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Message from the President

Michele Roberts-Bauer



This summer has been filled with excitement for ABC and the Merit Shop:

In May, Governor Greitens signed SB 182 into law, prohibiting government entities from requiring contractors to enter into wasteful and discriminatory project labor agreements (PLAs) as a condition of performing work on publicly-funded construction projects.

In June, a week after President Trump signed an Executive Order to modernize apprenticeship programs, ABC members from across the country traveled to Washington, DC to meet with our elected officials to discuss the importance of career and technical education, as well as other topics critical to the Merit Shop construction industry. Our members had an opportunity to hear from Vice President Pence and meet with members of the Missouri and Kansas Congressional delegations.

In July, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, Alexander Acosta, joined ABC's National Craft Champions at the field of the Washington National's 4th of July baseball game. The Champions were recognized for their accomplishments at the competition and helped to highlight Merit Shop training programs from across the country.

As we head into the fall, we intend to continue to build on the momentum from our summer events. With successful golf tournaments in Kansas City and St. Louis and a Developers Summit Breakfast in Kansas City, we've helped ensure members have an opportunity to connect through the busy summer months. Keep an eye out for information on our Fall Fishing Tournament and Sporting Clay Tournaments, as well as our fall training calendar.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, August 17
After Hours at Nabholz Construction
5 – 7 PM
Olathe, KS

Tuesday – Wednesday, August 29 – 30
OSHA 10 Hour
3:30 PM Each Day
ABC Workforce Training Institute
Kansas City, MO

Thursday – Friday, September 7 – 8
The 7 Habits for Managers: Essential Skills & Tools for Leading Teams
Eastern Missouri Training Facility
Fenton, MO

Tuesday, September 12
Excellence in Construction Project Submission Deadline

Friday – Saturday, September 15 – 16
Fishing Tournament
7 AM – 3 PM
Truman Lake

Friday, October 13 & 20
The 7 Habits for Managers: Essential Skills & Tools for Leading Teams
ABC Workforce Training Institute
Kansas City, MO

Wednesday, October 18
Sporting Clay Tournament
2 PM
Powder Creek
Lenexa, KS

Please email whitney@abcksmo.org or visit abcksmo.org for more information or to register for any event.

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President Trump's Apprenticeship Expansion Helps All Americans Build America

President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order on Thursday, June 15, to substantially increase the number of U.S. apprenticeships by doubling the amount of government spending on apprenticeship programs. The money will come from existing Department of Labor (DOL) job-training funds.

President Trump's order directs the DOL to consider proposing rules to promote apprenticeships by third parties, including trade and industry groups, companies and non-profit organizations. Further, the order calls for the creation of a DOL Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion to identify ways to promote apprenticeships and develop strategies for encouraging private-sector involvement.

With the construction industry currently facing a workforce shortage of as many as 500,000 jobs, this order is an important first step to allow more entryways into becoming a construction professional.

ABC and its 70 chapters are doing their part to train construction professionals using state-of-the-art and flexible learning models like "earn while you learn," just-in-time task training, competency-based progression, work-based learning and government-registered apprenticeships to build a safe, skilled and productive workforce.

In addition to an annual investment of \$1.1 billion into work-based training by ABC member companies, ABC local chapters and affiliated training centers offer more than 800 apprenticeship, craft, safety and management training programs around the country, including Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship programs.


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PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

SEPTEMBER 12



SAVE THE DATE!

— November 3, 2017 —
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Visit www.abcksmo.org/eic for submission requirements and details.

Legislative Conference

ABC members from across the country flocked to Washington, DC the week of June 19 to meet with our elected officials, share with them insights on the importance of career and technical education and discuss ways we can work together to close the skilled trades gap. Vice President Mike Pence also addressed ABC members during the conference and graduates from ABC training programs had an opportunity to meet with Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.



Vice President Pence addresses ABC members.



ABC members meeting with Congressman Jason Smith.



Tim Paulson and JoLynne Bartolotta with Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler.



The delegation enjoyed meeting with Senator Blunt.



The group from ABC HOA enjoyed a tour of the capitol.



ABC members with Congressman Blaine Leutkemeyer



Kelly Waymon discussing Workforce Training with Congressman Lacy Clay

This year, in addition to visiting with Congressmen and Senators on the Hill, ABC Heart of America hosted a reception for the Congressional Delegations of both Missouri and Kansas to have an opportunity to connect in a more casual setting. With a dozen members in attendance, ABC HOA was well represented.



ABC members and President meeting with Representative Yoder.



Several attendees are second generation ABC members. Firmly believing that you have to "Get into politics or get out of business" they are continuing a tradition started by their fathers of making the annual trek to Washington DC.

Apprenticeship Graduation

Congratulations to our 2017 ABC Apprenticeship Training Program Graduates! The Kansas City graduates were honored on May 17 at Drexel Hall in KC. The Eastern Missouri graduates were honored on June 15 at our Eastern Missouri Training Facility in Fenton. We were honored to celebrate their culmination of hard work, dedication and perseverance. We are so proud of each of them and their accomplishments and can't wait to see where their careers in the construction industry take them.



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Summer's Here and the Time is Right for "Water, Rest and Shade"

The summer heat is on, so OSHA is reminding employers and workers about heat illness hazards and to take the necessary precautions when working outdoors. Those steps include gradually increasing shift lengths so workers can adapt to hot environments, providing frequent water breaks, allowing ample time to rest, and providing shade.



OSHA's Heat Safety Campaign website (osha.gov/heat) raises awareness of heat illness and its prevention and offers links to educational and training resources. It also links to a free smartphone app that allows users to calculate the heat index for their location and provides reminders about what to do to prevent heat illness. Employers and safety professionals are encouraged to use the website to share examples of how they are keeping workers safe in the heat. Stories can be emailed to HeatSafetyTips@dol.gov for possible inclusion on the site and in a future issue of *OSHA QuickTakes*. Heat tips and photos also can be shared on Twitter using the hashtags #WaterRestShade and #ProTips.

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OSHA to Delay Enforcing Crystalline Silica Standard in the Construction Industry



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced a delay in enforcement of the crystalline silica standard that applies to the construction industry to conduct additional outreach and provide educational materials and guidance for employers on April 6, 2017.

The agency has determined that additional guidance is necessary due to the unique nature of the requirements in the construction standard. Originally scheduled to begin June 23, 2017, enforcement will now begin September 23, 2017.

OSHA expects employers in the construction industry to continue to take steps to either come into compliance with the new permissible exposure limit, or to implement specific dust controls for certain operations as provided in Table 1 of the standard. Construction employers should also continue to prepare to implement the standard's other requirements, including exposure assessment, medical surveillance and employee training.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

Nominations for Board and Committee Positions

Each year, ABC Heart of America's Nominating Committee, comprised of current and past leaders, works to identify future leaders for our organization. As a member-run organization, it is vital to our ongoing success that members engage in our committees and Boards to set the direction and achieve the goals of the organization.

To nominate for a board position, please email michele@abcksmo.org for an application.

To nominate for a committee chair position, please email whitney@abcksmo.org.



After Hours Hosted by Nabholz Construction

Mark your calendars and join us at the Heritage Center for the next ABC Heart of America After Hours hosted by Nabholz Construction. Enjoy networking with fellow construction industry professionals. Drinks and appetizers are on us!

Thursday, August 17 • 5 – 7 PM
Heritage Center, 1200 E Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS 66061

Free for ABC members and invited guests only.



Craft Championships – Save the Date

More information coming soon. Please email whitney@abcksmo.org with any questions.

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