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*"Every man owes part of his time and money to the business or industry to which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."
- Theodore Roosevelt -*

Associate ~~OF THE MONTH~~



Troy Cooper
Wall to Wall Stone Corp.

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Spike of the Month



Bud Browne
A-1 Heating & AC

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BCASWI PAC Golf Tournament

June 21, 2018
Shadow Valley Golf Course



Tournament Fee: \$95

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but hurry they go fast!



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President's Perspective

by Craig Hammett, RMB, Hammett Homes

2018 Spring Parade of Homes Kickoff Party!

Congratulations to this year's Parade chair, Heather Echeverria, the steering committee and all the committee chairs. If the Parade party is a reflection of how the parade will be, it will be a huge success. It was exciting to see over 450 people at the event. Thom Dallman and his party committee really put a fun time together. Congratulations to all the First place winners and also to all the second and third places. A good time was had by all.

On a business note: No Changes Needed for LRRP Rule, says EPA, per NAHB. A federally mandated review of the Environmental Protection Agency's problematic Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule has concluded that, despite the lack of an accurate lead paint test kit, the rule should remain the same.

While acknowledging that "a lead test kit meeting the rule's positive response criterion has not come to market," the agency concluded that the benefits of lead-safe work practices "continue to exceed its costs," which remodelers have demonstrated can be considerable.

Our industry is disappointed that EPA has not yet seen fit to amend the rule, but we will continue to push the agency to direct enforcement to protect the target population the rule was designed for: children under the age of six and pregnant women.

Be aware that NAHB is now analyzing the review, including the new cost-benefit analysis provided by the agency, and more details will follow.

Have a great May and see all of you soon.

BCA Executive Overview

by Frankie Hickman-Rice, Executive Vice-President

Construction Employment is rising, but Not Fast Enough!

No kidding!

Did you know: The states with the highest share of the labor force working in home building include Montana (4.1%), Florida (3.9%), Idaho (3.7%), Colorado (3.5%) and Vermont (3.5%)?

It's not always pleasant when comparing current market conditions against the "good ole' days" of the early 2000s. But it can add some much-needed perspective.

A recent comparison of employment data depicts a positive trend: The number of residential construction workers has steadily — though modestly — increased every year since 2011.

NAHB analysis of the most recent figures found that after construction employment bottomed out at 3.2 million in 2011, the number of Americans working in residential construction grew to more than 3.8 million in 2016.

That growth may come as a surprise for those who experienced home building's employment peak of more than five million back in 2006. In contrast, the majority of builders today rank labor shortages at or near the top of their list of concerns.

While it is promising to see that residential construction employment is on the rise, it is still far below where we need to be to meet the increasing demand for housing. We must continue to push for programs and policies that address the labor shortage, such as workforce development initiatives and comprehensive immigration reform.

California leads all states with more than half a million workers employed in home building in 2016. And despite being one of the state's most severely affected by the housing downturn, Florida came in second with 361,000 residential construction workers. Rounding out the Top 5 were Texas, New York and North Carolina, respectively.

Other notable states include Nevada and Arizona, which were among those hit hardest by the housing downturn. These days, they maintain a relatively high share of workers employed in residential construction — more than 3% of each state's labor force, compared to the national average of 2.5%.

A Look Ahead June

Members Only Meetings - For membership information call 208-377-3550.

- 5 Membership Committee & Spike Club, Noon BCA,RSVP for lunch.
- 6 Associates Council, Noon, BCA, RSVP for lunch.
- 12 Builders-Codes Council/Developers Council/Government Affairs, 3 p.m., BCA
- 13-15 IBCA Board Meeting, McCall, ID
- 19 Executive Committee, 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Sales & Marketing Council, 9 a.m., BCA - RSVP for Breakfast
- 21 • PAC Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Shadow Valley Golf Course
• Board of Directors, 4 p.m., BCA

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmation -

208-377-3550.

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Frankie Hickman-Rice,
Executive Vice-President

Autumn Gestrin-Blume,
Communications Projects Director &
Website Manager

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Sales/Marketing, & Associates Council

Emily Covington, Receptionist &
Social Media Administrator



Membership The Foundation

Heather Hooglander,
BCASWI Membership Director

May is such a busy month. It's the start of lawn mowing, washing our cars more often,

spring sports are in full swing, and prepping for summer plans that are quickly approaching. For me personally, it is a month filled with birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's Day and new to this year, my oldest daughter's high school graduation. The time seems to fly by so quickly, and it is sometimes hard to let go of this once little girl, now a young adult, into the big world full of lots of choices and decisions. I always ask myself, "Was there more I could have done to prepare her?" It's not as if we're given manuals for raising our kiddos. The important thing is, even though she's going on in life, I will always be here to help her.

Speaking of graduation, the Sales & Marketing Council received 11 scholarship applications. In my 5 years of being here, I have never seen this many applications submitted. This is a wonderful thing to see so many BCASWI members, utilizing yet another membership benefits. The applications will be scored, all the applicants will be notified of the outcome.

While we're on the subject - BCASWI membership benefits, are you using your membership to its fullest potential? You "May" or "May" not have known, you do receive 3 memberships in 1!

It starts with local membership. We have 3 types of members within the local membership. Builders are basically the heart and soul of the association. They guide us through their roles as industry and association leaders. Associate members are a vital part of our association. They include suppliers, service providers, and product manufacturers across all facets of the home building industry. There are also affiliate members. Any active members can sponsor an employee to be a full member at a much lower cost. As a member of your local association, you are also a member of your state association. You are probably wondering, "What does the state association do for my membership?" Your state association educates elected officials about the realities of how home building drives the local economy. This provides you the opportunity to band with us to present a collective voice for a better industry, a better economy, a better state. Last but not least, your National (NAHB) membership is here to help you learn about new products, resource strategies, and best practices. You can improve your Business with on-line or in person courses. Networking to gain access to industry professionals and join special interests groups that target specific disciplines within the home building industry. Expertize, stay up to date with the latest industry

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New Membership and Renewals

The BCASWI wishes to thank the following new member companies and membership renewal companies. "Without Your Membership, We'd Be Lost!" If you have comments regarding any of these memberships, please direct them in writing to the Membership Committee, 6206 N. Discovery Way, Suite A, Boise, ID 83713. (Per the By-Laws, Art. 1, Sec. 2)

For a full list of members please go to the Classified Directory on our website at bcaswi.org.

NEW MEMBERS

ALLWEATHER WOOD LLC
JESSICA HEWITT



IDAHO STATESMAN
STEPHANIE LINDSTROM

PIONEER TITLE CO. BLDR/DEV
JAKE TUNISON

COMMERCIAL HOME FURNISHINGS
EVAN WEEKS

STETSON HOMES, INC.
STAN RAY



ALSIDE SUPPLY CENTER
CLAY BOYCE

BUTTE FENCE, INC.
JARED BELL

B & C MAINTENANCE
BLAKE WILLIAMS

KTVB TV



ESP PRINTING & MAILING
ERIC SMITH

SYRINGA CONSTRUCTION OF IDAHO
MIKE WINKLE

**DEVELOPMENT PLANNING &
FINANCING**
KENT ROCK

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CODY WEIGHT

M3 COMPANIES
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IMPACT RADIO GROUP
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GARDNER COMPANY
WESTON ARNELL

BOISE CASCADE CORP
DANIEL CHENEY



WECKWERTH CABINETS LLC
BRYAN COLLETT

T & R MASONRY LLC
TIMOTHY FELLIN

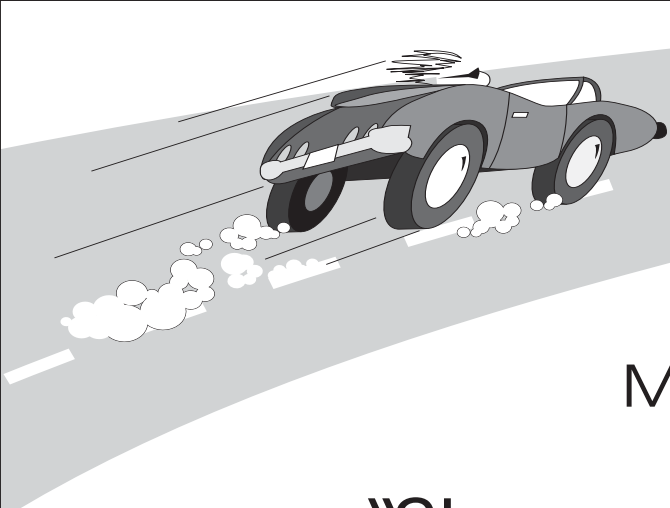
BLACKROCK HOMES LLC
TONY LUCHINI

MEDICINE ELK FRAMING
JAMES KREMER

**THE LEGACY GROUP OF ACADEMY
MORTGAGE**
DAVE PERRY

ROSE MASONRY CONSTRUCTION LLC
STEPHEN CLOW

GUTTER DONE LLC
ANDREW ECHAVARRIA
WALL TO WALL STONE CORP
TROY COOPER



TIPS . . .
for Putting Your
Membership into Gear!

"Share the Ride"

"Do Business With a Member"
You believe in membership...you work hard...you care about your business and the future of the industry. Reward those that share your commitment. You add value to your BCA membership everytime you do business with another member. So, do business with a member - tell them you are doing business with them because they are a member - and encourage non-members to "share the ride"... instead of getting a free ride. Call the BCA at 377-3550 for a current list of members.

Associate of the Month

Troy Cooper, Wall to Wall Stone Corp.

Although Troy was born and raised in a small town in North Central California (Oakdale), he considers himself to be an Idahoan at heart and has even adopted BSU as his home team. He moved his wife and (then 4, now 5) children, to the Treasure Valley over 13 years ago and never looked back. He has been involved in the construction industry as long as he can remember, learning the building trade from his father who taught him everything about building a house or doing a remodel. In his time in Idaho, prior to joining Wall To Wall, Troy has owned his own custom shower and mirror business as well as worked for a large Design Build Remodel company.

Troy joined Wall To Wall Stone Corp. in March of last year as the Area Sales Manager. The company was founded, and is headquartered, in Vancouver Washington. The Boise office has been in operation

for about 2.5 years and is growing quickly. Wall To Wall stands out from their competitors because they offer over 100 colors of Granite and Quartz at a net square foot price. They direct import their granite direct from the quarry's and have their quartz manufactured direct under the "True North" brand name. Wall To Wall is also partnered with Caesarstone Quartz to offer their products as a net square foot price as well.

Troy is a big believer in networking and bringing value to his as well as others' clients. He enjoys watching those around him succeed and being a part of helping that happen. He understands that if you help others win you will also win.

When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife (Stephanie) and kids (Kylie, Gavin, Ashton, Dylan, and daughter Louie). Troy can often be found coaching soccer. He also enjoys live music whether it is attending a concert or putting on and promoting a concert himself. He also spends as much time in a river with his fly rod as possible.

BCASWI FEATURED TRADES OF THE MONTH

TRADE:

Accounting & tax services:

Legal Services:

Advertising:

Engineering:

MEMBER COMPANIES:

Grow Rasmussen

Powers Tolman Farley PLLC
Weeks Law PLLC

ESP Printing & Mailing

B & A Engineering
J U B Engineers Inc.
LANDPRODATA.COM
T-O Engineers

Smith Horras PA

The Agency Creative Network

Boise Cascade Corp
KM Engineering
Tamarack Grove Engineering
WHPacific

Each month the Membership Committee randomly draws BCASWI trades to list and feature on a board in the BCA conference room and in the newsletter. The goal is to show members who they can do business with as well as encourage signing up members used but not showing under the trade. For questions contact Heather Hooglander - 208-377-3550.



<i>Status</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Members</i>
STATESMAN SPIKE - 500	Larry Van Hees	613.0
	Jerry Nemece	584.0
SUPER SPIKES - 250	Dave Mortensen	283.5
	Steve Martinez	282.5
	Ted Martinez	268.5
	Jay Clow	262.5
	Chuck Miller	263.5
ROYAL SPIKES - 150	Todd Amyx	218.5
	Chris Conner	214.75
	Bob Barnes Jr.	194.5
	Burt Smith	189.0
	Kent Mortensen	177.0
	John Seidl	166.0
	Pat Minegar	157.5
RED SPIKES - 100	Jeni Sexton	143.5
	Juston Hall	132.0
	Wayne Stacy	126.75
	Frank Varriale	126.0
	Dave Yorgason	126.0
	Tracy Dixon	124.5
	Bill Davis	119.0
	Ron Whitney	117.5
	Marie Hanson	111.0
GREEN SPIKES - 50	Dale Sullivan	97.5
	Dennis Schaffner	92.0
	Billy Mahan	85.0
	Eric Smith	76.5
	Doug Keller	73.5
	Bob Barnes Sr.	70.25
	Zach Evans	69.0
	Eric Stunz	63.0
	Vicki White	60.0
	Sarah Seidl	58.5
	Milford Terrell	57.5
Ray Rice	52.5	
Ramon Yorgason	52.5	
LIFE SPIKES - 25	Steve Weeks	49.0
	Dale Conrad	42.5
	Craig Groves	40.5
	Russ VanWagenen	39.0
	Joe Atalla	37.5
	Ted Mason	37.0
	Jake Centers	35.5
	Erick Wadsworth	32.0
	Dwayne Speegle	31.5
	Dick Lierz	31.0
	Jon Hastings	29.0
	Bud Fisher	26.0
	Trey Langford	25.5
	Jeff Thompson	25.0

BLUE SPIKES - 6

Karen Ellis	24.5
Cade Coltrin	24.0
Cody Weight	21.0
Dan Richter	17.0
Craig Hammett	16.5
Steve Edwards	14.5
Shaun Urwin	13.0
Barb McDermott	12.75
Thomas Coleman	12.0
Tammy Schacher	12.0
Reata Conner	11.5
Matt Knickrehm	11.5
Mike LaRue	11.0
Mark Wilkins	10.5
Heather Echeverria	10.0
Jason Peery	10.0
Bud Browne	10.0
Clay Boyce	8.5
Jeff Martell	8.0
Lars Hansen	7.5
Daniel Cullip	7.0
Rod Givens	6.5
Kevin Howell	6.5
Don Flynn	6.0

Candidates

Spike candidates are called "Tacks." Tacks must earn 6 credits to become a "Spike"

4.5 - 5.5 Credits

Mike Brown
 Todd Campbell
 Dan Clark
 Clay Conner
 Dan Foutz
 Jason Geisler
 Justin Mai
 Rob Pearce
 Alicia Rodman
 Stephen Sengelmann
 Ray Westmoreland
3 - 4.0 Credits
 Corey Barton
 Nate Fehrenbacher
 John Flaherty
 Bryant Forrester
 Matthew Gardner
 Jim Hunter
 Spencer Kofoed

Christine Langhorst
 Tim Mallon
 Trudy Mallon
 Brian Morkid
 Abram Neider
 Don Newell
 Stan Ray
 Jaclyn Roberts
 Clint Rogers
 Lance Snyder
 Ingo Stroup
 Marvin Ward
 Steve Warren
 Roger Wilson
 David Wipper

1.5 - 2.5 Credits

Dennis Baker
 Brent Belveal
 Alan Berman
 Dave Buich
 Chad Christensen
 Peggy Deffenbaugh
 Corey Elitharp
 Rick Garret
 Tyler Gustafson
 Terri Harvey

Don Hubble
 Justin Hubble
 Greg Johnson
 Jason Lloyd
 Tracy Skidmore
 Chad Smith
 Christal Smith
 Jake Tunison
 Darren Wood
.5 - 1.0 Credits
 Liz Amar
 Josh Anderson
 Kami Brant
 Joel Cano
 Bob DeBolt
 Aaron Doughty
 Dave Evans
 Mark Hixon
 Ryan Jennings
 Don Massey
 Jackie Metzger
 Kris Miller
 Bob Moffat
 Jason Ramsey
 Brad Zollinger

According to the rules of the Spike Club program to become a Spike member, an individual must sign up 6 new members - which earns 6 Spike Credits - within two consecutive years. To retain that Spike status a minimum of one new member - which earns 1 credit (new or retention) - must be earned each year until a total of 25 credits have been earned - which triggers Life Spike status. For individuals that do not earn 6 credits by December of their second year of recruiting, all credits from the first year are forfeited.

The Idaho 2018 Session Overview

The Idaho Legislature Adjourned Sine Die on Wednesday, March 28th bringing the 2018 legislative session to a close on its 80th legislative day. During this year's session, 799 new pieces of legislation were prepared along with 196 amendments, changes and grossments over the course of the session's three-month duration. Of these pieces of legislation, 561 bills were introduced, accompanied by the introduction of 78 resolutions, memorials and proclamations. While the legislature has adjourned with 355 bills passing both houses, the Governor let 13 bills become law without his signature and vetoed 2 bills which were not overturned by the legislature. As expected, the 2018 legislative session brought important issues like tax relief, environment, education, and healthcare into focus.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES

In an effort driven almost exclusively by the Idaho Building Contractors Association, H547 was passed this year and signed by the Governor. This new law makes it very clear in statute that cities and counties do not have the authority to adopt newer versions of the International Residential Code or International Energy Conservation Codes that have not yet been vetted and approved by the Idaho Code Board. The law takes effect immediately so that those cities and counties who may otherwise have contemplated adopting newer code versions before July 1 may not do so. The law also "grandfathers" any of those cities that have previously adopted newer versions. The law more clearly spells out in statute the instances under which a city or county may amend Residential or Energy Conservation provisions of the Idaho code.

TAXES

The legislature started the year by addressing the unemployment insurance tax with House Bill 335. This bill lowered the rate for employers by adjusting the unemployment fund size multiplier downward and

saved Idaho businesses \$115 million dollars. This bill moved quickly, becoming the first bill signed into law for the 2018 legislative session.

Tax relief took the mainstage for a time this year, with House Bill 463. Due to large changes to the federal tax code, this bill dealt with income tax conformity for 2018. It lowered all tax brackets by 0.475% and brought the corporate rate and top individual income tax rate down to 6.925%. While HB463 did away with the dependent exemption, it provided a \$130 tax credit. HB463 was followed by HB675 which raised the child tax credit under HB463 from \$130 to \$205. This was to address concerns that large families would be hurt by the original plan; the increased credit helped those families to avoid a tax increase. This bill passed quickly. The total estimated impact of these tax relief measures is about \$200 million.

HEALTH CARE

Governor Otter signed an executive order to allow the sale of health insurance plans in Idaho that do not comply with the Affordable Care Act in an attempt to make health care more affordable. In early March, The Trump Administration sent a letter to Gov. Otter listing eight areas in which the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services believes Idaho's proposed plans would fall short of federal requirements. After a trip and discussion in Washington D.C, the Otter Administration including Director of Insurance Dean Cameron hope to address the list of concerns and continue the dialogue with the Trump Administration to bring more affordable State-Based plans to Idaho.

HB464, the "Idaho Health Plan" was introduced by the departments of insurance and health and welfare. This plan would have allowed both departments to submit waivers to the federal government to

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BCASWI PAC Golf Tournament Registration



Boise, Idaho
June 21, 2018

Shadow Valley Golf Course

Limited to the first 96 players!



Door Prize Drawing - Must Be Present

● Check In Time	7:00 am
● Shot Gun Start	8:00 am
● Tournament Fee	\$95 <small>(Includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages. Players must check in at the clubhouse!)</small>
● Minimum of one (1) BCA member per team	
● Limit two (2) mulligans per person @ \$10 each	
● Players must be registered and paid by June 15th.	

\$95 per player includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, lunch & beverages. If you do not have a full team, PAC will place you on a team. Payment must accompany this form.

Member Company _____

Player 1 _____
handicap/avg. _____

Player 2 _____
handicap/avg. _____

Player 3 _____
handicap/avg. _____

Player 4 _____
handicap/avg. _____

Rules

1. Four-person scramble format
2. Team advances to best shot
3. One score per hole per team
4. Minimum of one (1) BCASWI member per team

Golf Hole Sponsors

Sponsors receive 3 month banner ad - Artwork due by June 18th. Call for specs.

____ \$500 per hole # _____
____ \$400 tee # _____
____ \$250 green # _____

SOLD \$1,000 Beverages - Sponsored by Western Heating
SOLD \$1,500 Lunch - Sponsored by A-1 Heating & AC

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____ Ph #: _____

Payment

Make checks payable to BCASWI PAC

Check enclosed

Charge to my: Visa Mastercard Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Vcode: _____ Zip Code: _____

Registration: _____ at \$95 each

Mulligans: _____ at \$10 each (only two per person allowed)

Sponsorship: \$ _____ (from above)

Total: \$ _____

Signature: _____

E-mail or fax your registration form to: emily@heritagewifi.com or 208-377-3553. For questions contact Emily at 208-377-3550.

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news, trends, and analysis of economic business, regulatory, legislative and technological issues. Also, savings!! Reduce expenses through the member advantage discount program. Members saved an average of \$5,950.00 per housing start through discounts. To learn more about these savings, visit: WWW.NAHB.ORG/MA. Upcoming this month, the Membership Committee is holding a membership drive on Tuesday, May 8th from 1:00pm – 1:30pm. I will provide you with everything you need, in order to reach out to other prospective members. You will also be entered into a \$100.00 cash drawing, just for staying and help making phone calls. Now that you know what 1 local membership brings and involves, you can be our voice to potential members.

So given all that information, it brings me back to my daughter graduating. You have been given the information you need, to help make your membership as successful as possible. What you do with it, is entirely up to you! However, it doesn't mean I won't be here to continue to help you with your membership needs.

Here is a quote from Harry Morrison - "A man's worth is counted in the things he creates for the betterment of his fellowmen."

Have a wonderful May!

Builder, Developer, Government Affairs Committee Report

City of Star Report:

Month	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
January	22	15	10	8	24
February	10	42	17	20	17
March	22	35	20	21	17

Builder and Developer meeting with Jurisdictions:

ACHD: These proposed fee revisions were adopted at the ACHD commissioner meeting on March 14th. The new fees were effective April 11. It is now taking about 6 weeks to get submittals processed. Must get a driveway permit unless you are not impacting drainage. Drainage cleaning crews have already been out. ACHD announced that Construction plan reviews backlog is still 6 weeks out

Meridian City – A brief status report on a couple of things industry and Meridian are working on include working on getting some securities in place on the web site so that the only person that can access your plans are you. Currently they are a public document with no security when you do the online submittal. There is an ongoing effort to improve communications as well.

Boise City – For the month, Boise City had 70 single family; no multifamily and no duplexes. So far, 2018 year to date single family is 41% above 2017. There continues to be improvement in the permitting process now taking 7 days for SF1 and 11 days for SF2.

Ada County Building department: The County building department reported with 41 single family permits, mechanicals and remodels are up, and it is taking 6 business days for a plan review.

Ada County Surveyor: Reported in with 22 plats up from February. Kuna and Meridian are the heavy weights for permits (Kuna at 139 and Meridian at 263). The time line is at 22 review days.

Eagle Fire District is creating a new Fire impact fee. Current proposed fee is \$677 per unit. It is scheduled to go into effect at the beginning of the 3rd quarter but could be as late as the 4th quarter. They have to get all of the details worked out with Eagle City and Ada County on collection of the fee at permit.

Division of Building Safety: Ron reported that H547 segregated the energy, making adoption easier. There is a meeting at 9:30 on June 7th to address Plumbing clean outs at DBS. There really needs to be builders in the room.

Government Affairs: A 2018 session up date was given on the passing of the H547 successfully. The code collaborative continues meeting and the focus is being discussed and what/where do we go now.

Market Report: new Construction median sales price is down this month but still an 11% increase over last year. Affordability of the median price is up to 32%. Inventory is down and rolling supply is down while the pending sales are up. The market has a more than 30 year low of existing houses for sale.

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allow better access to health insurance for Idaho citizens. There were two waivers that would have been submitted. The 1115 waiver, submitted by the Department of Health and Welfare would help cover people with a list of complex medical conditions by moving their coverage under Medicaid. Moving these patients to Medicaid would help stabilize the insurance risk pool. The 1332 waiver, submitted by the

Department of Insurance would help citizens who are 0-100% FPL be eligible for premium tax credits (APTC). This plan would have cost an estimated \$29M in state funds to cover the portion of the new Medicaid costs that the federal government does not pick up. HB464 was passed out of the House Health and Welfare committee on two separate occasions but was sent back to committee from the House Floor both times ending with the death of the bill. There is talk about bringing back a similar concept next year to help close the gap in Idaho. With the death of this bill, The Idaho Legislature has not made a substantial move in the area of health care for 7 straight years.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Workforce Development Council was put into law by HB432. The council was created by executive order in 2015. This bill is meant to make the Workforce Development Council more responsive to Idaho employers to address the shortage of well-educated, trained, and skilled employees available in Idaho's labor market. It provided them with funding from the Workforce Development Training Fund. This legislation was an important victory for the Governor in his last year, and is touted as a good opportunity to strengthen Idaho's economy.

EDUCATION

The Governor's push on education received support from the legislature. The state moved into the fourth year of the career ladder to help teachers and

educators, appropriating an additional \$41.6 million. The expansion of the opportunity scholarship to adult completers received a lot of debate, and ultimately was passed and signed by the governor. Public schools received an additional \$100 million for a total of \$1.785 billion in funding for 2019.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation did not receive a lot of action this session. HB442 corrected a drafting error, appropriating \$27.7 million from the General Fund for transportation. 60% of this will go to the Idaho Transportation Department and 40% is for local distribution. This was the only major transportation legislation.

INTERIM COMMITTEES

There were several Legislative Interim Committees established that will be meeting intermittently throughout the spring, summer and fall. There is a total of nine interim committees and three "special" committees – we will monitor a couple of particular interest to IBCA. In particular, the 2018 Interim Committee on Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws, and the 2018 Joint Special Committee on Regulatory Reform. As meeting schedules for these are published, we will share with IBCA.

LOOKING FORWARD

As 2018 is an election year, we are assured of a couple things: Come January Idaho will definitely have a new Governor and Lieutenant Governor – which will impact the 2019 legislative session. In addition, all of the 105 seats in the Legislature are also up for election. Based on what we know today about legislators that are running for some other office, or have announced their intention to retire – and assuming some lost elections – it is feasible there could be a 25% turnover in the legislature for 2019.

PARADE OF HOMES AWARDS BANQUET

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event and show a success!
For more photos and list of winners visit our Facebook page - Parade of Homes by BCA of Southwestern Idaho.



Full Banquet room!



Great Food!



2018 President, Craig Hammett getting the ceremony started.



Chad Aland, Vantage Homes accepting award for Kitchen.



Clayton Conner accepting his award for Master Suite.



Jared Sherburne accepting his award for Exterior Design



Don Flynn, Shadow Mountain Homes accepting award for Best Decorated.



Liz Amar, Biltmore Co. accepting Best Overall award.

BCASWI Mission Statement and Goals

Statement

The Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the responsible development of our community. Utilizing the collective strengths and talents of our members, we represent the American Dream politically, economically and professionally.

Mission Goals

- To be the respected voice of the building industry.
- To be the deciding factor in political, legislative and regulatory matters.
- To be the leader in protecting and enhancing the quality of

life through effective stewardship of the land.

- To be the resource for members to enhance business opportunities.
- To be the leader in promoting partnerships with the community groups, related industries and governmental entities to accommodate an expanding economy.
- To provide educational opportunities for the professional advancement of its members.

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