

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JIM SANDBECK

Happy New Year!

Wow, has time gone by with some amazing things happening at our Forx Builders Association. We are so proud of our members and our employees too. There are so many amazing things that have happened; let's begin our reflection of this past year.

First, what a great 2022 year we have had and we will continue to strive to do the best we can for our community and our state. The members are truly an amazing group. It is not how you lead the association that makes it the best we can, but the people behind the scenes who help build the association are truly the ones who need to be thanked. Not only do we have a great group of people, but we have a relationship with the same beliefs and values that help keep this association going.

I would like to thank all of you but most of the tasks have been in Stacy Hanson's hands to pursue, promote, and develop. Thank you Stacy, for all of the hard work you have done and the years you have devoted to our association. Without you, we would not have been able to complete these tasks and events. You deserve a great big applause! I also would like to thank and welcome our newest addition as an employee of the Forx Builders, Stephanie Haugtvedt. Stephanie has truly been a great addition to our association and is committed to helping our association grow in the right direction. Welcome, Stephanie!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED...

Second, I would like to thank some of our present and past members for their contributions to our association. Thank you to the entire Forx Builders Board of Directors for the input and great support in event planning. Stacy and Stephanie, thank you for all you have done to continue to help our association grow. A big thank you to the executive committee which has strived to develop and strategically plan the association's growth and pursue many new initiatives. A special thank you to the past presidents for their input in this year's success. Without them, and the support of their families we would not have such a special association here in Grand Forks.

Some of the accomplishments and achievements which have happened this past year:

- Renaming the Home Show to the Spring Expo
- Remodeling the Forx Builder's Office
- Well attended events
- Builders After Hours
- Golfing Event
- Trap Shooting Event
- Home Show
- Continued cooperation with the Northland Community & Technical College (Project House) (put estimated number of home built)
- Re-establishing the past president group for supporting and delivering out the mission and vision of Forx Home Builders
- Representation on the Board of the North Dakota Association of Builders
- Attendance at the International Builders Show
- Increased Membership
- Increased Social Media presence
- Continual increase in committee attendance

Third, I am excited to announce Mike Salwey will be the next President of our association. I am excited to see what he will offer for our association and the next year of activities we will begin to plan. Congratulations to Mike as he continues the position which started our association to build and support one another. Looking forward to great things to come.

Your 2022 President,

Jim Sandbeck Triple J Construction



NEWS UPDATES

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LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL ISSUES

Action Needed on Transformers

NAHB and other industry groups are urging policymakers to resolve an ongoing supply chain shortfall that is affecting delivery of much-needed transformers and other electrical switch gear. The <u>scarcity of</u> <u>transformers</u> is having a dramatic effect on new construction projects and repairs of homes, commercial buildings and infrastructure. <u>Urge your members of Congress</u> to support the implementation of the Defense Production Act to address the supply chain crisis for electric distribution transformers.

Strong Job Growth, Year-Over-Year

Construction sector jobs in the United States increased by 248,000, year over year — a 3.3% increase compared to November 2021. California added 37,200 jobs, which was the largest gain of any state, while South Carolina lost 4,700 construction sector jobs. In percentage terms, North Dakota had the highest annual growth rate in the construction sector by 15.6%. Over this period, South Carolina reported a decline of 4.5%. Year over year ending in November, 4.9 million total jobs have been added, marking a more than full recovery of the labor market from the COVID-19 pandemic-induced recession.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION

Chad Perry Flooring Northland Sheds Valley Home Contracting, LLC

DO **BUSINESS** WITH AN NAHB MEMBER.

Members Save Millions Start saving at nahb.org/savings

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NAH

Email info@forxbuilders with any changes to your primary or billing contact, address, email or phone number.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 26 Installation of Officers Downtown Axe *Register Today!*

February 23 Builders After Hours Hosted by Ironhide Equipment

March 7 MN Contractors Continuing Education Northland Community & Technical College

March 25-26 Forx Builders Spring Expo Alerus Center

Check our website and Facebook page for updates.



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*Due to the nature of this event, under 21 not allowed