer money; and

Whereas, high-quality scientific review should never be presumed. The EPA and Army Corps have failed to promulgate rules, the primary scientific review to be completed before moving forward with the proposed rule. In the rush to promulgate rules, the primary scientific report remains in draft form and has only recently been submitted to the EPA’s Science Advisory Board for peer review; and

Whereas, the proposed rule would actually expand federal jurisdiction to more waters and wetlands, rather than limiting or simple clarifying jurisdiction as outlined by the U.S. Supreme Court. The EPA’s economic analysis estimates that the proposed rule would increase jurisdiction by 3 percent, potentially leading to 1,400 more permits required and nearly \$220 million in additional costs to farmers, businesses, and homeowners.

Furthermore, the economic analysis’ assumptions and methodology significantly underestimate the potential jurisdictional expansion; and

Whereas, any increases in federal jurisdiction will infringe upon state authority to regulate state waters. The state waters and wetlands affected by the proposed rule have minimal, if any, connection to federally navigable waters. Expanded federal jurisdiction limits the flexibility of South Dakota and other states to create a regulatory environment that meets the needs and addresses the priorities of state residents. South Dakota has been a national leader in creating proactive, voluntary programs that provide equal, if not greater, protection of the environment in a collaborative, nonadversarial manner. South Dakota must have the freedom to protect state waters and to pursue innovative approaches without being handcuffed by rigid federal requirements; and

Whereas, this flawed proposal demonstrates again that core decisions, such as the scope of federal authority, must be left to our elected Representative and Senators in the U.S. Congress, not to relatively unaccountable federal agencies; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that we call on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act; and be it further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Command General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor of South Dakota, and the members of the South Dakota congressional delegation.

## Member Appreciation Picnic, 2014

Your homebuilders association recently held its annual member appreciation picnic at Wylie Park. The night was gorgeous and fun was had by all. Be sure to plan on attending next June, as it is a great way to network with other members and enjoy the summertime weather, food and fun in Aberdeen.



Brianna and Brook Kusler (daughters of Connie Kusler, Home Federal) beat Blake Meyer and Mark Jung (Jung Construction) to be crowned the bean bag game champs of the 2014 picnic.

## 2014 Fall Parade of Homes

The AHBA would like to host a Fall Parade of Homes at the end of September or first part of October. If you or someone you know would like to show a home, please contact Jennifer

at [ahba@midconetwork.com](mailto:ahba@midconetwork.com) or

( 605 ) 225-2055.

### 2014 Officers

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### President's Letter

Hello again everyone,

WOW this year is going by at top speed.

I hope everyone is having a fun and profitable summer so far. There sure seems to be plenty of work for everyone.

I attended the governors workshop on work force development a few weeks ago. There are a few new ideas out there but at least at the meeting in Aberdeen there were no "Great New Ideas".

I think it is a good thing to recognize that across the state there is a labor shortage, and not just in construction, but in almost every segment of the workforce. With everyone getting together from across the state there will no doubt be some new ideas brought forth. I hope to be able to report back to you when the final wrap up is complete and they have a plan of action on bringing in new people to fill the jobs we have open.

Not much more to report for now.

Please make sure to make time for God and family, along with the long summer work hours.

Mike Jung President