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# Blueprints

## **WABIT to Continue....**

### **ABC Board votes to keep the Insurance Trust operating until at least July 31<sup>st</sup> – Will review renewal proposals**

The ABC of Wyoming Board of Directors met in early May and determined that it was in the best interest for participants in the Wyoming Associated Builders Insurance Trust (WABIT) to allow the Trust to continue at least until the annual anniversary date of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Additionally the ABC Board tasked WABIT Trustees and consultants to prepare options and cost estimates for possibly renewing the Trust for another year. These options are to be presented to the Board in late May and be released to all ABC members in early June.

The decision to continue the Trust into 2011 will likely be based on the Board's confidence in the renewal options to control costs as well as the feasibility of the expense of plans and benefits in comparison with the general marketplace.

Participating employers will have a lot of say in whether WABIT continues for another year, and the current plan would release all renewal options and cost estimates to Trust participants in early June, giving them at least a month and a half to determine whether they will stay with WABIT or depart.

As stated previously, ABC of Wyoming has been working to find additional options for insurance coverage if WABIT were to discontinue. At this time, we will not be able to do a group enrollment into ABC Merit Choice, the national association's insurance coverage; however, Merit Choice may be available to eligible ABC members on an individual basis, you will need to contact them directly to get a quote, [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org).

## **ABC Apprenticeship Programs seek Master Trainers & Craft Instructors**

### **Apprenticeship Sub-Committee needs commitment soon to continue Electrical Apprenticeship program this fall.**

The inaugural year of the centralized ABC of Wyoming Electrical Apprenticeship program is winding down, and as we do, we are beginning to prepare for next year.

In order to ensure the program runs even more smoothly next year, we are seeking more individuals to help us instruct individual classes as well as manage the program more efficiently.

Additional craft instructors are needed to conduct classroom instruction for electrical apprentices. Craft Instructors must be journeyman level or higher and must receive their training and certification through a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) accredited Master Trainer.

Craft Instructor training will take place later this year for those interested.

Master Trainers not only conduct craft instructor training, but will also be responsible for helping to manage apprenticeship programs. It is our goal to have 2-3 Master Trainers to reduce the workload any single individual has.

Master Trainers should have construction experience, and teaching experience is helpful. Master Trainers must participate in a several day NCCER Training program before they are certified.

Anyone interested in becoming a Craft Trainer or a Master Trainer should contact Josh or Laura at the ABC WY Office, 307-577-6460.



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# “Best Ever” 2010 ABC of WY Convention in the Books

## Over 120 People Registered for Event

This year's 2010 ABC Wyoming Convention, held in Sheridan April 9-10<sup>th</sup> was the largest and best attended event ever held in the Association's history.

Over 120 people registered for the meeting which was highlighted by presentations by State Senator Drew Perkins on liens, and Mike Sikora of Bighorn Wealth Management on investing in uncertain times as well as great speeches by Sheridan Mayor Dave Kinskey and 2010 ABC National Chairman Jim Elmer.

The convention would not have been nearly as successful if it wasn't for such great support we received from our sponsors, so if you get the chance, please be sure to thank them all.

**\$2,500 PLATINUM SPONSORS:** WN McMurry Construction/ RICOR/ Magnum Construction;

**\$1,500 GOLD SPONSORS:** Fletcher Construction, GW Mechanical;

**\$1,000 SILVER SPONSORS:** CK Mechanical, McMurry Ready Mix, Sheet Metal Specialties, Statewide Masonry, QM of Wyoming, Wyoming Financial;

**\$500 BRONZE SPONSOR:** Rapid Fire Protection.

We cannot thank these folks enough for their support – it is because of them that we are able to even put the convention together, let alone keep it affordable.

Folks attending the convention decided that next year's venue will be Jackson sometime in April 2011.

If you or your business is interested in supporting next year's convention, please contact Josh at the ABC of WY office.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### MAY 2010

13<sup>th</sup> – Casper Chamber Healthcare Luncheon, 11:30 - 1  
\$25 for Chamber members \$35 for non-members  
Contact the Chamber at 234-5311 or email  
[committees@casperwyoming.org](mailto:committees@casperwyoming.org)

18<sup>th</sup> – WY Legislature Select Committee on School Facilities, Oil & Gas Commission Building, Casper

18<sup>th</sup> - ABC of WY Electrical Apprenticeship Sub-Committee Meeting, 1:00, TBA

20<sup>th</sup> - ABC of WY Board Meeting, 1:00, TBA

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – WY Legislature Labor Committee  
WY Retirement Center, Basin

### JUNE 2010

15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> – ABC National Legislative Conference Hill, Washington, DC

23<sup>rd</sup> – WY Legislature Select Committee on School Facilities, UW Outreach Center, Casper

24<sup>th</sup> – ABC of WY Board Meeting, TBA

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – WY Legislature Minerals Committee  
George Amos Building, Gillette

### JULY 2010

15<sup>th</sup> – ABC of WY Board Meeting, TBA

### AUGUST 2010

19<sup>th</sup> – ABC of WY Board Meeting, TBA

### SEPTEMBER 2010

8<sup>th</sup> – WY Legislature Select Labor Committee  
Hampton Inn, Buffalo

16<sup>th</sup> – ABC of WY Board Meeting, TBA

### NOVEMBER 2010

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – ABC Institute for Professional Leadership and Development, Ranch Los Palmas, CA