NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming recent New Members to the ABC NH/VT Chapter:

Colonial Green Products

TMH Safety Consulting and Training

EDUCATION

6/5
Rough Terrain & Aerial Lift Training
8:00am-2:00pm
Concord, NH
Dennis Richardson, Trainer W.D. Matthews

REGISTER

6/19
CQM/CQC Certification
7:30am-4:30pm
Portsmouth, NH
Kenny Newton, P.E., James Baldwin Consulting

PREVAILING WAGE AND CONSTRUCTION CAREER PROMOTION TOP 2014 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

The 2014 legislative session is coming to a conclusion, just in time for the campaigning to begin for the fall elections. For a complete roster of ABC legislative activity from 2014 click here.

Several issues impacting the construction industry were debated and work still remains on some that were sent to interim study or that established a study commission. Most notable were House Bill 1592, which attempts to bring back a "mini Davis Bacon" Act on state funded construction projects in NH and Senate Bill 335, which establishes a commission to study career and technical education centers.

House Bill 1592 - Prevailing Wage
ABC is strongly opposed to HB1592, which would require government determined prevailing wage and benefits to be paid and/or provided to all workers on state funded public works projects.

Over the years it has become evident that prevailing wage laws are inflationary, incapable of
equitable administration, unnecessary and self-defeating. HB1592 was sent to interim study and ABC will be active with any meetings relative to this initiative. [For a copy of ABC's full testimony at the hearing for HB1592 click here.]

**Senate Bill 335 - Construction & Career Promotion**

ABC is strongly in favor of SB335, which establishes a commission to study career and technical education centers. The commission will include three representatives of skilled trades or businesses related to CTE programs, appointed by the governor. ABC will actively participate.

Formally known as vocational education, CTE is critical to the state’s economic success, but remains saddled by a second-class image. The new CTE must be responsive to the demands of the economy and young students need to be aware that today’s secondary and post-secondary career and technical education programs provide great career opportunities.

Since 2006, nationally our industry has lost more than 2 million jobs. This is partially due to the economy but equally significant the shortage stems in part from an aging workforce. Over half of the United States population is now over 50 years old, which is consistent with the average age of the construction craft worker.

While the loss in the quantity of available workers is important, the quality of the workforce creates a critical threat and challenge to industry's ability to compete for talent and to succeed. This is substantiated by most industry experts who estimate that 60 percent of professional jobs will require skill sets possessed by only 20 percent of the workforce. [For a copy of ABC’s full testimony at the hearing for SB335 click here.]

Who has the lowest workers’ comp costs in New Hampshire?
ABC Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Trust Group provides members with a high quality, cost-efficient, workers' compensation alternative to the commercial market.

See for yourself...

- .85 Average Experience Modification
- 30% Five Year Average Loss Ratio
- 1 Number of Claims per $1 Million Payroll
- $2.6 million Dividends Paid Since 2010

Call us for more information on how to get involved: 603-226-4789

ABC Healthcare Advantage
Offered exclusively to ABC members, as a solution to maintain cost effective, quality healthcare for you, your employees and their families.
ABC HCA provides significant relief from the confusion and unpredictability due to the Affordable Care Act.

Our rates are composite rates versus the NEW market's list billing method where all employees are charged different rates based on their age along with dependent's age.

What is List Billing...
Under the Affordable Care Act your premiums will change from month to month due to birth dates of employees, ages of employee additions and deletions and other factors. The monthly premium total and invoicing will fluctuate and be unpredictable from month to month.

Premium Stability and Predictability, No Fluctuating Monthly Premiums
As a participant in the ABC HCA all premiums, single and family, employee and spouse, employee and children, will remain the same every month. You will not be subject to list billing or fluctuating monthly premiums and invoice totals.

Don't Delay! Call us today to learn more about your options with the ABC NH/VT Healthcare Advantage: 603-226-4789
Kick off YOUR Summer with ABC...

Thursday June, 26 - Safety Awards and BBQ

Pig Roast / Live Music / Craft Beer & Bar

Kick off the Summer under the ABC BIG TOP! Catch up with industry peers, reward your employees, and enjoy great food, music, and beverages!

Thursday, June 26
ABC Chapter Office

Reception with Live Music: 5:30 PM
Pig Roast / BBQ: 6:30 PM
Recognitions & Awards: 7:30 PM
Click HERE to register or for more Information

Thursday July, 17 - Upper Valley Region BBQ

Business Development & Networking

Join industry peers for an evening of ABC networking & business development and sample some famous brews in the Jasper Murdock's Alehouse.

Thursday, July 17
Jasper Murdock's Alehouse, Norwich Inn, VT
Reception: 5:30 PM - 8 PM
$25 per person - HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, CASH BAR

Friday August, 1 - Summer Golf Tournament
30th Annual Summer Golf Classic

Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club

Register as a single, a 2-some, a 3-some or a 4-some ... bring a customer, client, or prospect & network and develop business while enjoying a day of golf! Register before July 3rd for the Early Bird Discount.

Friday, August 1
Owl's Nest Golf Club, Campton NH
Registration: 8 AM
Shot Gun Start: 9:00 AM
Awards Reception & BBQ: 3:00 PM
Click HERE to register or for more Information

Thursday August, 14 - Seacoast Harbor Cruise

Exclusive Sunset Cruise

The entire boat has been rented and we've hired famed caterer "Mike Janis" for this exclusive 3-hour sunset cruise for ABC Members and Guests.

Thursday August 14
Isle of Shoals Steamship Co's - Portsmouth, NH
Arrival & Boarding: 5:00 PM
Departure: 5:30 PM
Return to Dock: 9:00 PM

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